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[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: "There is a difference between inaction and in action."]

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Three Foreign Occupation “Servicemembers” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced

June 20, 2014 AP

Three foreign servicemembers died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan today.

Mokena Soldier Among Five Killed By Apparent Friendly Fire



June 10, 2014 BY JON SEIDEL AND MIKE NOLAN Staff Reporters, Sun-Times Media, LLC

Ever since he was a boy, Aaron Toppen wanted to enlist in the military.

His grandfathers served. And he came from a “proud military family,” relatives said.

Only one thing could postpone his deployment overseas this year — the death of his father, Ronald, who died Feb. 7. He wouldn’t leave for Afghanistan until a month later.

Now, Toppen’s family said they’ve been dealt a “double-hit” of grief. Toppen was among five American troops killed in an apparent coalition airstrike in southern Afghanistan, his sister said Tuesday.

Toppen, 19, died in what could be one of the worst friendly fire incidents involving United States and coalition troops since the start of the nearly 14-year war.

Amanda Gralewski, Toppen’s sister, confirmed his death for the Chicago Sun-Times. Military officials have not yet released the names of the service members who died.

Gralewski said a military chaplain and sergeant visited her mother’s home in the middle of the night to inform the family of Toppen’s death. Gralewski said she arrived before the military officials left and also spoke to them.

Gralewski said her brother, who graduated from Lincoln-Way East High School last year, died doing “what he wanted.”

Toppen enlisted in the Army in July 2013 and trained at Fort Benning, Georgia, an Army spokesman said. In November he reported to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team at Fort Carson, Colo.

He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon and the NATO Medal.

“Aaron was a funny, caring, loving kid,” Gralewski said. “He loved to fish. He loved his friends. He loved being outdoors. He loved his family. He would give the shirt off his back for anyone.”

The U.S.-led international coalition said the service members were killed in an apparent friendly fire incident, which an Afghan official said was an airstrike in the southern Zabul province. A statement said all five soldiers died on Monday but did not give further details on the attack.

“Five American troops were killed yesterday during a security operation in southern Afghanistan. Investigators are looking into the likelihood that friendly fire was the cause. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these fallen,” Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby said.

If confirmed, it would be one of the most serious cases involving coalition-on-coalition friendly fire during the war.

“The casualties occurred during a security operation when their unit came into contact with enemy forces. Tragically, there is the possibility that fratricide may have been involved. The incident is under investigation,” the coalition said in an earlier announcement.

Ryan Gleason, a 19-year-old from Frankfort, said he met Toppen at a bonfire about a year and a half ago. He said they shared similar passions — service of country, cars, motorcycles, trucks, shooting guns. And he said he was waiting to enlist in the military until Toppen came home.

“I didn’t want to be away when he came home,” Gleason said. “I wanted to be there to welcome him home and everything.”

Mike Frazier, a 19-year-old from Mokena, also mentioned Toppen’s love of fishing. But he also said Toppen talked about enlisting in the military throughout the six years they knew each other.

“That’s what he loved,” Frazier said.

Jack Winter, Toppen’s uncle, said Toppen enlisted in the Army before his graduation from Lincoln-Way East. Before reporting for basic training they went on a fishing trip to Canada as a graduation present.

Winter said the family was able to keep in close touch with Toppen through social media. The family doesn’t know much about what happened, though.

“There was no suffering,” said Toppen’s mother, Pam. “He was well qualified in everything he was supposed to do.”

She said she had spoken to her son before his mission and he had told her “he was going to be OK.”

“He (Toppen) was proud to be included on this mission,” Winter said, adding his nephew couldn’t relay many details to his family, but that “he let slip there was some danger involved.”

He was one of five soldiers taking part with Special Forces troops, “so I guess that makes him Special Forces too, but to me he’s just a 19-year-old kid.”

Family members were coming to the home through a steady drizzle Tuesday, some carrying in pizza or donuts. Family members said they hadn’t had much sleep.

Winter, of Chicago, said his nephew was an avid outdoorsman and “he was a very polite kid, he was very humble.”

Winter’s brother, Jeff, of Elwood, said his nephew hoped to use his military experience for a career in law enforcement.

Winter said there was “some trepidation” on the part of Toppen’s parents when he told them he was enlisting in the Army, but they completely supported the decision.

“This is a very proud military family,” he said.

Pam Toppen said that she went with her son to the recruiting office.

“We had to allow him to follow his dream,” she said.

The military is “keeping us informed as much as possible” about the investigation, she said, and that it could be as long as a week before her son’s remains arrive back on U.S. soil.

Jeff Winter said his family members were also praying for the families of the four other soldiers who died.

“We can’t forget them,” he told reporters gathered outside his sister’s home. “We’re not the only family suffering.”

Jack Winter said he never tried to dwell on the thought that his nephew could be in harm’s way.

“It seemed like such a remote, infinitesimal” possibility, he said. “I think there are risks for every family with a kid going into the military. People don’t want to focus on the worst possible outcome.”

On Jan. 9, the day Aaron left for Colorado in preparation for deploying to Afghanistan, his father posted an entry on Facebook declaring it one of the hardest days in his life. He asked for prayers on his son’s behalf.

“He is doing what he has wanted for a long time and for that I am so proud,” Ronald Toppen wrote. “We’ve made it through basic training and relocation to Colorado, but now

it becomes real. Thank you soldier, you make me proud. God is with you, we are all with you. Please hurry home.”

Reading a statement from the family at an evening news conference, Jack Winter said the “loss we feel today is more difficult than you can imagine,” and that “the freedom to live in the greatest country in the history of mankind can come at a very dear price.”

Betty Winter, Aaron’s grandmother, said that “everybody was a little concerned” when he joined the Army, worried about his safety.

“They say the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away,” Winter, whose husband served in the Navy, said.

“He took away our little guy too soon.”

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE
BLOODSHED**

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

Insurgents Attack Parking Compound Of U.S. Base Near Torkham: “37 Trucks Containing Fuel And Other Supplies Destroyed”

June 19, 2014 Reuters

KABUL — Four Taliban militants struck a U.S. post in the eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar on Thursday, destroying dozens of trucks and sparking a gun battle with police, Afghan officials said.

The attack took place in the parking compound of a U.S. base near the Torkham crossing on the Pakistani border, near the Khyber Pass and a main supply route for U.S. forces in land-locked Afghanistan.

Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, a spokesman for the provincial governor, said one attacker blew himself up while police killed the other three.

He said 37 trucks containing fuel and other supplies were destroyed in explosions set off by the attackers.

One Afghan driver was injured, a witness told Reuters.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid confirmed that the militants, fighting to expel foreign forces and bring down the U.S.-backed Kabul government, were behind the attack.

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At least one was killed and four others were injured by an attack early Saturday morning targeting Masoom Stanekzai, the Secretariat Chief for the High Peace Council and a close advisor to President Hamid Karzai.

Mr. Stanekzai was not hurt in the attack, according to the Kabul police.

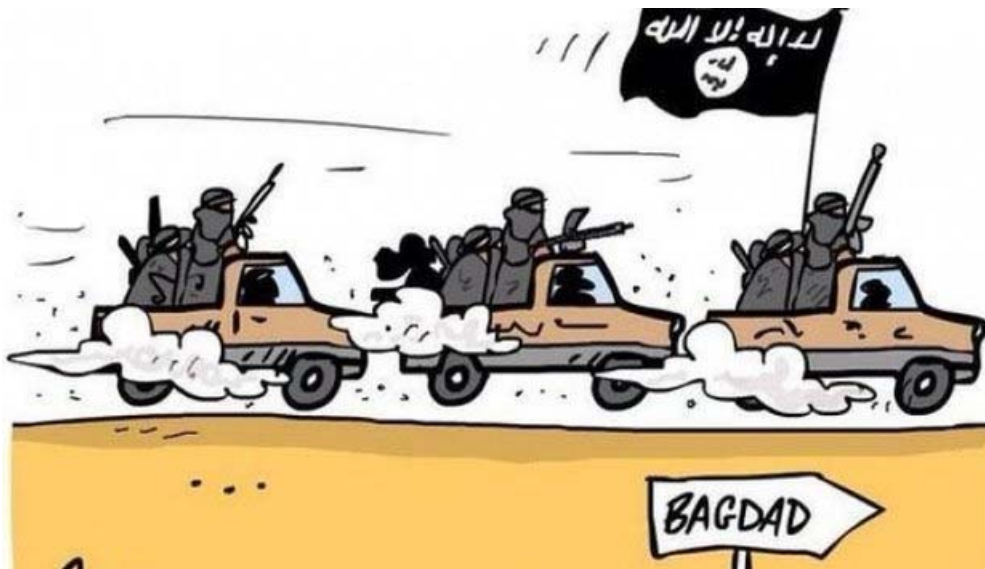
The incident took place around 7:00am in the 5th district of Kabul near Dawat University as Stanekzai's convoy was passing through the area. "The suicide bomber placed his explosive inside a vehicle and detonated near Masoom Stanekzai's vehicles," Kabul Police Chief General Zahir Zahir said.

The vehicles in Stanekzai's convoy were damaged by the blast, and at least one was entirely destroyed.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

“When Insurgents Overran The Northern City Of Mosul, Among The War Booty They Seized Were What They Claimed Were Five American-Made Helicopters”

“The Group Said In A Posting On Twitter, ‘We’ll Expect The Americans To Honor The Warranty And Service Them For Us’”



This cartoon was posted on the @ISIS_Media_Hub Twitter account [BBC]

JUNE 20, 2014 By ROD NORDLAND and ALISSA J. RUBIN, The New York Times Company & By Faisal Irshaid, BBC Monitoring [Excerpts]

BAGHDAD — When Qaeda-style insurgents overran the northern city of Mosul, among the war booty they seized were what they claimed were five American-made helicopters.

Noting that they were still nearly new, the group said in a posting on Twitter, “We’ll expect the Americans to honor the warranty and service them for us.”

The insurgents seized as much as \$400 million from the central bank in Mosul, said Atheel Nujaifi, the governor of Nineveh Province, and reportedly emptied the vaults in all the other banks in a city of more than one million residents.

In a bloody seesaw battle for control of Iraq's biggest oil refinery at Baiji, halfway between Baghdad and Mosul, the insurgents worked with the families of employees there to broker a cease-fire — so the workers could be safely evacuated.

It was no humanitarian gesture. "They want them to run the refinery when the fighting is over," said one local official who spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear that ISIS would kill him.

The militant group has so much cash that it has reopened some of the banks it looted in Falluja, in Anbar Province, to stash it in.

Jassim Ahmed, 35, who works as a taxi driver in the city, which has been under militant control since January, said he asked one of the gunmen guarding the banks where the militants get their money.

"Don't ask me again," the gunman told him, he said. "Just understand, we have a budget to administer all of Iraq, not just Anbar."

Even the insurgents' Twitter operation has a potential money-raising side.

According to J. M. Berger of Intelwire.com, who has studied the jihadis' use of social media, ISIS distributed a cellphone app to its followers called Dawn of Glad Tidings.

The Google Android app even had advertising embedded in it, he said, and also was a sophisticated spam generator, turning each ISIS tweet into thousands of additional tweets while evading Twitter's spam defenses.

After Mr. Berger wrote about the app for The Atlantic last week, Twitter disabled it and closed down many of the group's Twitter accounts, although new ones opened almost immediately, he said.

"What they're doing on social media is with a big eye to fund-raising," Mr. Berger said.

In an attempt to limit the impact of Isis's social media campaign, the Iraqi government has blocked Facebook, Twitter and other platforms.

“Insurgents Seized A Border Post On The Iraq-Syria Frontier Smashing A Line Drawn By Colonial Powers Almost A Century Ago”

“The Government Didn’t Send Us Backup”

“Those Who Were Still Here From The Army Have Left The Battle”

JUNE 20, 2014 By ALISSA J. RUBIN and DURAI ADNAN, The New York Times Company & Jun 21, 2014 By Kamal Namaa, Reuters

Insurgents seized a border post on the Iraq-Syria frontier, security sources said on Saturday, smashing a line drawn by colonial powers almost a century ago with the aim of creating an Islamic Caliphate stretching from the Mediterranean Sea to Iran.

The militants, led by the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), first moved into the nearby town of al-Qaim on Friday, pushing out security forces, the sources said.

Once border guards heard that al-Qaim had fallen, they left their posts and militants moved in, the sources said.

Militants overran the government-held crossing on the Syrian border on Friday after a fierce battle that left at least 34 Iraqi soldiers dead.

Police and government officials reached in Qaim, the western border city of about 250,000 near the crossing, described a desperate, bloody struggle in which Iraqi Army troops were overwhelmed by “hundreds” of fighters from the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

“We would have stood and kept on fighting ISIS, but the government didn’t send us backup, and we were few in number and they had more fighters,” said Qaim’s mayor, Farhan al Qubaisi, who described a scene of heroic but ultimately futile resistance as the Iraqi soldiers were overrun.

Among the dead was the commander of the brigade in charge of Qaim, Col. Majid Al Fedawi.

There are at least three main crossings along the long, serpentine border with Syria, and the Kurdish pesh merga forces took control of the northernmost one a few days ago.

The next closest crossing to Qaim, which is named Al Waleed, remained in government hands on Friday evening, but a police officer stationed in Qaim and other government officials there said that only a small police force was deployed at Al Waleed and that it was unlikely to hold the crossing for long.

The police officer said the ISIS fighters had taken over most of the government buildings in Qaim and freed prisoners being held in the police station.

“Those who were still here from the army have left the battle,” added the officer, who asked for anonymity because he was not allowed to speak to reporters.

The militants, he said, “were in SUVs and pickups carrying heavy weapons.”

In Salahuddin Province, which the militants entered last week, government officials were still fighting to hold the crucial Baiji refinery, which the militants occupied briefly on Wednesday. On Friday, the government forces led by Brig. Gen. Arras Abdul Qadir were inside the refinery, and the militants were besieging it from within the compound but still some distance away.

“I lost many of my soldiers,” General Qadir said in a telephone interview. “I had many killed and wounded.”

“The only way to stay connected with forces outside is by air support,” he said, adding that the government had dropped food, ammunition and some additional troops on Friday, in expectation of fresh assaults by ISIS.

Insurgents Drawing Support From The Local Population:

**“Some Of The Local Population Will
Welcome Us As We Go Past, And
Then Pick Up Their AKs And Shoot
At Us From Behind”**

**“We Were Getting Attacked With
Humvees While We Were In Pick-Ups”**

20 Jun, 2014 by : Hannah Lucinda Smith; Asharq Al Awsat [Excerpts]

Jaloula — Intelligence and security officials in Iraq’s Kurdish region say they warned Baghdad and Western intelligence agencies six months ago about an impending attack by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS).

In Jaloula, a town on the edge of the Kurdish region that is home to a mixed population of Kurds and Sunni Arabs and is just 80 miles (128 kilometers) from Baghdad, the Peshmerga have been battling for three days to hold off an ISIS assault, despite earlier assurances from ISIS commanders that they were not seeking to advance into Kurdish territory.

Talabany [Polat Talabany, the head of the Peshmerga's elite Counterterrorism Unit] told Asharq Al-Awsat that ISIS is also drawing support from the local Arab Sunni population around Jaloula.

The leader of the local Kilawi tribe, Sheikh Faisal, is one of the powerful local figures supporting the ISIS advance.

“Some of the local population will welcome us as we go past, and then pick up their AKs and shoot at us from behind,” said Talabany.

“It wasn't a shock but it's still quite surprising that they would do that with their wife and children next to them.”

The Mosul takeover has provided ISIS and its allies with access to around 1.5 billion dollars in cash and a huge arsenal of advanced weaponry that was gifted to the Iraqi army by the United States following the fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003.

The terrorist group is now using those very weapons to attack Iraqi forces and the Peshmerga.

“On Tuesday we captured a few weapons that only the special units in Baghdad have,” said Talabany.

“We were getting attacked with Humvees while we were in pick-ups.”

Iraq Insurgents Military Report: “Kamal Sana'a Camp In Ramadi, Belonging To Maliki Army, Stormed And Blazed After Fleeing Of Army Against Revolutionaries” [Late, But Detailed]

June 12, 2014 by Iraqi Spring Media Center via Uruknet

**Summary Of Events Of The Iraqi Popular Revolution Bulletin No.
214 Wednesday 11th June, 2014**

Baghdad:

Muhsin Abdul Muhsin Al-Ka'abi ,the commander of federal police and Lieutenant General staff, fled to unknown place.

Militias elements in Mahmoudiyah , south of Bagdad, received weapons from division 17 and spread in the district.

Killed ,injured Asa'ib elements when car bomb exploded targeting their group at Taji Camp entry north of Bagdad.

S.W.A.T. [government] militia spread in the separated areas of Baghdad especially around Green Zone.

17 persons killed ,injured when 3 roadside bombs exploded in separated areas of Baghdad.

3 roadside bombs exploded targeting Asa'ib militia in Jihad area near the popular market, the group was for volunteers to fight with Maliki army .

Nineveh :

People of Mosul are satisfied due to revolutionaries maintain to public properties and save them from stealing and theft .

The revolutionaries cooperating with people to remove concrete blocks from Mosul streets.

Fuel stations commence work in Mosul.

Nineveh Water Department stuff, guards of Mosul University commence work in the governorate.

9 dead bodies found in Ghazlani Camp in Mosul-7 from Albu Badran tribe and two from Ugeidat tribe- were arrested by Maliki forces few days ago.

Anbar:

Maliki forces imposed a curfew in Heet west of Anbar .

A hummer belonging to Maliki army blazed in light weapon attack at Albu Alwan intersection cross road in Garmah in Anbar .

Ramadi :

The revolutionaries attacked Maliki army violently in Ta'ameem and Street 100 in 5 Kilo in Ramadi from two sides to clear these two areas from army.

An armored vehicle targeted by spg9 rocket and elements killed on high way opposite to Malahmah area in Khalidiyah .

Two soldiers sniped in Albu Shihab in Khalidiyah .

The headquarter of Albu Hais emergency regiment stormed near Silo on Jarishi road , destroyed completely, heavy and medium weapons seized ,all vehicles blazed .

Kamal Sana'a camp in Ramadi, belonging to Maliki army, stormed and blazed after fleeing of army against revolutionaries.

Fallujah:

3 tanks and vehicle, belonging to Maliki army, destroyed and elements killed in an attack on army convoy in Saqlawiyah in Fallujah .

Planes and rocket launchers shelled Suhada'a, Nazzal ,Sina'i areas in Fallujah .

Troops of Maliki army withdrew to Baghdad from Tariq, Mazra'a camps situated in suburbs of Fallujah .

Fallujah Hospital received two dead bodies – 9 years old girl and woman-and 7 injured due to the intended and random bombing of Maliki army on civilian homes in Fallujah.

Salah -il -deen :

The revolutionaries completely controlled Tikrit in Salah-il-deen after attack from for sides to clear the city .

The revolutionaries released arrested persons in Tikrit after controlling on governorate building and Tasfeerat prison .

The revolutionaries save Tikrit Bank and establishments from stealing and tampering.

Beiji district ,Siniyah nahiyah controlled completely after attacking of revolutionaries on the headquarter of regiment centered at Fatha bridge, the headquarter of second regiment –brigade 14-, third emergency regiment and Beiji Police Directorate , fleeing of maliki forces from district areas .

The military council negated re–controlling of Maliki army on Beiji district, the district is still in the hand of revolutionaries.

The refinery regiment attacked from all sides.

The revolutionaries free Udheim area and airport, going towards Thulo'iyah edges in Salah-il-deen.

The revolutionaries enter Dour district in Salah-il-deen, wander by their vehicles on district streets, chief police of district flee.

Clashes happened in Jazeera area west of Samarra in Salah-il-deen.

Maliki police patrols and Awakening militias wandered on Samarra streets and used loudspeakers singing enthusiastic songs in order to prevent fleeing of elements.

Diyala :

S.W.A.T. forces assaulted on citizens by cursing and beating in Kana'an Nahiyah in Diyala .

A curfew imposed in Ba'aquba in Diyala to further notice.

Blasts heard west of Ba'aquba without details.

Streets of Jalawla'a nahiyah are empty of Maliki army .

Maliki army elements in Sa'idiyah nahiyah in Diyala pledge to people delivering weapons in place of permitting to exist safely from nahiyah.

A vehicle ,belonging to Maliki army ,damaged and 5 elements killed when a roadside bomb exploded targeting their patrol in Birwanah in Muqdadiyah district in Diyala.

Ta'ameem:

Elements of checkpoint, belonging to Maliki army near Kawaz Arab village in Multaqa nahiyah in Ta'ameem ,abandoned weapons and fled without fighting.

A number of elements of military point killed in Brej village, two checkpoints blazed in Ghareeb village in Abasi nahiyah in Ta'ameem.

A detachment in Dheba'a Airport, belonging to brigade15, is in the hand of revolutionaries without fighting in Rishad nahiyah.

The third regiment - brigade 15-division 12-withdrew from Ghedah in Daqooq.

A detachment, in Beer Ahmad situated between Douz and Daqooq, controlled .

Riyadh nahiyah controlled by revolutionaries completely .

Hawijah district in Ta'ameem controlled by revolutionaries.

Brigade 47 –Maliki army- stormed by revolutionaries, weapons seized near Tallaward village between Hawijah and Kirkuk in Ta'ameem.

The third regiment –division 12- collapsed near Abadah village south of Kirkuk.

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**Iraqis Cheer Defeat Of The
Tyrant Maliki's Army:
"They Had No Respect For Our
Religion And They Made Our Lives
Hell"**

**"ISIS Released Our Women From Al-
Maliki's Prisons And They Also
Released All The Innocent Prisoners"**

**"Jalil Told NIQASH That What Was
Really Going On Was A Popular
Revolution – That Was Why Local People
Welcomed These Developments"**

06.12.2014 Niqash [Excerpts]

On Wednesday hundreds of people gathered in central Mosul to celebrate the arrival of the Sunni Muslim extremist group, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria – and in fact, to celebrate the group's takeover of their city.

The people of Mosul lined up on both sides of a parade organized by the extremist militia – the group were showing off their armoured vehicles, infantry carriers and weaponry – and began to chant congratulations.

And in fact, the same scenario has happened in various other parts of Iraq where the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, took over from the Iraqi government

"ISIS released our women from al-Maliki's prisons and they also released all the innocent prisoners," says Ghanem al-Abed, one of the prime movers behind the Sunni Muslim protests held in Mosul's own Tahrir, or Liberation, Square; before the end of 2013.

Iraq's Sunni Muslims had been holding mostly peaceful demonstrations and sit-ins right around the country to protest against what they saw as their marginalisation by the Shiite Muslim-led government in Baghdad.

“We didn't ask ISIS to do that. They just did it by themselves. We have asked al-Maliki many times to release these prisoners. We have demonstrated and we have held strikes. We have demanded their release for many months. But al-Maliki never responded to our demands.”

Ever since the end of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003, Sunni Muslims say they have been mistreated.

They say they've been targeted by assassins, by campaigns of arrests and displacement; they say they are also discriminated against in the civil and military service. “So the people here feel relieved that they finally got rid of the federal government's unprofessional military and police,” al-Abed told NIQASH.

“Most of the security forces were treating the people here according to which sect they belonged. They had no respect for our religion and they made our lives hell by doing things like closing roads, instituting curfews, making arrests and doing raids on homes.”

And ISIS is not alone in Mosul either. In a telephone interview, Abdul Jalil, a prominent member of the Jaysh al-Tariqa al-Naqshbandia militia - also known as the Army of the Men of the Naqshbandi Order or JRTN – confirmed this.

Jalil told NIQASH there were also other groups fighting alongside ISIS in the province of Ninawa beside his own.

These included the military wing of the former Baath party and former officers in the Iraqi army under Saddam Hussein as well as tribal groups from the province. They were all fighting under the command of a body he called the Supreme Military Council.

As to why people had celebrated the arrival of a group like ISIS, Jalil told NIQASH that what was really going on was a popular revolution – that was why local people welcomed these developments, he explained.

Local journalist Marwan Abdalla believes that what is going on in Mosul today is very similar to the situation in 2003, when US troops first arrived in Mosul. Many locals were overjoyed to see the US army take control of the city because they felt they had gotten rid of the dictator Saddam Hussein.

In Mosul, ISIS has appointed veteran military man, Hashim al-Jammas, as interim governor for what they're calling the Ninawa wilayah – the latter is an Arabic word for a provincial division and stems from the word, wali, which means caretaker or custodian.

There is also a local administrative council made up of another group of veteran officers.

**“We’ve Had Enough Injustice
And Corruption And No Longer
Accept Maliki’s Army”**

**“We Have Lived Enough Years Of
Injustice, Revenge And Tyranny,
And We Can’t Stand Any More”**

**“The Entire Resistance Is Now
Formed Of Local Samarra Men”**

**“Everyone In Samarra Is Happy With The
Fighters’ Management Of The City”**

13 June 2014 by Mona Mahmood, Guardian News and Media Limited [Excerpts]

TAHER HASSAN, 40-YEAR-OLD FATHER OF SIX, CAR DEALER IN SAMARRA:

Two days before the liberation of Mosul, fighters showed up in Samarra and took control of the city – every part but the military command near the holy shrines.

All the local police forces have pulled out of their bases in the city.

Everyone in Samarra is happy with the fighters’ management of the city. They have proved to be professional and competent. We have water and power; there is a shortage in fuel because Maliki’s forces have cut the bridges between Samarra and Baghdad.

The fighters themselves did not harm or kill anyone as they swept forward. Any man who hands over his arm is safe, whatever his background. This attitude is giving huge comfort to people here.

Four days ago, Maliki’s forces raided al-Razzaq mosque in Samarra, brought a few locals whom they picked up from different parts of the city and killed them in the mosque.

What do you think the people’s feeling would be towards these military forces?

We have lived enough years of injustice, revenge and tyranny, and we can’t stand any more.

We as Sunni people have never been treated fairly by Maliki's fanatic government and army.

If it were not a sectarian army, it would have fought to the end but they fled as soon as things got serious. A friend of mine, a shopkeeper in Samarra, told me the army and police have bought more than 1,000 dishdash (a smock worn commonly by men in Iraq) to prepare themselves to flee in civilian clothes in case they are cornered by rebels.

The army's main interest is money – most of them are militiamen not professional soldiers.

I have not seen any Isis (Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant) fighters in the city.

The entire resistance is now formed of local Samarra men – mainly fighters with Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri (Saddam Hussein's vice president) groups, a few ex-military officers and a few others with al-Naqshbandiyya.

They are all fighting together now to reach Baghdad.

These fighters have taken the weapons of the military bases without any fight in Tikrit and Mosul and can fight for years not for days.

**DR ALI ABU TIBA, MEDIA COORDINATOR FOR AL-NAQSHBANDIYYA
RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN IRAQ, MOSUL**

Mosul now is stable and quiet. There are no armed signs in the city at all, you might see two or four fighters at the main entrances of the city but not inside.

Life is normal in Mosul.

Our fighters are advancing towards Baghdad without any significant resistance from the military forces.

All we are doing is negotiating with the army and police commanders, as well as tribes leaders, and they are coming over to our side.

The fight now is in the Baghdad suburbs, near al-Taji district.

We have prepared enough men and arms, and been waiting for this day for more than 10 years.

All the fighters are Iraqis from different parts of Iraq, in addition to senior military leaders who are leading the battles and setting up our plans. This is the reason we are advancing farther day by day.

We are prepared for any attack by Maliki's collapsed forces or the Americans.

We have pilots who are ready to fight and can attack any spot in Iraq. Four airports have been liberated so far in Mosul and near Samarra and their planes

have been confiscated.

We have declared a general amnesty to anyone, including military forces, who has handed their weapons in and volunteered to fight with us.

We are not cooperating with Isis in Syria – all media reports claiming we have are baseless.

Still we welcome any one who wants to fight even if they are members of Isis.

ABU RIYAD, 50 YEARS OLD, TRIBAL LEADER IN MOSUL

I live in Hay al-Nour in Mosul on the left bank of the Tigris river.

I'm the head of a big tribe in Mosul – more than 35 members of my family live in the same neighbourhood. Not one of us has left our home.

For two days now, after the fighters took our neighbourhood, the army forces have not fought back. They left their weapons behind.

It seems the fighters have a good security plan for the city.

They really know the nature of the city and have not made the same mistakes as the US forces, or Maliki's forces, when they invaded Mosul. They are protecting all the government buildings and have not destroyed or stolen anything. They haven't harmed anyone.

(Isis) fighters have opened and cleared out all the bridges, roads and checkpoints set up by the army. Now, we can move easily. It is so quiet here – not a bullet has been fired so far.

Most of the families who fled the city began to head back today.

We have suffered a lot under Maliki's unfair government. It is a sectarian Iranian government.

Detention, killing and displacement against the people of Mosul has not stopped for 10 years.

We've had enough injustice and corruption and no longer accept Maliki's army. Since the US invasion organised ethnic cleansing was taking place here. Maliki's men would show up on TV revealing their love of peace and security but the reality is completely different. They are all killers, fanatic and sectarians.

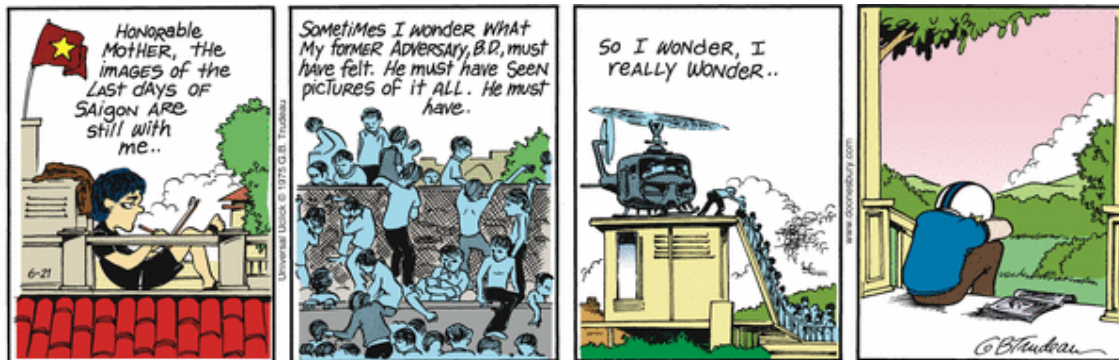
All the fighters who are in control of our neighbourhood now – or at least those I have encountered – are Iraqis and well trained.

Last Thursday, the fighters attacked the right bank of the Tigris. The army used planes and mortars in the fight, in a crowded residential area. The bombardment cut the power

and water supply, and sparked panic. Many civilians were killed. They are getting closer to Baghdad's suburbs. I believe this is the end of Maliki and his gangs, but we are worried that he will look to the US forces for help.

Can you believe that the armed forces that have had millions spent on them for more than 11 years have collapsed within a few hours?

MILITARY NEWS



[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: "Welcome home, soldier, Deja' Vu."]

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

**It is a two class world and the wrong class is running it.
-- Larry Christensen, Soldiers Of Solidarity & United Auto Workers**

Faces Of Betrayal



Photographs by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: June 20, 2014
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Faces Of Betrayal

**According to today’s news (June 19, 2014)
the country of Iraq is in turmoil.**

America's pledge to democracy in Iraq was a total L I E, just like it was in Vietnam.

If one does not follow the money trail of war, great events will come to crash.

On March 13-16, 2008, in Silver Spring, Maryland, I and several hundred others attended an event called: " The Winter Soldier Investigation."

Iraq and Afghanistan veterans testified about atrocities and other war crimes that they committed or witnessed during their deployments to the Middle East.

The same thing occurred in 1971, when Vietnam veterans gathered in Detroit, Michigan for another " Winter Soldier Investigation."

Over 100 Vietnam veterans testified to horrifying events that the American public to this day would still deny.

Nearly 50 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans testified to the same kind of events that the American public would also strongly deny, because the true reality of war will not be able to penetrate their belief system.

During the four days I attended the testimonies of these Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, I took hundreds of photographs of these young people revealing gut wrenching and emotionally grieving testimony that is seldom heard in a public gathering.

As each veteran told their story, the brutal honesty of their testimonies had a powerful momentum that was deeply felt by the entire audience.

There were many in attendance who were openly crying. The attached photographs are a reminder of their great courage and sacrifice in bearing witness to a society that is now on the brink of feeling the pain of their own betrayal, from a government that L I E S about everything.

**Mike Hastie
Army Medic Vietnam
June 19, 2014**

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**

CLASS WAR REPORTS

Indian Factory Workers Kill CEO, Beat Manager With Iron Rods After Their Hours Are Increased: “200 Workers Stormed The Office Of 60- Year-Old H.K. Maheswari In The Eastern Indian State Of West Bengal”

June 16, 2014 By Associated Press

KOLKATA, India — An angry mob of Indian workers wielding iron rods and stones beat the CEO of a jute factory to death in a dispute over increasing their working hours, police said Monday after arresting six workers.

The suspects — two detained Monday and four on Sunday — are expected to be charged with murder, vandalism and other crimes allegedly committed when the mob of about 200 workers stormed the office of 60-year-old H.K. Maheswari in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal, according to Hooghly District Police Superintendent Sunil Chowdhury.

Maheswari had denied their earlier request to work and be paid for 40 hours a week at the North Brook Jute Mill, instead of the current norm of 25. He had also proposed shutting down the mill for three days a week to limit mounting financial losses, according to the factory's general manager, Kiranjit Singh.

“The mill workers suddenly resorted to stone pelting while we were busy in a meeting,” Kiranjit Singh said. At one point during Sunday's meeting, Maheswari looked out the window at the growing crowd and was struck in the head by two stones.

He collapsed, at which point a large group of workers stormed the office, Singh said.

“The CEO was thrashed with iron rods, and he succumbed to his injuries very soon,” Singh said. Both the general manager and a security guard were hospitalized for injuries and later released, while Maheswari died on the way to a hospital, police said.

West Bengal is known for its combative labour unions backed by political parties, and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee immediately blamed the violence on unions run by opposition parties. The opposition denied any role in the attack, and said an independent investigation should be held before any blame is hurled.

On Monday, Banerjee sought to reassure the business community that her government did not tolerate union violence.

Meanwhile, work at the mill has been suspended indefinitely.

DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK



OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**“Breaking The Silence” Has
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**“I Turned Into A Monster And I Can’t
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That”**

**“My Company Commander,
Sentenced An Unarmed Man To
Death”**

**“Our Reality Is Based Over Control Of
Another Nation”**

10 June 2014 by Jessica Purkiss, The Middle East Monitor

Zehava Galon, Chair of Israel's Meretz Party, stood on a podium in Tel Aviv's Habima Square and read out the testimony of an Israeli soldier.

She was one of many readers taking part in an event marking the tenth anniversary of the founding of “Breaking the Silence,” an organisation formed by ex- Israeli soldiers seeking to highlight the reality of military service to the Israeli general public.

For ten hours straight, the testimonies' of Israeli soldiers were recited. They were individual stories documenting a people's daily humiliation and degradation, but functioned as jigsaw pieces fitting together to illustrate a wider picture- one of the Israeli military's absolute control and the Palestinian's absolute oppression.

From a sergeants testimony of what it takes to move up the ranks in the Israeli military, to a military police officer on being a Palestinian in the wrong place at the wrong time, the purpose of the non-stop recitals was to draw attention to the fact these instances are not exceptions perpetrated by the odd rogue soldier, but are, in fact, commonplace.

Yehuda Saul, one of the organisations founders and a former soldier himself commented to the Guardian, “What we wanted to show by reading for ten hours is that the things described in the testimonies we have collected are not exceptional, rather they are unexceptional.”

Included in the recital was Sergeant Anver Gvaryahu testimony recalling his realisation that he was expected to kill to be considered successful in the Israeli military- “At some point I realised that someone who wants to succeed has to bring him (the commander) dead people. You're looking through the binoculars and searching for someone to kill, that's what you want to do. And you want to kill him.”

Another testimony from an anonymous sergeant recounted the death of unarmed man on a rooftop in Nablus, West Bank, and concluded with his stark realisation-"In the United States there's the death penalty, for every death sentence there are like a thousand appeals and convictions.....And here, a 26 year old guy, my company commander, sentenced an unarmed man to death."

"Breaking the Silence" has collected over 950 testimonies from Israeli soldiers over the ten years of its existence- all with similar threads of power and subjugation.

This oral history not only illustrates the daily situation for Palestinians living under occupation, but also shows young veterans scarred by their own actions and paints a picture of an Israeli society which may one day pay the price for the continuing reality. Gil Hillel, formerly of the military police patrol in the West Bank city of Hebron said,

"I came to the field from a humane place...I thought I will go into a combat focused unit and I'll give it touches of humanity. And I turned into a monster and I can't look myself in the eye and for that...I am not alone."

"I ask anyone that sees my testimony, just to think about it, it's the reality. It's not just mine, it is everyone's in the field, and anyone who gets such limitless power. It's what we turn into, it our society."

So why did these soldiers break their silence?

One former sergeant explained during a video featured on the organisation's website, "Somehow regular people don't want to hear why we are there (the Occupied Palestinian Territories) and what we are doing. They worry for the most part. They prefer to think we are protecting the world and I think it's important to burst that bubble."

Micha Kurz formerly of the 50th Battalion, Nahal Bridge Unit, also in a video recording, said, "For me "Breaking the silence" was a reflection in the face of our daily reality."

"For us to understand, for my mother to know, for my family and all my friends to know in Tel Aviv, the Israeli mainstream to understand- that our reality is based over control of another nation.

To get to the point where it makes no sense that people are living their lives in Tel Aviv, and here on Jerusalem's Jaffa street things go on as usual....without thinking of what's happening an hour's drive from their home, even less," he said. "Breaking the silence puts a mirror in front of our eyes."

Zionists Demolish Bedouin Village In Negev For 70th Time

06/14/2014 Ma'an

BEERSHEBA -- Israeli forces on Thursday demolished the Bedouin village of al-Araqib for the 70th time, witnesses told Ma'an.

Hundreds of Israeli police officers and special forces deployed in the area at dawn and closed all roads leading to the Negev village.

A large number of residents spent the night inside the village cemetery to try and prevent Israeli bulldozers from demolishing nearby structures.

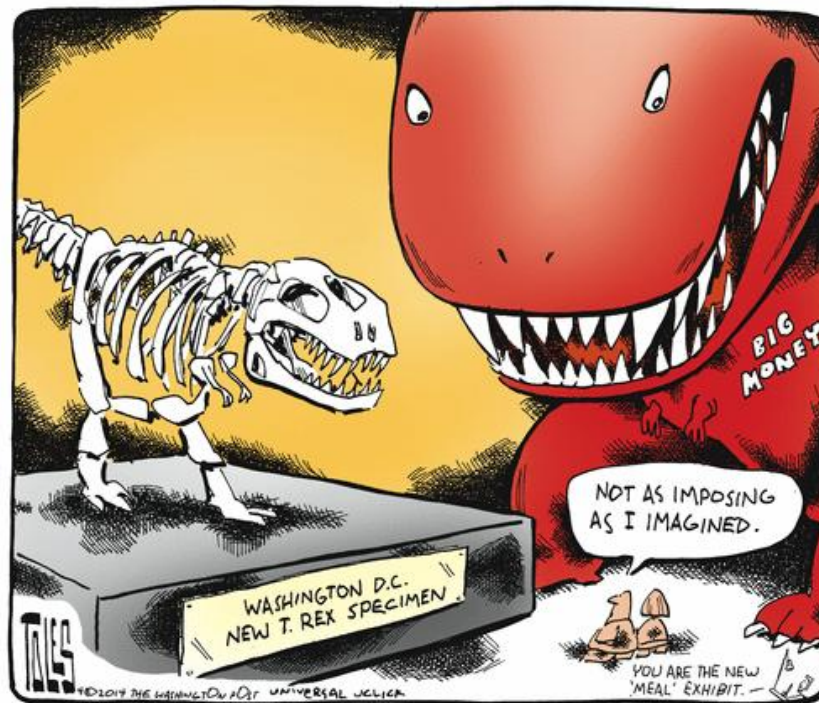
Israeli police spokeswoman Luba al-Samri told Ma'an that the cemetery would not be destroyed, but several other "illegal" structures were demolished under the supervision of Negev deputy police chief Elan Peretz.

Bedouin MK Taleb Abu Arar, former MK Talab al-Sani and dozens of activists were present in al-Araqib when the demolitions took place.

Israel considers al-Araqib and most other Bedouin villages in the Negev illegal, while Bedouins say it is their ancestral land. There are about 260,000 Bedouin in Israel, mostly living in and around the Negev in the arid south. More than half live in unrecognized villages without utilities and many also live in extreme poverty.

**To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation commanded by foreign terrorists, check out:
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The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves "Israeli."**

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