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August 4, 2014 Army Times

Letters To The Editor

Regarding the Capt. David J. Lenzi II article “No need to go back to Iraq — the job may be done for us,” in the July 21 issue of Army Times:

The captain is exactly on target with his analysis of our misadventure in Iraq, and the ongoing efforts to commit the same mistakes all over again.

Dick Cheney and his crew got our country into Iraq and then we blew what stability there was by dismantling the Iraqi military, the civilian government and essentially taking the Sunni out of control and putting Shia in control.

This of course was a prescription for disaster but those in charge were too concerned about how much profit they could make from the fool’s adventure.

We lost thousands of our troops killed, maimed and brain damaged, not to mention the hundreds of thousands of Iraqis who were killed, wounded or displaced from their homes.

Our people spent time and money training the new Iraqi military only to see them strip off their uniforms and run when confronted with armed Sunnis and others.

Dick Cheney and his crew are responsible for what is happening now in Iraq and everyone except Cheney knows it.

Capt. Lenzi is correct that what is happening now in Iraq is basically a civil war where we have no business, and a few hundred U.S. troops are not going to make a difference except to get us further involved in a much wider conflict.

Our country will be further bled dry of personnel and financial resources which of course will please the warmongers and war profiteers.

We should be rebuilding our infrastructure, providing jobs for our veterans and civilians and ensuring that our wounded warriors are receiving proper medical care, in addition to caring for our chil-dren and the elderly.

Master Sgt. Ray Turner (ret.)
Lakewood, Wash.

MORE:

US Announces New Plan To Destabilize Middle East In Hopes Of Failure



July 31, 2014 by Dark Laughter, The Duffel Blog. Duffel Blog writer G-Had contributed to this article.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In a surprising foreign policy change, U.S. officials have announced a new Middle Eastern strategy of attempting to deliberately destabilize the region in hopes that the plan will backfire, Duffel Blog has learned.

Secretary of State John Kerry described the new 'Hail Mary' plan at a State Department briefing earlier this morning.

"After careful analysis, we have concluded that the only thing our previous Middle Eastern policies have in common is failure," Kerry said.

"Therefore, we've decided that we're going to attempt to destabilize the Middle East as much as possible in the hope that this plan will fail as well."

Kerry then announced that the United States had formally recognized Palestine as an independent state, but was also in the process of shipping tanks and helicopter gunships to Israeli settlers.

When asked why the arms were not being shipped to the Israeli Army, Kerry explained that it had been labeled a terrorist organization as part of the sweeping initiative. Other elements of the plan will include trucking Shiites into traditionally Sunni areas and vice versa, supplying weapons grade plutonium to Iran, and providing fully assembled suitcase-sized nuclear weapons to any state or armed group that wants them.

Kerry then turned over the briefing to Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel to discuss some of the plan's military aspects.

"As we speak, cruise missiles are in the air targeting the Wailing Wall, Dome of the Rock, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and Al Aqsa Mosque," said Hagel. "In order to prevent any of them from being rebuilt, the entire Temple Mount will be resettled with

tigers displaced by habitat loss. We debated using lions, but decided that a non-indigenous predator would cause greater instability.”

“Close behind the wave of missiles, 200,000 American soldiers and Marines are now en route to the Middle East.

“They have not been briefed on their strategic objectives, because there are none.

“They do not even know their destinations, which are being drawn from top hats by their pilots while in the air. This will likely cause at least some of the planes to conduct crash landings due to lack of fuel, which we hope will only add to the chaos.”

“In addition to our efforts on the ground, our C-130s are already crisscrossing the region air-dropping containers at random. Some are full of millions of dollars. Others are full of weapons and ammunition. Others are full of peanut brittle. Even we cannot say with certainty which is which.”

Delivery of the briefing coincided with related announcements from agencies representing every element of US national power, including not only diplomacy and defense, but also intelligence and business, suggesting a level of coordination previously unseen from the Obama administration’s foreign policy team.

While the Central Intelligence Agency’s role in the new strategy has not been publicized, public speculation as to their possible role, ranging from assassinating the Saudi royal family to contaminating every well between Cairo and Muscat with LSD, has already contributed to disorder regardless of what their actual role might be.

Kerry elaborated on the plan’s unprecedented integration of soft power.

“In keeping with this administration’s belief that problems cannot be solved with military power alone, we will also leverage our economic and informational advantages. For example, we will have rooms of cartoonists from every nation drawing cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad seven days a week, and our media will cover them around the clock while intermittently flashing the word “kill” on the TV screen.

“We are also in close conference with music industry executives regarding whether it might be possible to divide Middle Eastern music with some sort of violent and artificial East Coast-West Coast style feud.”

In response to questions regarding his level of confidence that the plan would inevitably fail, Kerry referred press to newly appointed Ambassador at Large Paul Bremer.

Bremer apparently took the post after a joint appeal from George W. Bush and Barack Obama, who implored him that his country needed him to come out of retirement for one final mission. Bremer described himself as optimistic, and well prepared for the challenging work ahead.

“Looking at the bigger picture, I have compiled tribal, ethnic, religious, and resource map overlays of the region, and I am pleased to report that I have created a new set of proposed borders to impose upon the area that will create lethal sectarian tensions with no historical antecedents.

“The borders follow no natural boundaries and have no logical shape. Whenever possible, I placed the borders to run through the middle of people’s houses.”

“This is the job I was born to do,” concluded Bremer.

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Listen Guys, I Have The Perfect Solution To This Iraq Thing



June 21, 2014 by Paul, The Duffle Blog

By Donald Rumsfeld

Donald Rumsfeld is an American politician and businessman.

He served as the 13th Secretary of Defense from 1975 to 1977 under President Gerald Ford, and as the 21st Secretary of Defense from 2001 to 2006 under President George W. Bush.

He’s best known for writing about 40,000 memos only Errol Morris would be insane enough to read, and for forging the “strategy” behind Operation: Enduring Clusterfuck and Operation: Iraqi Shitshow.

Ever since President Barack Obama took over, we’ve seen the Middle East become completely and utterly destabilized.

From Iraq to Syria to Afghanistan, this president has watched as the region has gone up in flames.

It's just been really sad to see, especially when I saw firsthand what a stable and flourishing Middle East could actually look like.

When I left my position as defense secretary in 2006, Iraqis — with a love for democracy just like our founding fathers — were refreshing the tree of liberty with the blood of practically everyone, not just tyrants.

At least four or five Iraqis were optimistic about their future, while the so-called elites in our country constantly talked up bad news.

And then Obama came in, and all hell broke loose.

Terrorists have taken over Iraq once again. We know where they are, in the area around Tikrit and Baghdad and east, west, south and north somewhat.

And by God, what happens if these terrorists use nuclear weapons? That's not a world I want to live in.

Now, I didn't say they had nuclear weapons of course, but absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.

They could have them. I mean, we just don't know.

Anyway, listen up guys. I have the perfect solution to this whole Iraq thing.

While our president wants to just sit on his hands, we need to do what everyone knows we should do: Send in too few American troops in unarmored vehicles to fight in a country we don't understand.

Now I know what you're thinking: Secretary Rumsfeld, who can we rely on to right the ship? Who has the expertise to fix this terrible problem in Iraq?

Was that actually your question? Were you asking who has the military expertise or who is actually an expert on the Middle East from a policy standpoint?

Because that's really a poorly-worded question.

If I were advising the president today, I would recommend we go back in there and hunt down these terrorists. It's just that simple.

The only way to defend against terrorists is to go after them. We must stay on the offensive and remain engaged, because history has of course shown that radical Islamists eventually stop fighting if we just wait them out.

So let's get back in there.

Attrition is the mission.

Like I always say, we need to act first, plan later.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

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

August 12, 2014 AP

A foreign service member died as a result of an enemy forces attack in eastern Afghanistan today.

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE
BLOODSHED**

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

Afghan Officers Favoring Taliban Kill 11 Of Their Police Colleagues: “Taliban Insurgents Attacking Areas Previously Considered Relatively Safe”

AUG. 6, 2014 By AZAM AHMEDAUG, The New York Times [Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two attacks by Afghan police officers who were collaborating with the Taliban claimed the lives of 11 police officers in southern Afghanistan on Wednesday, officials reported.

In one attack, a police officer secretly working for the Taliban poisoned five colleagues at a compound in southern Afghanistan, then invited insurgents inside to shoot the stricken officers to death and steal their weapons, the officials said.

Gulab Khan, the provincial head of criminal investigations, said the other assault targeted a national police checkpoint on the outskirts of Tarin Kowt, the capital of Uruzgan Province, where Taliban fighters killed the guard on duty, then executed five others as they slept.

One officer, believed to be in league with the insurgents, escaped with the militant fighters, according to Doost Mohammad Nayab, the spokesman for the provincial governor.

“If we have local police who are easily switching to the Taliban, soon the aftermath will be grave and will pose a big threat to the Afghan government,” he said.

Exact casualty figures for Afghan security forces are difficult to ascertain. The Ministries of Defense and Interior, which oversee the army and the police, no longer release the data publicly.

Taliban insurgents have been attacking areas previously considered relatively safe while operating with impunity from stretches of the country that were once contested.

Afghan Police Forces Together With Their Commander Join The Taliban

Aug 06 2014 By Ghanizada, Khaama Press

An Afghan Local Police (ALP) commander has joined anti-government armed militants in northern Kunduz province of Afghanistan.

According to local government officials, the ALP commander has surrendered to militants along with the nine other ALP forces who were under his command.

A local official in Chahar Dara district confirmed that the ALP forces together with their commander joined the Taliban militants group on Wednesday.

Kunduz is among the relatively volatile provinces in northern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militants are actively operating, specifically in Chahar Dara district.

The district police chief for Chahar Dara was injured and another policeman was killed after a bomber targeted his vehicle late last month.

Afghan Army Deaths Stand At 4 Daily On Average Mainly Caused By Improvised Explosive Devices

Aug 12 2014 By Ghanizada, Khaama Press

At least three Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were martyred following roadside bomb explosion in the past 24 hours.

Gen. Zahir Azimi, spokesman for the Ministry of Defense of Afghanistan (MoD), confirmed that three Afghan soldiers were martyred in the past 24 hours. However, he did not disclose further information regarding the exact location where the 3 soldiers were killed.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident.

The anti-government armed militant groups frequently use improvised explosive device (IED) to target Afghan and coalition security forces.

According to security officials, the Afghan army deaths stands at 4 service members daily on average which is mainly caused due to improvised explosive device (IED) attacks.

More Resistance Action

Aug 14, 2014 AP

An Afghan official says a roadside bomb has stuck a police car in eastern Laghman province, killing three officers.

Sarhadi Zwak, the provincial governor's spokesman, says the attack took place on Thursday morning in Badpakh district. He says four policemen were also wounded in the explosion

August 14, 2014 BNA

Jalalabad:

A police was wounded in explosion of a bomb in Jalalabad city, capital of Nangarhar province this morning.

The explosion occurred while a convoy of officials of the first security precinct of Jalalabad was passing the area.

Hazrat Hosain Mashriqiwal police spokesman of Nangarhar said BNA, in the explosion, the head of first security precinct of Jalalabad city with his three bodyguards and two civilians wounded.

According to reports, the bomb was placed in a bicycle.

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Bomber Kills Police Commander And Three More At Station In Bossaso Port City



Now dead Col. Muslim speaks to cheering crowds at square in Bossaso port city on August 1 (Photo: GO)

Aug 4, 2014 GAROWE ONLINE

BOSSASO, Somalia-

Al Shabaab bomber blew himself up at Police station in the Gulf of Aden Port City of Bossaso, killing commander, inland revenue head and two bodyguards according to officials on Monday, Garowe Online reports.

The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Puntland Police Force Gen. Mohiyaden Ahmed Musse who spoke with Garowe Online via telephone confirmed that assailant in suicide vest targeted Bari region Police Commander Col. Abdirahman Ali Abaas (Muslim) inside the police compound.

Inland Revenue head named as Mohamud Haji Saleban and some of his security guards were standing next to him when the bomber detonated explosive devices.

On March 18, Al Qaeda linked Al Shabaab militants killed the commander of Puntland Defence Force division operating near the difficult terrain of Golis and in Galgala area Col. Jama Saed Warsame in Ambush.

Insurgents Kill Member Of Parliament And Chairman Of Parliamentary Sub- Committee On Finance; “Military-Style Ambushes, Bombings And Planned Assassinations Have So Far Claimed Dozens Of Key Figures At Killed”

Aug 1, 2014 GAROWE ONLINE

MOGADISHU, Somalia

Unidentified assailants in car shot and killed Federal Member of Parliament as well as the Chairman of Parliamentary sub-committee on finance Sheikh Adan Madeer in front of Marwaas mosque in Mogadishu's Hamarweyne district, Garowe Online reports.

Al Shabaab gunmen carried out the assassination shortly after Friday prayers and escaped from the scene of the crime.

Late Mader marks the fifth to be killed since the beginning of the year 2014 and follows Female Member of Parliament Sado Ali Warsame who was gunned down in drive-by shooting during the holy month of Ramadan.

Al Shabaab operations spokesman Abdiasis Abu Muscab claimed credit for the deadly incident, praising the militants for the attack.

Mogadishu has been a hotbed for violence, with Al Shabaab extremists coming up with broad day light operations. Military-style ambushes, bombings and planned assassinations have so far claimed dozens of key figures at killed.

President Mohamud's administration is facing tough conundrum in the fight against Al Shabaab and federalization.

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“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

**Nothing has more revolutionary effect, and nothing undermines more the foundations of all state power, than the continuation of that wretched and brainless régime, which has the strength merely to cling to its positions but no longer the slightest power to rule or to steer the state ship on a definite course.
-- Karl Kautsky; ‘The Consequences of the Japanese Victory and Social Democracy’**

The Great Truth Has Great Silence



From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: July 05, 2014
Subject: The Great Truth Has Great Silence

**Every time you buy a boy
a war toy, you bury his soul.
Mike Hastie
Army Medic Vietnam**

**Photograph by Mike Hastie
Veterans Day Parade or 4th
of July Parade in any town
U.S.A.**

Our Country has set out very systematically to kill whatever number of people are necessary in Vietnam to stop them from resisting whatever it is we are trying to impose on that country. This, I think, is policy. I think we have established that policy here at these hearings; for those of you who have never been in service and have listened to this testimony, you might well be amazed at how our people--our men, our boys, our sons--could do some of these things that they described in this room. Otherwise normal individuals, creating terror, torture, destruction, wanton. How could they have done this? How could they have been changed that dramatically in eight short weeks of basic training? I think the fact so much can be done to so many men by so few people is the greatest testament to the fact that our colleges, our high schools, our everyday life is nothing but pre-basic training. We are well prepared. Whatever it was that was in these men, that allowed them to do the things they did, is in all of us. We start taking it in, if by no other process, at least by osmosis, from the day we were born in this country.

Master Sgt. Don Duncan
5th Special Forces Vietnam
Winter Soldier Investigation
Detroit, Michigan
Jan. 31- Feb. 2, 1971

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

Venezuelan Dictatorship Orders Soldiers To Attack Striking Steel Workers:

**“The National Guard Had Also
Stationed Six Tanks Within The
Factory”**

**“Among The Demands Voiced By
Workers Include A Wage Increase, Which
Has Not Occurred Since The Previous
Workers’ Contract Expired In 2010”**

Aug 12th 2014 By Sascha Bercovitch, Venezuelanalysis.com [Excerpts]

Caracas –

Clashes between protesting workers at the state-owned steel plant Sidor and the Venezuelan National Guard on Monday in the southeastern city of Guyana ended with at least 14 arrests and two injuries, according to multiple sources.

The protest, focusing on continued delays in the negotiation of a collective workers' contract with the state entity which runs the factory, began at 7 a.m. yesterday when workers gathered in the plant and decided to march to Guyana Avenue, the city's main access road.

Before they could arrive, local media reported, the National Guard intercepted the demonstration with pellets and tear gas, inciting the conflict which led to the arrests and injuries.

According to a press release from the leftist Socialist Tide (Marea Socialista) organization, the National Guard had also stationed six tanks within the factory, in the area where company buses normally arrive to drop off workers. On Monday Sidor did not send out buses, which workers involved in the protests considered was an effort to avoid further unrest, though many workers found other means of transportation to arrive and participate.

Tensions between Sidor workers and the national government have escalated in recent weeks, particularly after both National Assembly President Diosdado Cabello and Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro criticized the protests, which have on occasion blocked roads in the city, as beholden to union "mafias" and part of a larger attempt to destabilize the factory and region.

There has also been a dispute about who is responsible for falling productivity at the plant. Workers blame company management for "inefficiency" and "bureaucracy", while the government accuses union "mafias" of being responsible.

Following yesterday's confrontation, Sidor's trade union (Sutiss) president, Jose Luis Hernandez, called on the government to change course over its handling of the dispute.

"President Nicolas Maduro, leave Miraflores (presidential palace) and come and listen to the workers who were waiting for you today. Here are the consequences of the subliminal message that Deputy Vera sent out".

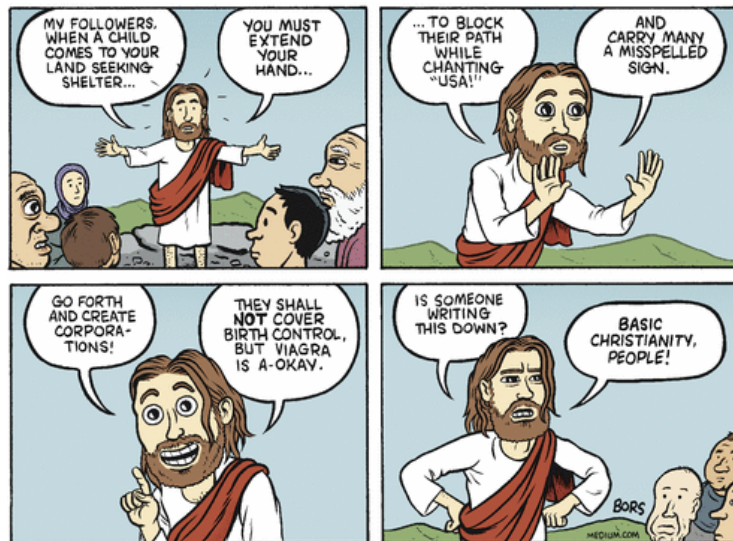
Among the demands voiced by workers include a wage increase, which has not occurred since the previous workers' contract expired in 2010, and a discussion of retirement plans for over 800 employees who have worked for more than 30 years at the plant.

The Socialist Tide grouping, which is a dissident current within the governing United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV), also condemned the day's events.

"If the goal of this repression is to defeat one of the strongest, most determined, and intelligent sectors of our young working class, it will become clear that beyond these speeches (from the national government) the aim is to destroy the

Bolivarian process, and regress from its social achievements,” the organization argued in its press release.

DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK



OCCUPATION PALESTINE

My Lai, Vietnam, 1968



UN School, Gaza, 2014



Civilian Casualty Flattered To Have Been Mistaken For Hamas Leader: “Deeply Touched That The Israel Defense Forces Also Mistook His Two Young Daughters And Late Wife For Hamas Leaders As Well”



Aug 4, 2014 The Onion

RAFAH, GAZA STRIP—

Remarking that he felt honored to be considered so important and influential, Gazan civilian casualty Khalil Said Zahlan told reporters from an emergency aid station Monday that he was incredibly flattered to have been mistaken for a Hamas militant leader by an Israeli airstrike.

“I’m just a regular shop owner here in Gaza, so I can’t imagine what would lead them to think I had the capability to command an armed insurgent movement, but I’m not one to turn down a compliment,” said a bandaged Zahlan, who added that being held in high enough regard to be targeted and violently forced from his home by a round of bombing this morning was far from faint praise.

“I have no connection to Hamas at all, but to receive that kind of attention from Israel’s top military officials is really something. This is an honor I won’t forget.”

Zahlan added that he was deeply touched that the Israel Defense Forces also mistook his two young daughters and late wife for Hamas leaders as well.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?



U.S. soldier in Beijia village Iraq, Feb. 4, 2008. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

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