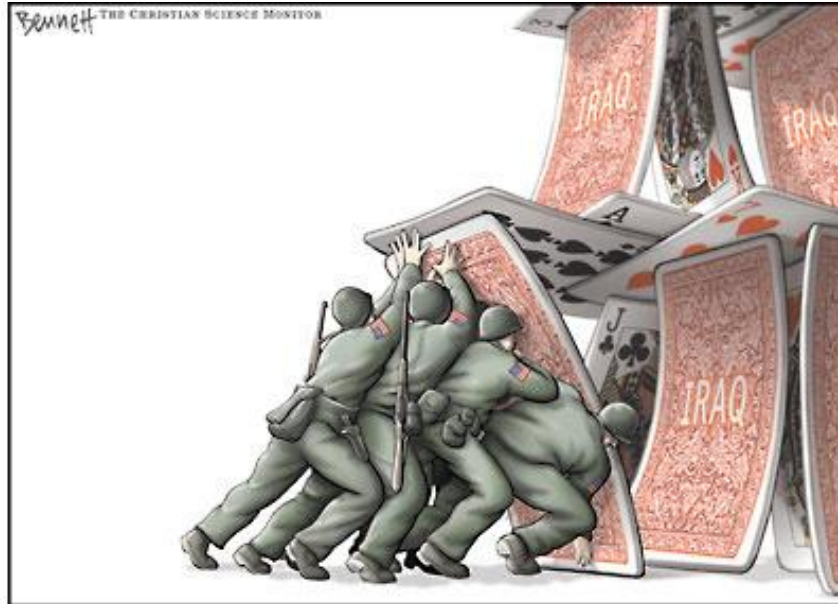


## **Military Resistance 12K10**



[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: "1500 more."]

**“The United States Will Remain  
In An Armed Conflict In  
Afghanistan — Essentially At  
War — After The End Of This  
Year”**

**“Obama Agreed That U.S. Military  
Leaders In Afghanistan Are  
Authorized To Approve Combat  
Operations, Using Ground Forces”**

# Senior Official Says “Combat Mission” Is Over And “Combat Operations” Will Continue, If You Can Believe That Inane Bullshit: U.S. Soldiers To Die For Nothing Either Way

November 22 By Karen DeYoung and Missy Ryan, The Washington Post. [Excerpts]

Missy Ryan writes about the Pentagon, military issues, and national security for The Washington Post.

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The United States will remain in an armed conflict in Afghanistan — essentially at war — after the end of this year under rules for combat operations the Pentagon requested, and President Obama approved, early this month.

Senior administration officials said that Obama agreed that U.S. military leaders in Afghanistan are authorized to approve combat operations, using ground forces, manned aircraft and drones, under three sets of circumstances.

They include counterterrorism operations against al-Qaeda and other “transnational” terrorist groups, protection of U.S. forces engaged in training or other activities, and assistance to Afghan forces.

Under those circumstances, U.S. forces probably will be engaged in direct combat with the Taliban and other groups that pose a threat to them or other members of the remaining international military coalition.

“Our expectation is that the Taliban and al-Qaeda will continue to directly threaten U.S. and other forces in Afghanistan,” said a senior administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The new authorizations appeared to be a shift away from Obama’s statement, made in May, that “America’s combat mission will be over by the end of this year. Starting next year, Afghans will be fully responsible for securing their country.”

**In explaining the newly approved rules, which have been sent to the Pentagon to be turned into formal orders, the senior official drew a distinction between America’s “combat mission” in Afghanistan, and necessary guidelines for “combat operations” that will continue in specific situations.**

Several months of discussions about the authorities, which were first reported by the New York Times, culminated with a meeting in late October in which Obama and his senior national security team listened to and questioned Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel; Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Gen. John F. Campbell, who commands U.S. and coalition forces in Afghanistan.

**While some civilian officials objected to the scope of the Pentagon requests, Obama's decision, made less than a week later, "essentially allows for an expanded set of counterterrorism authorities than what had previously envisioned — essentially giving the military status quo," said another U.S. official.**

Officials said that a combat-capability was already built into planning for the 9,800 troops, and that the new authorities would not require additional resources.

**The official said the administration would also continue to use the Authorization for the Use of Military Force passed by Congress in 2001 to provide domestic legal justification for combat operations next year in Afghanistan.**

**Obama said last year he wanted to "narrow" or repeal that authorization, since "the Afghan war is coming to an end."**

The official said that authorization for combat in counterterrorism operations against al-Qaeda remnants and associated groups that remain in Afghanistan was not news, and "has always been integrated into our plan."

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

# **Taliban Attack Foreign Military Intelligence Office: Soldier Wounded**

18 November 2014 TOLONews

Bombers rammed foreign troop's compound in Kabul City early Tuesday morning, killing two Afghan security guards and injuring three others including a foreign soldier, security sources said.

The attack took place around 6:30 a.m. local time in the ninth district of Kabul City, after a bomber detonated his explosive-laden car at the entrance as the two other bombers detonated their explosives during the clashes with the security forces, said Gen. Zahir Zahir, Police Chief of Kabul.

**First Vice President Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum who had also visited the scene confirmed that two bombers blew themselves up near a camp of foreign soldiers.**

**"The question is how the bombers managed to reach the camp as there is no way for the vehicle to enter," the first VP told reporters.**

The police cordoned-off the area and started investigations.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the attack and said, "the target was a foreign troop's intelligence office."

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Infiltrated The Security Forces”  
“There Are A Lot Of People Inside The  
Government Cooperating With The  
Insurgents”**

November 21, 2014 By Lynne O'Donnell and Amir Shah, Associated Press & Nov 19 & 22 2014 By Khaama Press [Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Afghan capital has become a city under siege as the Taliban stage almost daily attacks against government and foreign targets, penetrating layers of heightened security and fueling concerns that insurgents have infiltrated the security forces.

**The Afghan Intelligence – National Directorate of Security (NDS) said Wednesday that the attack rate has increased by 68 percent in major cities of the country, including capital Kabul.**

Kabul is protected by a fortress-like “ring of steel,” with police and soldiers manning roadblocks and spot-checking vehicles. Streets around important buildings such as the parliament, ministries and presidential palace are blocked off, while others are protected by razor wire and concrete blast walls.

But in recent weeks, insurgents have managed to attack two foreign compounds in Kabul, carry out a bombing near the office of the city’s police chief, send bombers against international military bases and convoys and bomb the car of a prominent female parliamentarian.

The police chief and the parliamentarian survived, but civilian casualties have been high.

**This year, the Taliban has shown particular strength across the country, with Afghan security forces suffering record-high casualties after taking the lead in the war from international forces in mid-2013.**

The decision by President Ashraf Ghani to sign a bilateral security agreement, or BSA, with Washington immediately after his September inauguration has prompted the escalation in attacks, according to analysts, diplomats and the Taliban themselves.

**The BSA, along with a Status of Forces agreement with NATO, will keep around 12,000 foreign troops in Afghanistan.**

Waheed Mozhdha, formerly a diplomat for the Taliban’s 1996-2001 administration and now a political analyst, said: “This war will continue for years and years because of the BSA. There are a lot of people inside the government cooperating with the insurgents because they are opposed to the BSA,” he said.

His warning was echoed by Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, who described the BSA as “against the interests of the Afghan nation.” He added: “The attacks in Kabul are aimed at breaking the backs of the foreign troops and the Afghan government; the fight will not stop.”

**Attacks have become so frequent that First Deputy President Abdul Rashid Dostum turned up Tuesday at the site of an attack on a foreign compound to accuse forces within the Afghan government of collusion with insurgents.**

[Gen. Mohammad Zahir, Kabul’s police chief] narrowly escaped an assassination attempt earlier this month, when a bomber detonated his payload in the heart of the city’s heavily guarded police headquarters in a major security breach.

The complexity of the attacks — with gunmen, bombers, explosives and intricate planning to gain access to high-security installations and prominent people — was evidence of the backing of “foreign intelligence,” he said.

At least five Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were martyred following roadside bomb explosion, defense officials said Saturday.

Gen. Zahir Azimi, spokesman for the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said the Afghan soldiers were martyred in the past 48 hours.

He did not disclose further information regarding the exact location where the incident took place

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## **Insurgents Attack Foreigners’ “Green Village” Protected Area In Kabul**

KABUL, Nov 19 (Reuters) –

Four Afghan Taliban bombers died when a group of the militants tried to storm an international zone in Kabul on Wednesday in the latest high-profile assault aimed at foreign targets in Afghanistan.

The attackers tried to break into a complex known as Green Village, starting with the explosion of a van at the gate of the heavily guarded area in eastern Kabul that houses foreign contractors and various facilities.

Security forces repelled them after about an hour of fighting and no casualties were reported among the area's residents, officials said.

**The Afghan Taliban, ousted from power by a U.S.-led coalition in 2001, have been staging almost daily attacks in Kabul and claimed responsibility for the latest assault.**

"Bombers attacked the invading forces' base called the Green Village," their spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said by text message.

"The attack began with blowing up a car packed with explosives and other fighters, armed with heavy and light weapons, arrived at the area and started the gunfight."

**A Western security source at the Green Village told Reuters there had been between four and six explosions.**

**Another Western security source said the attackers failed to get inside but their grenades went over the wall and hit Green Village premises. They may have also fired rocket-propelled grenades, the source said.**

**The Green Village is one of Kabul's most heavily guarded compounds, surrounded by layers of tall grey blast walls and multiple security check points.**

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## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

### **Insurgent Car Bomb Blows Up Government Official**



The blast took place on one of the seaside capital's central roads, Maka al-Mukarama  
[Mustaf Abdi/Al Jazeera]

16 Nov 2014 Al Jazeera

A car bomb has exploded in the Somali capital Mogadishu, killing one person and injuring one other.

Al-Shabab told Al Jazeera they had claimed responsibility for the attack, which they said targeted Mukhtar Dheere, an immigration official at Mogadishu's international airport who they said had died.

"We believe that the bomb was attached to the car," police officer Ahmed Siyad told the AFP news agency on Sunday.

The blast on Maka al-Mukarama, one of the seaside capital's busiest central roads, set the car on fire.

The road leads to the city's government district. The identity of the person injured is still unknown.

Witnesses said the blast could be heard several streets away.

"The car burned up into flames, there were two people with their bodies covered in blood, it was horrible," Muhsin Adan, a witness told AFP.

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## **Somalia Militants Mortar Presidential Palace**

11.16.14 Reuters

Somalia's al Shabaab militants said they fired mortar bombs at the presidential palace in Mogadishu on Sunday, but government and police spokesmen said none had landed inside the compound.

The Islamist militants attacked the president's compound on July 8 but were repulsed by security forces. The president was not there at the time. It was not clear if the president was at the palace at the time of Sunday's attack.

"We have fired several mortar rounds on the presidential palace, and we will give details later," Abu Musab, the spokesman for al Shabaab's military operations, told Reuters.

"We targeted the palace because it is the government's headquarters and all top officials are there," he said.

Officials said the mortars caused no damage.

"No single mortar landed on the palace," government spokesman Ridwan Haji told Reuters.

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### **MILITARY NEWS**

## **Insurgent Offensive Strikes From Four Directions To Seize Full Control Of Ramadi: "Tens" Of Iraqi Soldiers Captured By "Surprises Attack"**



# **“One Of The Last Urban Areas Partly Under Government Control In Anbar’ “Only A Handful Of Pockets Remain Under The Control Of Iraqi Security Forces”**

22 November 2014 Australian News Channel Pty Ltd & Nov 21, 2014 By Raheem Salman and Dominic Evans, Reuters & Al Jazeera [Excerpts]

Islamic State fighters attacked a government complex in the heart of an Iraqi provincial capital on Friday, local officials said, in an apparently coordinated effort to seize full control of the city.

Al Jazeera’s Imran Khan, reporting from Baghdad, said pro-government forces had called in reinforcements to push back the offensive on Ramadi that was coming from four sides.

Insurgents fired from rooftops at buildings in Ramadi housing the Anbar governorate offices and police headquarters, while security forces tried to prevent the militants from advancing.

IS fighters pounded the city centre with mortar rounds on Friday, while clashes broke out all around Ramadi, which is about 90 km (55 miles) west of Baghdad, one of the last urban areas partly under government control in Anbar.’

Sources told Al Jazeera tens of Iraqi soldiers had been abducted near Ramadi while at least 20 Iraqi soldiers and eight ISIL fighters had been killed in the fighting.

IS launched a surprise attack from four directions - north, west, east and south of Ramadi,’ a police first lieutenant in the city said by phone. He said the jihadists had also detonated car bombs targeting Iraqi security forces.

‘Clashes are ongoing around the city. A series of mortar attacks have targeted areas inside the city, including provincial council buildings and a police post,’ the officer said. He said it was too early to estimate the number of casualties from the fighting in and around Ramadi, which lies 100 kilometres west of Baghdad.

‘The mortar fire has been continuous since midnight,’ police captain Qusay al-Dulaimi said.

Parts of the restive province - which borders Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria and the Baghdad governorate - have been out of government control since January. IS, which also controls large parts of Syria, spearheaded a major offensive in Iraq in June, seizing more land in Anbar.

Adhal al-Fahdawi, a member of the Anbar provincial council, said on Friday that IS had managed to capture part of an eastern district called Mudhiq but pro-government forces had stopped their advance and were encircling the jihadists there.

'The security forces need support because we have not received any back-up from the army's air force or the coalition,' Fahdawi said, referring to the US-led air campaign launched in August.

**Police colonel Majid al-Fahdawi, the head of police in the Mudhiq area, was killed by sniper fire during the attack, a police major and a local tribal leader said.**

A fresh spate of attacks in recent weeks has seen the armed group extend their grip over the province, where only a handful of pockets remain under the control of Iraqi security forces backed by Shia armed groups and Sunni tribal fighters.

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## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**



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

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

**“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”**

**“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”**

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

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

## **REVEALED: Thank You Letter To Defense Contractor For Saving A Soldier's Life**



Photo Credit: US Army

November 18, 2014 by Maxx Butthurt, The Duffle Blog

*The following is a thank you letter written to BAE Systems, the defense company behind one of the popular mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles.*

Dear BAE Armaments Division,

I wish to offer my sincere thanks for the outstanding products created by your department.

The armored platforms you have built have allowed our soldiers to return home safely to their families while increasing their combat effectiveness on the battlefields of Iraq.

More specifically, I am referring to the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle (MRAP), affectionately known as “the Beast” by our soldiers.

I personally owe my life to one such Caiman model.

During the siege of Fallujah I was standing on the other side of the vehicle when a 500lb bomb exploded nearby. Although my hearing was damaged and I was tested for traumatic brain injury (TBI), I was otherwise uninjured. The MRAP took the full force of the blast, and because of that I am able to write this letter today.

I would also like to relay the gratitude from dozens of our soldiers whose lives were also saved due to the up-armored protection your vehicles offer.

Thanks to BAE, our forces continue to move confidently across the desert terrain, assured that they will be protected from all manner of explosive threats.

Keep up the great work!

Allahu Ackbar/Sincerely,

Mohammed Naseem Al-Malik  
Commander, Glorious 2nd Martyr Brigade, The Islamic State

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

### **November 20, 1816: Anniversary Of A Marvelous Creation**



Carl Bunin Peace History November 19-25

November 20, 1816: The term “scab” was first used in print by the Albany (N.Y.) Typographical Society. A scab is someone who crosses a union’s picket line and takes the job of a striking worker.

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## **“A Scab Is A Traitor To His God, His Country, His Family And His Class”**

by Jack London, (1876-1916) [Dawn.thot.net]

After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad, and the vampire, he had some awful substance left with which he made a scab.

A scab is a two-legged animal with a corkscrew soul, a water brain, a combination backbone of jelly and glue.

Where others have hearts, he carries a tumor of rotten principles.

When a scab comes down the street, men turn their backs and angels weep in heaven, and the devil shuts the gates of hell to keep him out.

No man (or woman) has a right to scab so long as there is a pool of water to drown his carcass in, or a rope long enough to hang his body with.

Judas was a gentleman compared with a scab. For betraying his master, he had character enough to hang himself. A scab has not.

Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.

Judas sold his Savior for thirty pieces of silver.

Benedict Arnold sold his country for a promise of a commission in the British army.

The scab sells his birthright, country, his wife, his children and his fellowmen for an unfulfilled promise from his employer.

Esau was a traitor to himself; Judas was a traitor to his God; Benedict Arnold was a traitor to his country.

A scab is a traitor to his God, his country, his family and his class.

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***November 22, 1909***  
**Heroic Anniversary:**

# The First General Strike By Women In The U.S.



Carl Bunin Peace History November 19-25

In New York City, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union went on strike against sweatshop conditions in what became known as the “Uprising of the 20,000” and the “Girl’s Revolt.”

The strikers won the support of other workers and the women’s suffrage movement for their persistence and unity in the face of police brutality and biased courts.

**A judge told arrested pickets: “You are on strike against God.”**

This was the first mass strike by women in the U.S.

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**“I Am Tired Of Listening To Speakers Who Talk In  
Generalities”**

**“I Offer A Resolution That A General Strike Be  
Declared – Now!”**

Excerpt from *Forged in Freedom: Shaping the Jewish-American Experience*, by Norman H. Finkelstein. (JPS, 2002)

In September 1909, Clara and other women could no longer tolerate their harsh working conditions. They walked out of the Leiserson factory and went on strike.

Within a few days the strike spread to the workers at the nearby Triangle Shirtwaist Company. Day after day the young women strikers picketed the factories to let the public know they were on strike and to prevent replacement workers from entering the

factories. They walked up and down the sidewalk in front of the buildings; some carried signs while others chanted and sang.

**The factory owners hired gangs of tough men to frighten the pickets. As the mostly Jewish and Italian teenage girls peacefully walked the picket lines they were threatened and pushed by the ruffians. Women were beaten, punched and thrown to the ground. Many were badly hurt. The police did little to prevent the violence ... During one attack in mid-November Clara and two other young women were so badly beaten the police had to rush them to a hospital.**

Eleven weeks after walking out of the Leiserson and Triangle companies, the women workers saw no end to the bloody strike. While they were on strike they earned no money, and the poor women faced a harsh, hungry and cold winter.

**Union leaders realized that the only quick way to improve working conditions and wages was to shut down every shirtwaist factory in New York.**

On November 22, 1909, thousands of shirtwaist workers gathered in the Cooper Union Auditorium. It was time to make a decision ...

The audience cheered a succession of speakers, finally focusing their attention on Samuel Gompers, the best-known speaker of the evening. He was the founder and president of America's most powerful union, the American Federation of Labor ...

**After two hours of cautious speeches with no end in sight, "a thin wisp of a girl" asked to speak.**

**As she stepped onto the platform, the crowd quieted. Everyone knew Clara Lemlich, the brave union worker who had just been released from the hospital. She still showed signs of the violent beating she received on the picket line. Her words, spoken in clear and passionate Yiddish, echoed through the hall.**

It was a clarion call to action.

**"I have listened to all the speakers, and I have no further patience for talk.**

**"I am a working girl, one of those striking against intolerable conditions.**

**"I am tired of listening to speakers who talk in generalities.**

**"What we are here for is to decide whether or not to strike.**

**"I offer a resolution that a general strike be declared – now!"**

The audience erupted into wild applause. People jumped from their seats, cheered and waved handkerchiefs. This was the moment they had waited for ...

**Within two days the entire shirtwaist industry in New York City was shut down.**

No one had predicted the resolve of the strikers. Twenty thousand workers, mainly Jewish and Italian teenage girls and young women, marched in picket lines before factories throughout lower Manhattan ...

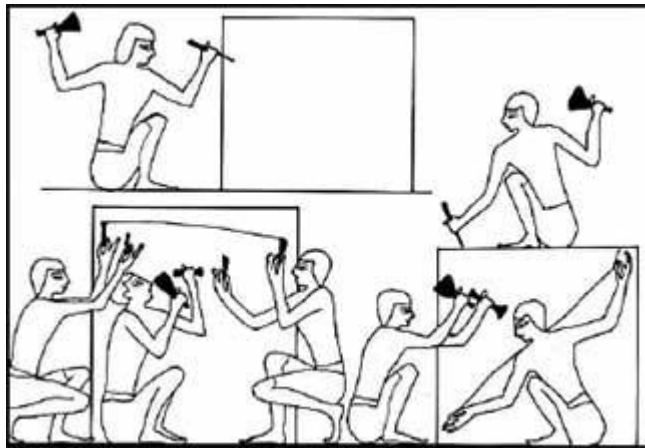
Newspapers widely reported on the brutality against the strikers. Other women, wealthy and educated, decided to prevent the brutality and unfair arrests. With great publicity, they joined the poorly dressed and ill-fed immigrant women workers on the picket lines

The brave struggle of Clara Lemlich and the other women workers is known as the "Uprising of the Twenty Thousand."

**By February 15, 1910, it was over. The strikers won a shorter workweek of fifty-two hours, higher wages and the end of unfair deductions for supplies, chairs and lockers.**

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## **November 23, 1170 BC: The First Recorded Strike**



Carl Bunin Peace History November 19-25

The first recorded strike took place in Egypt when necropolis workers who had not been paid for their work in more than two months sat down and refused to work until they were paid and able to eat.

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## ***November 23, 1887:* Dishonorable Anniversary**



# The Louisiana Militia Butchers Unarmed Sugar Plantation Strikers

Carl Bunin Peace History November 19-25

Black Louisiana sugarcane workers, in cooperation with the racially integrated Knights of Labor, went on strike.

The Louisiana Militia, aided by bands of “prominent citizens,” shot and killed 35 unarmed black sugar workers striking to gain a dollar-per-day wage, and lynched two strike leaders.

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## “Many Were Told To ‘Run For Their Lives’ Before Being Summarily Executed”

By Stephen Kliebert, Dougriddle.com [Excerpts]

The Thibodaux Massacre of 1887 was the second most bloody labor dispute in U.S. history.

Although most of the blood letting occurred in the environs of Thibodaux, the strike encompassed a larger area. The strike affected sugar plantations in St. Mary, Terrebonne, and Lafourche parishes. These parishes make up an area known as the “sugar bowl.” Thibodaux is the parish seat of Lafourche.

**The plight of the sugar cane worker in 1887 was one of back-breaking labor and meager pay.**

Most field hands were paid approximately 13 dollars a month. They were also paid in script. Script was basically a coupon redeemable only at the company store owned by the planter. The store’s prices were normally marked up 100%.

**You can see that the worker usually wound up being indebted to the planter. Louisiana law stated that if a worker owed money to a planter he could not move off the planters land until the debt was paid. This law essentially reduced the plantation laborer to the status of serf.**

In 1885 the Knights of Labor was successful in organizing railroad workers who worked for the Charles Morgan Railroad and Steamboat company. The company owned a stretch of tracks that ran from New Orleans to Texas. The railroad passes through the communities of Des Allemands, Raceland, Schreiver, and Morgan City on its way to Texas.

The K. of L. felt that the sugar cane workers were fertile ground to expand their organization. In 1886 a L.A. (local assembly) of the K. of L. was established in Schriever, La. for sugar cane workers.

**It was the probably the first assembly of a labor union that allowed both black and white members to join. During a time when a strict caste system was imposed this was one hell of an achievement!**

In late October, 1887 LA 8404 (Schriever local) presented a list of demands to L.S.P.A. The L.S.P.A.'s (Louisiana Sugar Producer's Association), members included local sugar planters. The workers wanted elimination of script, a small increase in their daily wages, and payment every two weeks.. The planter's association rejected the demands

**The planter aristocracy ruled Louisiana at this point in time. They worked for many years to deny poor whites and blacks access to education, and better working conditions. They were not about to cede any of their power now.**

The Knights of Labor scheduled a strike to commence on the 1st of November 1887.

The strike began during the crucial harvest period known as "grinding." On November 1st workers in St. Mary, Lafourche, and Terrebonne parishes refused to work, and refused to vacate their cabins that were plantation-owned. Attempts to evict tenants by local sheriffs were unsuccessful.

The sugar planters were faced with the possibility of losing their crops to a freeze if the strike persisted.

On the same day the strike began, the planters association called on the governor to send them help in the form of the state militia.

Governor McEnery (1881-1888) who was himself a plantation owner had no problem in ordering the state militia to the embattled region. The first militia companies arrived in Schriever, Louisiana from New Orleans on the first of November. They made the short trip to Thibodaux where they intended to store their equipment which included horses, rifles, and a Gatling gun in front of the Lafourche parish courthouse.

The two militia companies that arrived in Thibodaux were not the only ones to take part in strike-breaking. Other companies were sent to Houma and Lockport.

**Some 10,000 plantation workers took part in the strike. Most of the strikers were black, but nearly 1000 were white.**

The militia companies sent to the region worked with local judges in evicting strikers from plantations, and provided protection for "scabs" sent in to replace the strikers.

When striking plantation workers were faced with soldiers armed with Springfield rifles they offered little to no resistance. They heeded the orders to leave the plantations. Many congregated in the black section of Thibodaux.

Problems arose when white scabs were fired upon in Terrebonne parish. Strikers, who were forced off plantations, were believed to be involved in firing into sugar mills in Lafourche parish.

Pickets were placed in around the city of Thibodaux. The “pickets” were composed of white civilians from Thibodaux, and neighboring parishes. They were no doubt horrified by the rumor spreading around town that black strikers intended to burn the city down.

The struggle came to a head when two white picketers were fired upon while at their posts in a black section of town. The two picketers survived, but the incident enraged the white population of Thibodaux. White vigilantes rode through the neighborhood firing their weapons and wreaking havoc.

**Strikers and their family members were rounded up by vigilantes. Many were told to “run for their lives”, before being summarily executed.**

**On the morning of November 23, 1887 anywhere between 30 to 300 black strikers were killed. A company of militiamen known as the Shreveport Guards is considered to have taken place in the massacre.**

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## **CLASS WAR REPORTS**

# **Another Black Man “Accidentally” Executed By Cop: “Police Commissioner Bratton Is Trying To Set A Climate To Justify An Unjustifiable Shooting”**

22 November 2014 by Oliver Laughland in New York, Guardian News and Media Limited

Residents and community leaders of the Pink Houses public housing complex in Brooklyn, where an unarmed man was shot dead by a rookie police officer on Thursday night, have expressed their anger at police and called for justice during a vigil on Friday night held just metres from the scene of the shooting.

Akai Gurley, 28, was shot once in the chest by police as he descended a darkened stairwell on the eighth floor of 2724 Linden Boulevard with his girlfriend, Melissa Butler.

Butler appeared at the vigil, beside a former New York City councilor, Charles Barron, but did not speak.

She often gazed into the distance with tears in her eyes.

The New York City police commissioner, Bill Bratton, described the incident as an “unfortunate tragedy”, describing Gurley as “totally innocent”.

Bratton said one officer, with less than 18 months’ experience on the job, appeared to have accidentally fired during a “vertical patrol” of the building.

“He just happened to be in the hallway. He was not engaged in any criminal activity,” Bratton told reporters at a press conference on Friday.

But the commissioner’s words did not satisfy people at Pink Houses where Barron led a chant of “Bratton must go!”

**“Police commissioner Bratton is trying to set a climate to justify an unjustifiable shooting. He put rookie cops here. He allowed for his officers to break the regulation – they should not have had their weapons drawn for vertical patrols.**

**“They should have had it holstered fingers off the trigger and they should have been asking questions. So we are saying to commissioner Bratton and to mayor de Blasio, this one is on you,” Barron said.**

“People have had enough.

“Don’t tell us to call for peace until you give us some justice. When you don’t allow peaceful means for justice, violent means is inevitable. And don’t blame me, the social forecaster, for predicting that just like you don’t blame the weather forecaster for predicting the storm – don’t blame me for predicting an explosion. We’ve had enough.”

A number of vigil attendees drew comparisons between Gurley’s shooting and that of Michael Brown who was shot dead in Ferguson, Missouri, by a white police officer in August. Brown’s shooting sparked a wave of unrest, which still continues, in Ferguson.

Tariq Cephus, 30, who has lived at Pink Houses all his life, told the Guardian he was shocked but “not surprised” to hear of Gurley’s shooting.

“You look at the coverage all over the country – every other day there’s an incident involving the police. Whether it’s shooting a guy in Walmart or Mike Brown for walking down the street – it’s happening all over the country,” Cephus said.

Richie Dunham, 48, another Pink Houses resident who has lived in the community all his life, expressed sympathy for Gurley’s family.

“That man had a family. They’re all coming from Florida. They’re not coming for turkey; they’re coming up here because their son is dead,” Dunham told the Guardian.

“It makes you feel angry. It makes you feel frustrated. I didn’t eat all day because of this.”

The vigil, held outside in the bitter below-freezing cold, was attended by about 50 community members. About a dozen New York police officers were also there.

Also there was Brooklyn resident Nicholas Heyward Sr, whose 13-year-old son, Nicholas Heyward Jr, was shot dead by police in the stairwell of a public housing block 20 years ago as he played with cops and robbers with a plastic gun.

**Heyward said: “This isn’t a bad community. I know this community pretty well ... Why would (the officer) even be patrolling this building with his gun unholstered? When the same thing happened 20 years ago the officer was patrolling with his gun out. Why is that still happening today?”**

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## The Past As Future



**Carmen Martinez Ayudo, 85, cries during her eviction in Madrid, Spain, Friday, Nov. 21, 2014. Carmen Martinez Ayudo, who lives with a pension of euro 630 a month (\$ 783) lost her foreclosed apartment to a moneylender after she could not afford to pay her debt and the high interest rates due to her financial situation after her son lost his job.**

Martinez Ayudo was evicted in spite of housing right activists clashing with the dozens of riot police. (AP Photo/Andres Kudacki)

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**“They treasured up wrath for the time to come.”**

**-- Edward, Earl of Clarendon, 1702, on the growing discontent below that led to the revolutionary overthrow and beheading of Charles I, King of England.**

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# Tens Of Thousands Of Angry Mexicans March On Capital: “The Government Abruptly Canceled A Traditional Parade In The Zócalo, Mexico City’s Massive Central Square, Marking The Anniversary Of The Mexican Revolution”



Students protesting the disappearance of 43 students clash with riot police in the surroundings of Mexico City’s international airport Thursday. Agence France-Press/Getty Images

Nov. 21, 2014, By José de Córdoba and Dudley Althaus, Wall Street Journal [Excerpts]

MEXICO CITY—Tens of thousands of demonstrators descended on the capital city to voice their anger over the uncertain fate of 43 college students, as masked protesters clashed with riot police in Mexico City.

Led by the parents of the missing students, demonstrators, ranging from hip Mexico City university students to grizzled farmers from the mountains of Guerrero state, marched through a cold drizzle to the capital’s emblematic central square.

“This is a social movement and they have no idea,” said Alberto Ochoa, an architect, in flawless English, referring to the Mexican government. “We need to reform politics. We need to reform justice. We need transcendental reforms.”

Many of the protesters wore black as a sign of mourning. “This isn’t all of us. We’re missing 43,” read a sign carried by a demonstrator.

As the protest ended, scores of masked protesters threw rocks, used metal tubes to fire small rockets and lobbed Molotov cocktails at the presidential palace, televised images showed. Walls of riot police, who had kept a low profile throughout the march, then used tear gas and fire extinguishers to clear out the massive square in front of the palace.

Earlier in the day, a group of protesters throwing Molotov cocktails and firing rockets set two police cars on fire as they clashed with riot police who foiled their attempt to reach the airport, the televised images showed. Police detained 15 people, while two officers were hurt by the rockets in the earlier violence, officials said.

The saga of the students has touched a nerve in a country fed up with drug-related violence that has claimed an estimated 100,000 lives since 2006—and drawn sympathy beyond Mexico’s borders. From New Delhi to Buenos Aires, demonstrators in dozens of cities around the world took to the streets on Thursday in support of the Mexican protest.

The 43 male freshmen from a teachers college were detained by municipal police in the city of Iguala in late September, officials said. Federal investigators said they were then handed over to members of a drug cartel, who killed them, burned their bodies, and threw the remains into a river. An investigation is under way.

**The episode has become a major challenge to President Enrique Peña Nieto. On Wednesday, the government abruptly canceled a traditional parade in the Zócalo, Mexico City’s massive central square, marking the anniversary of the Mexican Revolution.**

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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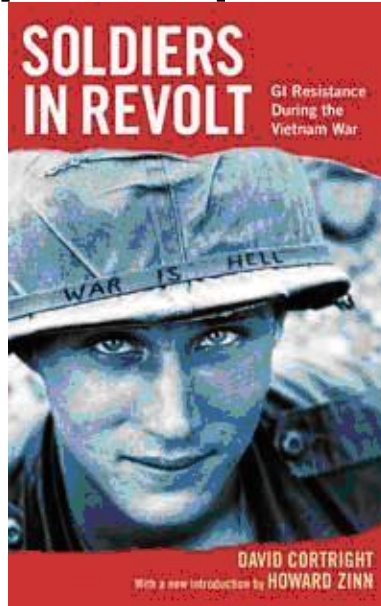


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