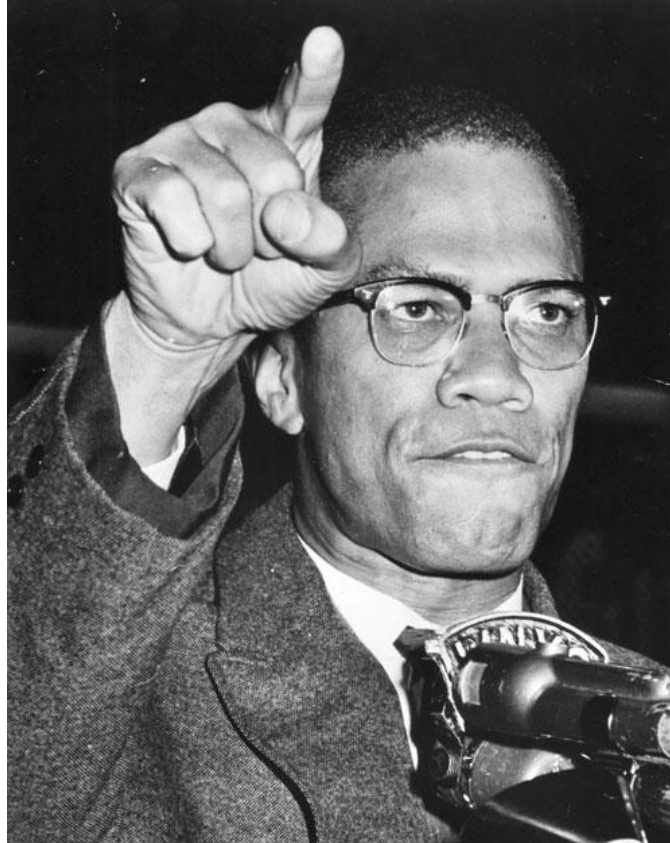


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"Be peaceful, be courteous, obey the law, respect everyone; but if someone puts his hand on you, send him to the cemetery." Malcolm X, 1965

14 Teens Killed by Cops Since Michael Brown



[Black Agenda Report]

11.25.14 By Nina Storchlic, The Daily Beast [Excerpts]

Since Ferguson, police have killed more than a dozen teenagers, half of them black. Some did nothing more than carry a BB gun.

Michael Brown's death on August 9 was a nationwide wake-up call to the death-by-cop of young minority men at the hands of law enforcement.

According to data stretching from 1999 to 2011, African Americans have comprised 26 percent of all police-shooting victims. Overall, young African Americans are killed by cops 4.5 times more often than people of other races and ages.

Since Brown's death, at least 14 other teenagers—at least six of them African-American—have been killed by law enforcement in a variety of circumstances.

Tamir Rice:

Tamir Rice wasn't yet a teenager when he was killed on November 22 in a Cleveland, Ohio park. The 12-year-old boy was shot by a police officer after brandishing what turned out to be a BB gun. A call made to police beforehand described Rice as "a guy with a pistol" on a swing set, but said it was "probably fake." When officers arrived at the scene, they say Rice reached for his toy, though did not point it at them, prompting a first-year policeman to fire two shots at Rice from a short distance.

Cameron Tillman:

On the evening of September 21, police were called to check on reports of trespassers with weapons going into an abandoned home in Terrebonne, Louisiana. Cameron Tillman, a 14-year-old boy was shot dead on the scene by a sheriff's deputy.

His brother, who was there, said he was shot opening the door and was unarmed, but the police said he was armed and that a gun was recovered near his body. It was later reported that the weapon was a BB gun that appeared to be a .45-caliber pistol.

VonDerrit Myers Jr.:

VonDerrit Myers Jr. was shot in the head in early October not far from where Michael Brown died two months earlier. The 18-year-old was shot six or seven times in the Shaw neighborhood of St. Louis after an off-duty police officer fired at him 17 times.

Police say Myers charged at the policeman, they wrestled, and then he shot at least three bullets before his gun jammed. Myers had been out on bail in a gun case, but his family claimed he was unarmed and holding only a sandwich in his hand. That night, a crowd of 300 gathered at the scene, and violence broke out: gunshots echoed and police vehicles were damaged.

Laquan McDonald:

After a tire-puncturing spree in late October, 17-year-old Laquan McDonald was shot dead by a police officer in Chicago. Officers reported to a call about someone breaking

into cars in the Archer Heights neighborhood. The teen refused to drop his knife, according to officers, fixed them with “a 100-yard stare,” and walked toward them. That’s when a cop fired at McDonald, killing him.

Carey Smith-Viramontes:

Few details have been revealed about the shooting of an 18-year-old girl in Long Beach, California last week.

Officers were responding to a report of a missing juvenile girl, and found her in the house of Carey Smith-Viramontes. According to police, Smith-Viramontes was armed with a knife and was shot dead by an officer on the scene.

Jeffrey Holden:

An 18-year-old was killed by police officers after police said he opened fire on a cop with two guns in Kansas City in late October. Jeffrey Holden had reportedly been shooting at houses and passersby before the authorities arrived at the scene. He was listed as a missing person and had two outstanding warrants.

Qusean Whitten:

Two armed robbers were killed after holding up a Dollar General Store in Columbus, Ohio in October. Eighteen-year-old Qusean Whitten had jumped from the car he was using to flee the scene and started running when police opened fire.

Miguel Benton:

In early October, 19-year-old Miguel Benton managed to steal an officer’s gun and shoot him twice. Two cops were transporting Benton and another inmate to jail on drug and robbery charges in Georgia when the incident occurred. Another officer shot and killed Benton.

Dillon McGee:

Eighteen-year-old Dillon McGee of Jackson, Tennessee, died after being shot by police officers who claim he was attempting to run them over in a car. On September 26, officers were approaching a car, driven by McGee, and fired at him.

Levi Weaver:

Police say a man welding a baseball bat and a kitchen knife lunged at police officers in his home in Georgia, and was fatally shot in late September. According to the sheriff, 18-year-old Levi Weaver begged the officer to shoot him, and then leapt at him. The officer shot Weaver twice.

Karen Cifuentes:

A 19-year-old woman was killed in September after an undercover police watched a drug deal go down in Oklahoma City. One of the suspects got in a car driven by Karen

Cifuentes and took off, which “apparently” hit one of the officers who opened fire and killed her.

Sergio Ramos:

In August, an 18-year-old was shot and killed by a Dallas police officer after a car crash in a parking lot near a Walmart store. According to police, Sergio Ramos had just robbed a killed an associate when he was confronted by an off-duty cop, reached for the gun in his shorts, and was shot multiple times.

Roshad McIntosh:

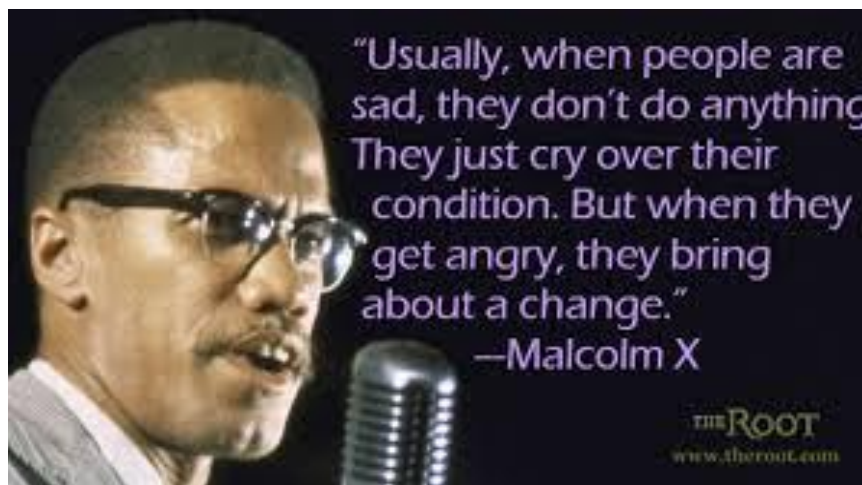
Some 500 anti-police protesters took to Chicago’s streets after a 19-year-old man’s death at the hands of police. On August 24, Roshad McIntosh was being questioned by cops when he began running.

Police say he pulled a gun on them, but his family claimed that McIntosh was kneeling on the ground with his hands in the air. Nearly a month later, his mother brought another protest to city hall, demanding answers in her son’s killing.

Diana Showman:

A mentally ill woman brandishing a power drill was shot dead by an officer after she called 911 and told San Jose dispatchers she had an Uzi. Diana Showman, 19, had come out of her house, ignored demands to put down the weapon, and was shot once. Showman’s parents criticized the officer’s response, saying that the police needed to be better equipped to handle mental health issues.

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Enemy Combatants Execute 12-Year Old In Cleveland



A poster picturing shooting victim Tamir Rice, during a rally at Public Square in Cleveland, Ohio, on 11.24.14. (photo: David Maxwell/EPA)

November 26, 2014 By Editorial Board, Cleveland Plain Dealer

One moment Tamir Rice was stomping on a snowball like any 12-year-old kid might do and the next he was shot and fatally wounded by a Cleveland police officer.

The details of how this tragic shooting went down still need to be fleshed out, but based on a surveillance video of the shooting at Cudell Recreation Center on Cleveland's West Side, the police have a lot of explaining to do.

Not the least of which is why the two officers involved failed to immediately give first aid to the fallen boy.

It wasn't until an FBI agent who happened to be in the area arrived four minutes later that Tamir was given any such attention.

The account Cleveland police gave of the shooting by a rookie police officer does not seem to match what the video reveals.

The police said two officers, responding to a 9-1-1 call, went to the park and saw Tamir take what they thought was a pistol from a table under a gazebo in the park and stuff it in his waistband.

Police said that the boy was sitting with a group at the time.

Police also said that the officers told Tamir three times to raise his hands, and that when he reached for what they thought was a real pistol, he was shot.

The video, however, shows officers in a cruiser pull up within several feet of Rice, who was not with a group, but by himself underneath a gazebo.

Immediately, even before the car stops rolling, the cruiser's passenger side door opens, an officer emerges and fires at Tamir, who drops to the ground.

Deputy Police Chief Ed Tomba said the officers ordered Tamir to "show your hands" three times from the ajar passenger door, but it's hard to believe that's possible based on the video.

The shot that struck Tamir appears to have been fired the very moment the officer stands up after getting out of the car.

If this is the proper technique for confronting an armed gunman, let alone a 12-year-old boy with a toy gun, one has to wonder what training manual they are consulting.

Why did the officers drive right up to Tamir?

Why didn't they park further away, climb out of their car and shield themselves with a door or another section of the car, and then order Tamir to drop his weapon?

As we said, the police have a lot of explaining to do.

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It Is Right To Resist, By Any And All Means Necessary:

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“A Movement To Confront And Resist The Police, The Arbiters Of What Passes For Law In The Current Capitalist Order”

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11/26/2014 by Black Agenda Report executive editor Glen Ford, Black Agenda Report [Excerpt]

You know that a genuine movement is being born when it becomes necessary to draw lines within the circles that purport to support that movement, in order to defend the political space that has already been claimed by the popular struggle.

That moment definitively arrived on Monday night when young people in Ferguson, Missouri, responded to the state's rigged grand jury absolution of Michael Brown's executioner with outraged defiance, bricks and fire – in accordance with the actual logic of the slogan "No Justice – No Peace."

The St. Louis County prosecutor's embrace of Officer Darren Wilson's lethal aggression against Black Ferguson – a "not well liked community," in the killer's depraved testimony – was answered on the streets with limited, non-lethal counterforce.

It was Zero Hour.

The authorities had just spoken through the voice of prosecutor Robert McCulloch, affirming that Instantaneous Lynch Law was the order of era. The teenagers and young adults of Ferguson gave McCulloch their answer, in perfect synch with the spontaneous outcry of Michael Brown's step-father, Louis Head. "Burn this Mother Fucker. down, burn this bitch down," he shouted, cradling the head of his distraught wife in his arms.

"I think he was expressing a sentiment that a lot of folks in that crowd felt," said St. Louis Alderman Antonio French, who was standing nearby.

When Zero Hour came, the Brown family, despite their own previous admonitions, could not adhere to the spirit of strict non-violence; the nature of the struggle makes it impossible.

The nationwide movement that has coalesced around the events in Ferguson is a response to the routine violence of the Mass Black Incarceration State that feeds on the murder and imprisonment of Black youth.

It is a movement to confront and resist the police, the arbiters of what passes for law in the current capitalist order.

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On Monday night, demonstrators in a score of cities launched their own actions in solidarity with Ferguson, many with the intent to break the law and disrupt

relations of property and the flow of commerce – at the risk of engendering physical violence by actors other than the state.

By Tuesday night, more than 100 localities were engaged, evidence that the decades-long demobilization of Black America (an extended “Winter in America,” as Gil Scott-Heron put it) might finally be at an end. Had the brothers and sisters on the streets of Ferguson not “done something” in response to the Murderers’ Law laid down by McCulloch, then the embryonic movement might have been still-born.

The Mass Black Incarceration State, or the New Jim Crow, as Michelle Alexander calls it, has methodically criminalized a whole people.

When Walking, Talking and Breathing While Black is punishable by death – a sentence carried out daily in the United States – then organizing for genuine social transformation is beyond the pale of civil protections.

The only defense is a militant people’s movement that exacts its own consequences when the state exercises its claims to, essentially, limitless powers.

There must be some kind of payback; otherwise, as we have witnessed over the past 40-plus years, the people succumb to self-destructive diversions, demoralization and despair, while the state steadily expands its machinery of social and physical death.

You know the state is worried when it suddenly starts assuring the oppressed that they have certain, limited rights that will be recognized.

President Obama, who early in his first term succeeded in legislatively abolishing due process of law, has responded to the threat of a genuine people’s movement by endorsing peaceful protest – by which he means protest within parameters of time and space and behavior laid down by the very same police against which the grievances are directed.

This constitutes “ways of channeling your concerns constructively,” says the president.

Monday night, the political poetry played out on CNN’s live split-screen.

One side showed the first tear gas canisters landing among the protesters, while on the other President Obama intoned the lie: “We have made enormous progress in race relations over the course of the past several decades. I’ve witnessed that in my own life, and to deny that progress I think is to deny America’s capacity for change.”

Six years into the Age of Obama, it has finally dawned on Black people that Frederick Douglass was right when he said: “Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never has, and it never will.”

Douglass did not say: “Power concedes nothing without the consent of the legislature and a nod from Democratic Party hack in the Oval Office.”

Had Obama not been sharing the screen with the youth of Ferguson, few would have watched his speech.

It has required a mass movement in-the-making to focus Black people's attention on the war waged against them by the state, rather than living vicariously with the family in the White House.

"The burned-out businesses, some of them Black-owned, are collateral damage in a grossly asymmetrical struggle."

No sooner had the fires and looting commenced in Ferguson, than Obama henchman Al Sharpton and the entire multigenerational cadre of handkerchief heads and New Age opportunists sprang into action, to delegitimize the youth and funnel Black peoples energies into official channels that go nowhere.

CNN's Van Jones denounced the "small number of knuckleheads" that "are causing the problem."

Local Black clergy met with the white mayor of Ferguson and tried to shame the youth involved in Monday night's rebellion. Then they bowed their heads and asked God to solve the problem, as always.

Congressman William "Lacy" Clay, who misrepresents the district and was among the 80 percent of the Congressional Black Caucus that opted, back in June, to continue the Pentagon's transfers of weapons to local police departments, denounced The Race as a whole for the destruction of 12 businesses, the night before.

"It hurts me to my heart to see what we have turned into," he said.

Sharpton declared, "Michael Brown will not be remembered for the ashes from the buildings burned in Ferguson. He will be remembered for new legislation and the upholding of laws that protect citizens in the country."

The burned-out businesses, some of them Black-owned, are collateral damage in a grossly asymmetrical struggle – one in which the insurgents must battle a murderous state, a pervasively racist white society, plus the most backward, opportunistic and comprador elements of their own community.

It is true that, in a small town like Ferguson, the loss of jobs, investments and amenities associated with these small "martyred" businesses is significant.

In comparison, however, the costs inflicted on African Americans by the Black Misleadership Class since the demise of the last mass people's movement, in the late Sixties, have been catastrophic.

Black family wealth is one-twentieth of median white family wealth, the lowest since slavery.

Great Black metropolises have been turned into wastelands, bare of employment, affordable housing, recreation, adequate education, cultural enrichment, and even healthy food.

One out of every eight prison inmates in the world is an African American – an arguably genocidal outcome arrived at with the full collaboration of much of Black elected officialdom and the preaching class.

Absent a fundamental change in power relationships in America – which can only come about through mass action, within and outside the law – the destruction of the Black social and physical environment can only escalate.

By attempting to delegitimize Black youth – who definitely will break the law and destroy property in their enthusiasm for immediate payback as well as lasting change – the Misleaders seek to corral and, ultimately, kill the movement.

In the coming days and months, activists must be diligent in drawing lines between those honest elements that counsel against violence for moral or tactical and strategic reasons, and those who, like Sharpton, Van Jones and Rep. “Lacy” Clay, seek to destroy the budding mass movement by ostracizing and alienating its youthful core.

It does appear, however, that it’s “Movement Time” at long last

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The law stepped to a podium yesterday, under cover of night, to tell us that it reserves the right to slaughter black men with impunity, that it seeks to coerce through threat of force, our permission to do so.

To ask us to be “dignified and disciplined,” to ask us to “respect the rule of law” in the face of such a mockery of justice is to ask us to affirm the path to our own destruction.

Nov 25, 2014 by Brittney Cooper, Salon. Brittney Cooper is a contributing writer at Salon, and teaches Women's and Gender Studies and Africana Studies at Rutgers.

If I have to begin by convincing you that Black Lives Matter, we have all already lost, haven't we? So let's not begin there.

Let's begin at the end. At the end there is only Michael Brown Jr.'s dead body, no justice, and weeping and gnashing of teeth.

For his parents, there is only grief.

They are undone. We are undone. I am undone. This is what American democracy coming apart at the seams looks like. Our frayed, tattered edges are showing.

The emperors are the only ones who can't see it.

Where can we begin so that we don't end up here?

Is anyone else tired of wandering in this wilderness? Surely this land of broken promises isn't what Dr. King had in mind for us.

Hopefully, from the fiery furnace of Ferguson, the floating embers will spark and spread and blaze us a new trail – up out of this madness.

Did you expect me to call for peace?

Did you expect me to condemn looting and property damage?

Did you expect me to preach at the people about being constructive rather than destructive?

Peaceful protests have been happening for over 100 days. But white folks only really pay attention if they fear they have something to lose. Smoke flares in their nostrils, because then they are confronted with the possibility of charred, burning, white flesh.

No more water. The fire next time.

I woke up in black skin this morning. Frustrated, because for the first time in a long time, I felt the weight, the scourge of this skin. Had visions of being able to unzip myself, climb out of myself, and lay aside this weight, but the woman who climbed out was darker still.

Since black is beautiful, we are never supposed to admit that we are sometimes tempted to believe what white supremacy tells us to believe about ourselves. But you caught me in a moment of weakness.

Utterly undone. Put out trying to pull it together. Still trying to put together – piece together —all these pieces.

Of “evidence.”

Many things are *evident* this morning.

Our black president says that first and foremost, we must “respect the rule of law.” I watch, as he says this, a split screen of unruly protesters smashing the windows of a police cruiser.

It is *evident* what they think about “the system.”

It, too, is *evident* what the system thinks about us.

(Do you feel the struggle in these words? The utter inadequacy of them? The struggle to contain and train my rage on the proper (white) people, and not all of them? The challenge of trying to narrate black rage, and black pain, and black fear, and black freedom dreams deferred – *again*—in hopes that white folks would really understand? The resentment at my failure? The rage at my having to do so in the first place?)

Tupac famously asked “if there was a heaven for a gangsta.” I find myself hoping there’s a hell for white supremacists. But too many of them believe in Jesus. So fire and brimstone in Ferguson and beyond will have to suffice.

The attorneys for Michael Brown’s family appear on the news, admonishing us to be “dignified and disciplined.”

I laugh, tears threatening the back of my eyes. I want to ask them if they really believe what they are saying.

There is no dignity in lying dead on scorching, hot pavement for four hours. That is *evident*.

There are no disciplined acts of resistance that will restore dignity to Michael Brown’s life. Only justice can do that. Justice affirms that his life was worth protecting, that Darren Wilson, the person who took it, should be punished.

There will be no justice for Michael Brown, so there will be no surrogate acts of “dignity” from protesters.

Neither should we any longer submit to the disciplinary impulses of the “rule of law.”

The rule of law wants to beat into us, through “discipline,” the belief that we – black people — would be animals but for its chastening rod of correction.

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Surely America knows black folks better than that.

Humans can only be sucker punched for so long.

Humans can only have the life choked out of us for so long. Humans can only be kicked in the stomach while your foot is on our neck for so long.

Humans can only be bullied for so long.

One day we stagger to our feet, and you see reflected back to you the results of your own unresolved monstrosity.

I asked for a different beginning, hoping we wouldn't end up here. But here we are — at the end again. Here we are – black people – yet again faced with the magnitude of our need and the inadequacy of our resources – trying to make ends meet. Trying to begin again.

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“The Cops Tried To Stop The Rear Section Of The March And We Held Them Off”





11.25.14 New York City. Photos by Marty Goodman

11.26.14 by Marty Goodman, Socialist Action News [Excerpt]

Posted here are my photos from last night's incredible Michael Brown protest in Manhattan.

I was with the one of several groups that marched from Union Square down to Houston St., stopping traffic all the way. The cops tried to stop the rear section of the march and we held them off. The advance section marched up FDR and ended up in Times Square continuing to stop traffic all the way.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

2 More American Troops Killed

November 24, 2014 CBS/AP

In a statement, NATO said two troops had been killed by an "enemy attack in eastern Afghanistan." CBS News correspondent David Martin reports sources say they were both Americans.

A spokesman for Kabul's police chief, Hashmat Stanekzai, said the troops were killed when a bomb attached to a bicycle exploded near a foreign military convoy in the eastern part of the capital Monday morning. He said the blast wounded one Afghan civilian.

British Mercenary Killed, Another Wounded In Kabul



A bomb attack on a British embassy vehicle in Kabul, Afghanistan, on November 27, 2014. (EPA/Hedayatullah Amid)

11.27.14 By Ben Sheppard, AFP & Asharq Al-Awsat [Excerpts]

Kabul (Afghanistan) A bomber rammed his explosives-packed car into a British embassy vehicle in Kabul on Thursday, killing one Briton and five Afghans in the latest attack to highlight fragile security.

A British security contractor and an Afghan employee of the embassy died in the blast, which hit their vehicle on a stretch of road notorious for attacks

A second British contractor with security firm G4S was injured in the bombing, which threw the embassy's 4x4 vehicle onto its side.

The roof was blown off and car parts scattered across the Jalalabad road, a main route where many fortified foreign compounds and military facilities are located.

It has often been the scene of insurgent strikes, and attacks across the city have increased in recent weeks.

Taliban insurgents, who were ousted from power by a US-led coalition in 2001, claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it "targeted foreign invading forces."

The Taliban said they were behind Thursday's blast in a message on a recognised Twitter account.

At the site, an AFP reporter saw one badly-shaken foreign passenger talking to Afghan police, asking after his colleagues.

A nearby policeman said that passengers covered in blood had been taken to hospital

Zarif Khan, a shopkeeper, told AFP: "I was selling groceries when I heard this big bang, and then I saw injured people and pieces of metal all around me,"

On Stormy Night, Sgt. Maj. Turner's Remains Arrive In Dover

November 26, 2014 by Phil Davis, Delmarvanow.com/

Army Sgt. Maj. Wardell Turner has returned to American soil.

His remains arrived in a storm-driven wind Wednesday night at Dover Air Force Base, along with those of a second soldier killed in a bomb attack in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Monday. The Department of Defense identified the second victim as Spc. Joseph Riley, 27, of Grove City, Ohio. Turner was 48.

DelmarvaNow.com reporter Phil Davis was in Dover to observe the arrival. This is the real-time report he filed:

"The remains of Sgt. Maj. Wardell Turner sit inside a "transfer case" positioned on a platform protruding from the nose of a C5 military cargo plane. Turner, along with fellow Army veteran Spc. Joseph Riley, are being methodically moved by Army personnel in cases draped in American flags to a white truck parked nearby.

Military personnel caution not to call them caskets because they will not be what they will be buried in.

The proceedings are referred to as a "solemn movement" and not a ceremony, and it shows with the deliberate and orchestrated timing by Army personnel dressed in full military garb.

The wind at the Air Force base drowns out much of the orders being issued by those in black berets and camo pants. Lights from the base reflect off of the puddles of water still stagnant on the ground from the day's earlier rainfall.

Family members, friends and other dressed in army garb arrive on a dark colored bus. They are separated from the rest of those on hand and they are inaudible, with no cries or whimpers piercing the harsh November wind.

Military personnel stand with their hands behind their back inside the plane, as they stand silently by while both Turner's and Riley's remains are moved by seven other Army members.

Those moving the cases wear black berets and full camo gear, as if they were preparing to be redeployed.

Of the seven, three stand in straight lines parallel to each other, with the seventh bringing up the rear.

As they reach the cases, the one in the rear moves forward through the two lines to bring the case back out to be held by his fellow Army members.

Holding the cases, one after the other, they walk back toward a white truck, similar to a delivery truck and called a "transfer vehicle" by military personnel. Again, the reasoning is to remove any traces of "ceremony."

Once both cases are loaded onto the truck, with nary a word or a cough from any of the officers or personnel on hand, a woman slowly closes the doors to the truck, pausing for several seconds. She holds the first door shut for several seconds, and then again once both are closed before the truck drives off of the base.

There are no trumpets. There are no sirens. No flags are lowered and no sermons are held."

Earlier Wednesday, condolences began to roll in to Sgt. Major Turner's family from Maryland public officials.

Sgt. Maj. Turner, a 48-year-old Nanticoke native, and Spc. Riley were killed hidden along the street in Kabul on Monday.

Turner was assigned to headquarters at the United States Army Garrison at Fort Drum in northern New York state near the Canadian border. He was in Afghanistan, where his son serves in the Army, for training and other purposes.

DelmarvaNow.com broke the news of his death Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday, the Department of Defense confirmed the death and named Spc. Riley as the second soldier killed.

Riley was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, out of Fort Bragg in North Carolina, the Pentagon said.

Both soldiers were fatally wounded "when the enemy attacked their vehicle with a vehicle borne improvised explosive device," the Defense Department news release stated.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) reached out to Turner's wife to express her condolences, according to her spokeswoman Linda Marson.

Sen. Richard Colburn, R-Talbot-37, said that while he did not plan on reaching out to the family personally, he understood their sacrifice and sympathized as a former sergeant with the U.S. Army Security Agency from 1969 to 1972.

"As long as these wars have gone on, the ones in Iraq and Afghanistan, it's still tragic and mind-boggling whenever we lose anybody," Colburn said. "My heart goes out to, in particular, (Turner's mother) Wanda Turner."

He said he had a good relationship with the family, adding many were volunteers at the West Side Volunteer Fire Department.

"This time of the year when families try to get together, it's really tragic to lose a family member," Colburn added.

Wicomico County Executive Rick Pollitt said he would be sending the family a letter expressing his condolences, but declined to comment on the specifics of the message. Wicomico County Executive-elect Bob Culver said that while he didn't know the family personally, he wanted to express his condolences to the family as well.

"It's a shame for any serviceman to lose his life," Culver said.

Turner was deployed in Afghanistan as a senior enlisted adviser for a training seminar for the Combined Security Transition Command in Kabul, according to the International Security Assistance Force.

He grew up in Wicomico County and graduated from James M. Bennett High School in 1984, where he played on the school's championship team in 1983.

YOUR INVITATION:

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Two Powerful Explosions Rock Kabul

November 25 By Sudarsan Raghavan and Daniela Deane, Washington Post [Excerpts]

Sudarsan Raghavan has been The Post's Kabul bureau chief since 2014. He was previously based in Nairobi and Baghdad for the Post. Daniela Deane was a reporter in four countries in Europe and Asia and a foreign affairs writer in Washington before she joined the Post. She now writes about breaking foreign news from both London and Rome.

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two powerful explosions hit Kabul early Tuesday, one wounding six Afghan army soldiers, the latest in a series of insurgent attacks on high-profile targets.

A roadside bomb targeted an Afghan National Army minibus, causing the soldiers' wounds, police said. The second blast in the center of Kabul did not cause casualties, they said.

Tuesday's attack came one day after two foreign soldiers were killed when a bomb detonated as their convoy passed by in the eastern part of the Afghan capital.

Kabul has seen more insurgent attacks in recent months, many now targeting foreigners, those working with foreigners, Afghan army, police and security installations.

Monday's attack unfolded shortly before 9 a.m., as the convoy was near compounds housing foreign contractors, according to Hashmat Stanekzai, a spokesman for Kabul's police chief.

A bomb attached to a bicycle was triggered by remote control as the convoy passed by, Stanekzai said. One Afghan civilian was wounded in the blast, he said.

Monday's bombing was the latest in a spate of attacks in recent weeks targeting those working with Afghanistan's new government, including Kabul's police chief, an outspoken female lawmaker and compounds inhabited by foreign contractors.

Only last week, close to where the convoy was attacked, bombers targeted a compound filled with foreign contractors, killing two Afghan guards.

This year, 63 foreign troops and personnel have been killed, including 46 Americans.

More Resistance Action

Nov 26 2014 By Khaama Press

At least two policemen were killed and three others were injured following an attack in western Badghis province on Wednesday.

Local government officials said the attack was carried out in Qadas district around 1:30 pm local time.

District administrative chief Saleh Baig said the bomber targeted the vehicles of the Afghan Local Police (ALP) forces in Gulchin area.

The Taliban militants have captured at least 16 employees of Sher Khan Port Authority in northern Kunduz province of Afghanistan.

Provincial police spokesman Syed Sarwar Hussaini confirmed that the employees were captured late on Wednesday evening. Hussaini further added police forces have launched an operation to release the captured employees.

Sher Khan Port is located next to Panj River near the border with Tajikistan. The port is considered as the main transit route linking Afghanistan with the Central Asian countries.

<p>IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE END THE OCCUPATION</p>

MILITARY NEWS

Islamic State Group Militants Attacks “Hammer Baghdad” “The Work Of Dozens Of Cells Operating In The Iraqi Capital” Pro-Government Media “Avoiding Reporting On Attacks”

November 26, 2014 By Hamza Hendawi, The Associated Press [Excerpts]

For months, Islamic State group militants have hammered Baghdad with bombings and attacks, the work of dozens of cells operating in the Iraqi capital, officials say. Security agencies have floundered trying to stop them, relying on techniques that haven't changed — or succeeded — in a decade.

More than 3,000 people have been killed and twice that number wounded in attacks in Baghdad in the first 10 months of 2014 alone, according to U.N. figures.

The bombings that rip through neighborhoods keep the city in fear, which pro-government media have tried to tamp down by avoiding reporting on attacks. State TV airs little besides propaganda designed to lift Iraqis' morale and build trust in the military and police.

While demoralizing Baghdadi residents, the attacks build morale among the extremists at a time when the group has lost some of the aura of invincibility it gained over the summer.

Most IS cells are believed to be largely operating in the fringes of Baghdad, the official said. To minimize chances of detection, they assemble car bombs in or near the neighborhood they intend to strike, he said.

Another intelligence official gave a rough estimate of "dozens" of Islamic State group cells in the capital, though he said it was impossible to know for certain.

He said the group continues to infiltrate Baghdad by sending operatives among displaced Iraqis fleeing areas under their control. Authorities now demand landlords report the names and ID numbers of new tenants to police.

Insurgents Attempting To Capture “The Remaining Pockets” Of Government Forces In Ramadi As Baghdad Regime Conceding City To ISIS: “We Need A Fixed Armored Brigade In Ramadi To Repel Any Assault On The City” “Calls To Baghdad Have Been In Vain”

November 24, 2014 By Susannah George, McClatchy Foreign Staff [Excerpts]

IRBIL, Iraq — A recent Islamic State offensive in Iraq's Anbar province suggests that the extremist organization is changing tactics, relying less on local Sunni Muslim tribes for support and carrying out what one coalition strategist called a “counterinsurgency campaign” intended to undercut any U.S.-led effort to enlist tribes against it.

The outlines of this new strategy became apparent last week when the Islamic State launched an assault on Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province, without the assistance of local fighters.

The initial effort to seize more of Ramadi was highly coordinated and complex, local officials said.

Under the cover of poor weather that Iraqi government officials claim made it impossible to provide air support, the Islamic State effectively launched simultaneous assaults on a number of fronts, attacking the city from all sides.

Islamic State fighters, local officials say, were armed with heavy artillery and car bombs as well as boats and rafts, which made it possible to cross the Euphrates to the city's north and use the river's banks for cover.

Government-aligned forces were able to resist the initial assault on territory they still controlled, but fierce clashes with Islamic State fighters continue as the group attempts to capture the remaining pockets of the provincial capital.

Anbar council member Ayada said local security and tribal forces had managed to hold the city center, which he described as “calm,” while clashes continued to the south and west of the city, where Islamic State fighters had sent fresh reinforcements.

Anbar province Chairman Faleh al-Issawi said he'd called on Iraq's central government to lend more help to the fight against Islamic State, but that so far his calls to Baghdad had been in vain.

“The central government is not serious about resolving the crisis in Anbar,” he said from Ramadi in a phone interview. “It’s simple: We need a fixed armored brigade in Ramadi to repel any assault on the city.”

Security sources in Baghdad say there are no indications that reinforcements have been sent to Ramadi.

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

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

Ferguson Decision Reaffirms Right Of Police To Use Deadly Force When They Feel Sufficiently Inclined: “The Decision Further Asserts An Officer’s Right To Claim Self-Defense Against Anyone Within Range Of His Weapon”

Nov 25, 2014 The Onion

WASHINGTON—

Following a legal precedent established over the course of decades, the St. Louis County grand jury decision Monday to not indict officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of an unarmed teen reportedly reaffirmed the right of police to use deadly force whenever they feel sufficiently inclined.

“The outcome of this grand jury investigation further supports a police officer’s right to shoot to kill if, and only if, he feels absolutely willing to do so and it suits his purposes,” said Georgetown law professor Adrienne Hoffman, adding that reasonable suspicion to use lethal force is 100 percent optional when an officer fires on a suspect, regardless of circumstances.

“This decision makes it completely clear that, when confronted in the line of duty, police are legally justified in using extreme force against a suspect whenever they need to or just feel like it.”

Hoffman added that the decision further asserts an officer’s right to claim self-defense against anyone within range of his weapon.

ANNIVERSARIES

November 27, 1969: Fast Against The War “Spread To Units All Over Vietnam”



Nurse Lynda Van Devanter

Carl Bunin Peace History Dec 26 - Dec 3

Over one hundred members of the U.S. 71st Evacuation Hospital and the 44th Medical Detachment at Pleiku, Vietnam, organized a protest fast called the “John Turkey movement.”

In *Home Before Morning: The Story of an Army Nurse in Vietnam*, nurse Lynda Van Devanter recalled her change in attitude.

“Earlier in my tour, when I had heard about the war protesters, I had felt angry at them for not supporting us. Now I wished I could march with them. . .

“Most others in Pleiku felt the same way.

“We even held our own Thanksgiving Day fast—the John Turkey movement — as a show of support for those who were trying to end the war through protests and moratoriums. We heard that the fast had spread to units all over Vietnam.”

The fast received considerable media coverage when Denise Murray, a nurse at Pleiku and daughter of a distinguished admiral, made antiwar statements to the press.

CLASS WAR REPORTS



OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**Palestinian Family Attacked By Zionist Settlers While Harvesting Olives, As Usual:
“The Attack Took Place On The Family’s Land”
“Soldiers Detain Him For Allegedly Attacking The Settlers And ‘Causing Trouble’”**



Mahmoud Rga Mahoud Aid

10th October 2014 International Solidarity Movement, Nablus Team

Burin, Occupied Palestine

Tuesday afternoon, the 7th of October, olive farmer Mahmoud Rga Mahoud Aid, his wife, and their three children were attacked by a group of settlers from the illegal settlement of Giv'at Ya'akov. The attack took place on the family's land near the village of Burin, south west of Nablus.

The family had only three days permission from the District Coordination Office (DCO) to access their land and pick their olives, starting from the 6th of October. To harvest all the olives on the land would normally take about a month.

On the first day of picking, Zionist settlers came down from the illegal settlement and tried to prevent Mahmoud from entering his land. The Israeli military interfered and told

the settlers to leave, and Mahmoud was able to finish his working day without further interference from the settlers.

On the second day of picking the family was able to access the land but in the midst of picking the nearby soldiers started yelling at them, "They are coming, they are coming for you!" Mahmoud looked up and saw five male settlers wearing masks coming down from the hill towards him and his family.

The settlers started throwing rocks at them and Mahmoud tried to protect his family by covering them with the tarpaulin used to collect the olives in.

This helped for a while, but the settlers came closer and physically attacked Mahmoud. They continuously hit him in the chest, stomach and the head, and his foot was badly bruised by a stone thrown by the settlers.

The Israeli soldiers watched the settlers attack the family, but didn't react until a considerable amount of time had passed.

Eventually they came down from the hill and told the settlers to leave the area.

Mahmoud walked down the hill, wounded, and was stopped by another group of soldiers who detained him for allegedly attacking the settlers and "causing trouble".

The commander called one of the soldiers that witnessed the attack and even though this soldier told the truth, stating that Mahmoud was attacked, the commander asked for Mahmoud's passport number and personal information to make a file on him.

Furthermore Mahmoud lost his permission for the third and last day of olive picking.

Over a period of ten years, illegal settlers have destroyed approximately 240 olive trees owned by the family.

They have about 60 trees left and the settlers keep taking over more and more of their land.

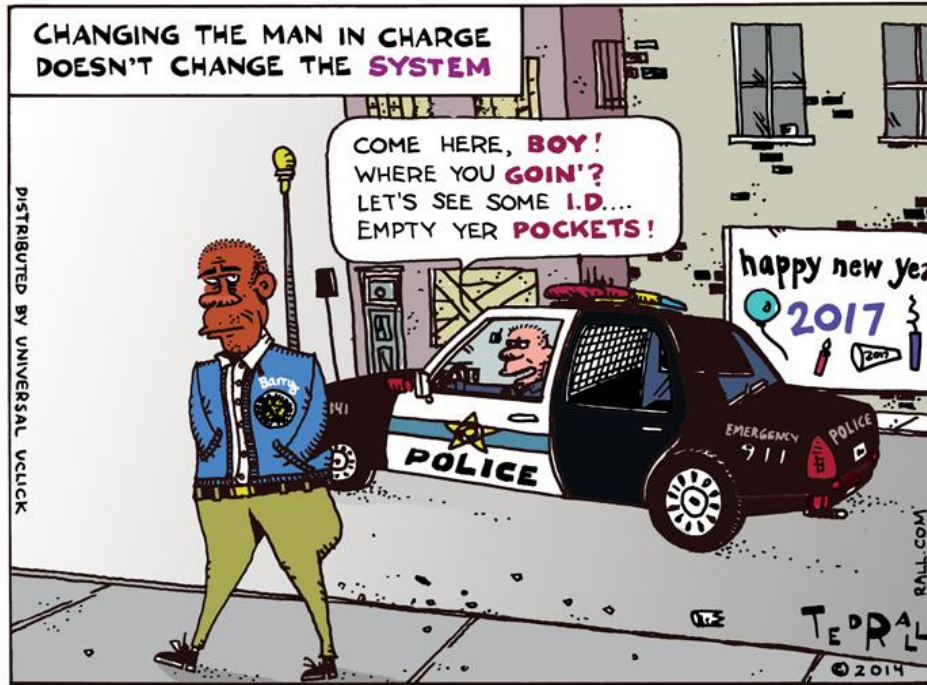
As mentioned before, they are permitted a very short time to harvest olives from their trees so a lot of the olives go to waste which ultimately effects the families income.

Mahmoud is afraid that the settlers are planning to destroy all the trees so the family will not have any reason to enter the land the settlers are slowly taking over. Mahmoud anticipates the settler harassment to escalate in the olive harvest high season, which is in two weeks.

To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation commanded by foreign terrorists, check out: <http://www.palestinechronicle.com/>

The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves "Israeli."

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