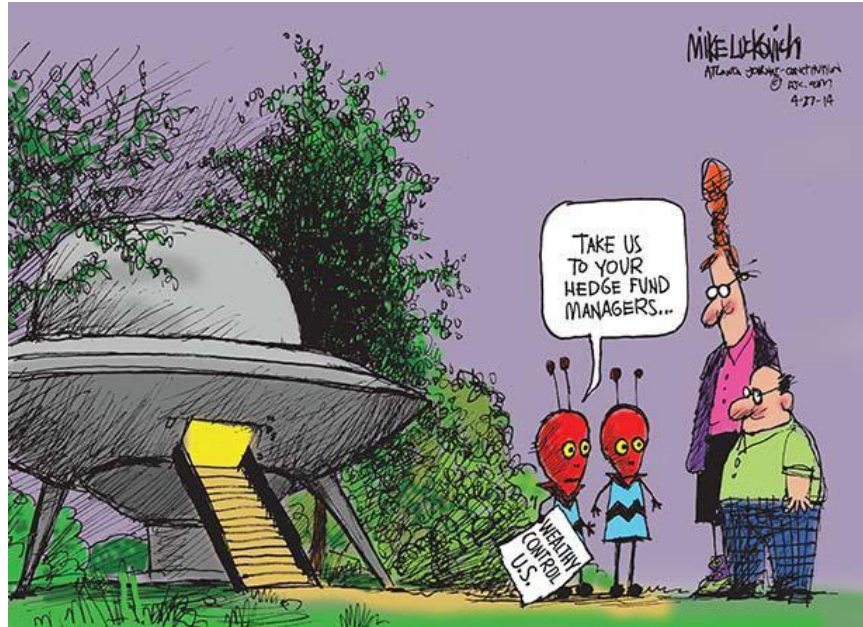


## **Military Resistance 13A2**



## **The Present As History: 2015**

Excerpts from *Introduction To Ferdinand Lassalle's Speech To The Jury* by Leon Trotsky (July 1905)

**Imposing its own type of economy and its own relations on all countries, capitalism has transformed the entire world into a single economic and political organism.**

**And just as modern credit binds thousands of enterprises together by an invisible thread and imparts astounding mobility to capital, eliminating numerous small and partial crises while at the same time making general economic crises incomparably more serious, so the entire economic and political functioning of capitalism, with its world trade, its system of monstrous state debts and international political alliances, which are drawing all the reactionary forces into a single worldwide joint-stock company, has not only resisted all partial political crises but has also prepared the conditions for a social crisis of unprecedented dimensions.**

**Internalizing all the pathological processes, circumventing all the difficulties, brushing aside all the profound questions of domestic and international politics, and hiding all the contradictions, the bourgeoisie has postponed the denouement while simultaneously preparing a radical, worldwide liquidation of its supremacy.**

**This small planet on which we live will only complete this task once.**

**How fortunate is the generation that will shoulder this responsibility.**

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

# **Afghan Regime Troops Massacre Wedding Party; “Artillery Was Fired From Three Directions At A Village In Sangin District”**

January 1, 2015 Reuters & Jan 02 2015 By Khaama Press

Lashkar Gah, Afghanistan: Afghan army mortar rounds killed civilians and wounded scores attending a wedding party in Afghanistan's volatile southern Helmand, provincial officials said on Thursday.

Deputy provincial governor Mohammad Jan Rasoolyar said at least 17 people mostly women and children were killed following the rocket attack.

Rasoolyar further added that 53 others were also wounded following the incident which took place in Sangin district.

This comes as provincial police spokesman Farid Ahmad Obaid earlier said 26 civilians were killed and nearly 45 others were injured following the incident. But, a member of the provincial council says at least 30 people were killed and around 60 others were injured.

General Mahmoud, the deputy commander of the Afghan 215 corps in the province, said artillery was fired from three directions at a village in Sangin district where the wedding was held on Wednesday.

“What we know so far is that our soldiers fired mortar rounds from three outposts, but we do not know whether it was intentional,” Mahmoud said.

“We have launched our investigation and will punish those who did this.” Gul Pasha Bakhtiar, deputy provincial police chief, said. A total of 26 civilians, including women and

Maluk Khan, the brother of the bride, said there were hundreds of guests, including many women and children, when the mortar shells started landing.

“In minutes, our happy moments turned into a bloodbath,” Khan told Reuters from a hospital in Lashkar Gah where he and other relatives brought the wounded.

Two soldiers of the Afghan National Army (ANA) forces are to be court-martialled over the attack on a wedding in southern Helmand province.

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## **NO MISSION; POINTLESS WAR: ALL HOME NOW**



A U.S. soldier from Dragon Troop of the 3rd Cavalry Regiment fires a Javelin missile system during their first training exercise of the new year near operating base Gamberi in the Laghman province of Afghanistan January 1, 2015. (REUTERS/Lucas Jackson)

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

# **New U.S. Commander In Iraq Babbles Incoherent, Delusional Bullshit:**

# **“The Uniform Of The American Soldier And Marine Means Two Things Across The Globe”**

## **“It Strikes Fear In The Hearts Of Our Enemies, And It Strikes Hope In Our Friends”**

December 30, 2014 By Michelle Tan, Staff Writer; Army Times [Excerpts]

U.S. and coalition forces have started to train Iraqi soldiers at four sites across the country even as more American troops prepare to deploy to join the growing fight against the Islamic State extremist group, a top general said Tuesday.

“There's still a big fight going on here, so we're trying to get the Iraqi army ready to get back on the offensive,” said Maj. Gen. Paul Funk, commander of Coalition Joint Forces Land Component Command-Iraq and the 1st Infantry Division.

**“The uniform of the American soldier and Marine means two things across the globe,” Funk said.**

**“It strikes fear in the hearts of our enemies, and it strikes hope in our friends.**

That kind of helps bolster the Iraqi army, which is what we want it to do.”

“This is the first week,” he said. “We're doing assessments for the first three weeks, then we'll adapt the program.”

**“The Iraqis can do this mission,” he said. “What we have now is probably the new patriots of Iraq. These guys are coming into the army, they know they're in the fight.”**

“You're talking to an old Iraq vet,” said the two-time veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

“It's surreal to fly into Baghdad and see all the lights. There's normal life going on, there's electricity all the way up to Erbil, traffic's flowing normally. It was something to see.

**“While they still have problems, it was something to see that they're trying to get on with life, at least in Baghdad.”**

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# **U.S. Troops In Iraq War Increased To 3,000: Report Says No Mission Effort To Solve “The Deeper Problems Of The Iraqi Security Forces, Such As Endemic Corruption And Poor Leadership” More Bizzare Comments From Incompetent U.S. Commanding Officers**

**“They are already looking at us to provide food, water, everything to sustain them,” said a Marine major stationed at Al Asad Air Base, who asked that his name not be used because he is worried that identifying him could put his family back at home at risk of a so-called lone wolf attack by a sympathizer of the Islamic State.**

DEC. 31, 2014 By TIM ARANGODEC, New York Times [Excerpts]

BAGHDAD — The United States has begun training a first wave of Iraqi Army recruits, in recent days putting them through morning fitness exercises and instructing them in marksmanship and infantry tactics, in an effort to gather enough forces to mount a spring offensive against the extremists of the Islamic State.

**The American presence in Iraq is expected to grow in the coming weeks, to more than 3,000 personnel from about 1,800.**

The American military already has a presence in Baghdad and Erbil, the Kurdish capital in the north, and has plans for two more training sites: one for Special Forces in Baghdad and another in Besmaya, south of the capital.

**The training program, for now, is focused on building manpower to throw at the fight against the Islamic State, and not on solving the deeper problems of the Iraqi security forces, such as endemic corruption and poor leadership.**

The training effort, which is being aided by Australia, Britain and Norway, among other countries, is in some respects a race against time, as the Islamic State group is becoming more entrenched in urban areas. So a special focus is on urban warfare, with role-playing exercises for how to differentiate between civilians and militants.

**“As they go into those areas, it’s building to building, house to house,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Tony Grinston, who oversees the curriculum and works under General Funk.**

**“And that’s not that bad if you just take down the house, but we’re not going to take down the houses.”**

**He continued, “We’ve got to separate, room to room maybe, one insurgent and then a family.”**

**“They need to take advantage of this opportunity, they being the Iraqis,” General Funk said.**

**“They know this is close to the end for them in terms of opportunities. It’s time to stand on their own feet, move forward, make things happen.”**

For weeks, American soldiers have had to tend to basic tasks, like refurbishing buildings and filling sandbags.

**At Camp Taji they even had to ask the Iraqis to cut the grass at the shooting range.**

**“They are already looking at us to provide food, water, everything to sustain them,” said a Marine major stationed at Al Asad Air Base, who asked that his name not be used because he is worried that identifying him could put his family back at home at risk of a so-called lone wolf attack by a sympathizer of the Islamic State.**

**“That worries me.”**

The major also said it was unclear what would happen if the air base, which is surrounded by the Islamic State, should come under attack. Should the Marines help defend the Iraqis, or flee?

**The small Marine compound in the vast base is under constant attack by rockets and mortars, although there have been no casualties.**

**Then there is the fear of attacks from the Iraqis themselves, the ones they are supposed to train.**

**“I always have those concerns,” said the major. “We are trained to watch each other’s backs.”**

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## **Anti-ISIS Forces At Each Others’ Throats About How To Recapture Mosul:**

# “A Highly Fragmented Iraqi State”

December 29, 2014 by Denise Natali, Al-Monitor [Excerpts]

Plans to liberate Mosul, a key stronghold of the Islamic State (IS), are gaining momentum in Iraq.

Still, this effort is complicated by intra-Sunni Arab disputes over leadership and relations with Baghdad and the Kurds, as well as Kurdish disinterest in liberating and protecting Sunni Arab territories.

These disputes highlight the challenges of not only degrading IS, but stabilizing Mosul in a highly fragmented Iraqi state.

Those who have thus far joined the Sunni Arab force are mainly displaced Mosulawis residing in the Kurdistan Region and organized by Atheel al-Nujaifi, Mosul governor “in exile.”

Nujaifi not only wants to re-secure his political position and Mosul city, but establish and lead a larger Sunni Arab region like the Kurdistan Region. Nujaifi has advanced his political agenda with backing from Turkey, Saudi Arabia, the Iraqi Ministry of Defense and Iraqi Kurdistan President Massoud Barzani.

The problem is that Nujaifi has lost significant local support from Mosulawis and is not representative of the powerful Sunni Arab streets.

Arab members of the Nahda (Renaissance) bloc, which controls about 20 of the 39 seats on the Mosul provincial council, have called for Nujaifi’s dismissal. The Nahda bloc also boycotted the meeting held last month in Baghdad with Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi because of Nujaifi’s presence.

Many hold Nujaifi responsible for “losing Mosul” and supposedly maintaining relations with IS — an issue lately debated on the influential national al-Baghdadia television program.

The Iraqi general public is also demanding that Nujaifi’s brother, current Iraqi Vice President Osama al-Nujaifi and former Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki be taken to court because they “gave half of Iraq to IS.”

Ironically, the only real support for Nujaifi on the Mosul council is from the Kurds, largely from Barzani’s Kurdistan Democratic Party.

Barzani may realize that Nujaifi is politically weak and a better Sunni Arab official to negotiate Kurdish interests and the disputed territories. Similarly, the Kurds have 16 seats on the Mosul council and the Kurdish vote can potentially help Nujaifi retain the governorship.

Ascertaining Nujaifi’s position could also benefit Barzani and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan by facilitating joint commercial and energy development projects between Mosul, the Kurdistan Region and Ankara.

These overlapping interests and political divisions were evident at the Sunni Arab conference in Erbil to devise a common strategy against IS. While Sunni Arab representatives such as the Nujaifi brothers and former Iraqi officials Rafa al-Issawi, Tariq al-Hashemi and Adnan al-Dulaimi — those issued an arrest warrant by Maliki — participated, other influential Sunni Arab leaders refused to attend.

Absent were head of the Shammar tribe in Mosul Abdullah Yawar, the Iraqi Council of Tribes, the Arab political council in Kirkuk, Iraqi Parliamentary Speaker Salim al-Jibouri and Salahideen Governor Raid Jibouri, to name a few. Iraqi officials that did not attend also criticized the conference as a Muslim Brotherhood event sponsored by Turkey and/or a meeting ground for terrorists.

Mustering an effective force to liberate and stabilize Mosul is also challenged by competing Sunni Arab political projects.

While Nujaifi aims to create a distinct Sunni Arab region, other Sunni Arab leaders have different ideas for governance in Iraq.

Some seek to establish individual regions linked to each province, others support renewed federal government authority and modification of the constitution and still others demand a strengthened Iraqi government that can provide weapons and revenues to outlying areas.

These competing agendas challenge not only Nujaifi's leadership but Sunni Arab engagement that is crucial to the anti-IS campaign.

Arab-Kurd tensions are feeding on these divisions.

While alliances of convenience have been established between some Sunni Arab tribes, officials and KRG leaders, most Sunni Arabs oppose the Kurdish nationalist agenda despite the KRG's open humanitarian and asylum policy.

The anti-IS campaign has also reinforced political distrust between Arabs and Kurds, particularly as Kurds are perceived to benefit most from coalition military support to re-secure disputed territories and resources. Many Kurds are reticent or unwilling to lead the Mosul liberation knowing that their peshmerga are unwelcome by Mosulawis.

Sensitivities between Arab and Kurdish nationalism were exposed on Kurdish Flag Day, when hostilities broke out at Kirkuk University after Kurdish students displayed the Kurdistan Regional flag, which elicited Arab students' anger.

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## **Air Force Captain Attacked With “Criminal Investigation” By Filth**



# **In Command For Dissenting From Military Rape Policy: “It’s Time That The Public Knew About The Military’s True Dirty Little Secrets!”**

**“Jarzabek Is A Military Lawyer  
Assigned As Part Of A New Program  
To Represent Victims Of Sexual  
Assault”**

**“Jarzabek Had Grown Disillusioned And  
Said She Felt The Air Force Was  
Papering Over Deeper Problems”**



U.S. Air Force Capt. Maribel Jarzabek briefed victim advocates in August at Incirlik Air Base in Turkey on the legal rights of sexual assault victims. (Courtesy of U.S. Air Force)

**With just a few weeks left in her Air Force career, Capt. Maribel Jarzabek decided to vent a little. She posted a few messages on a U.S. senator's Facebook page, supporting the lawmaker's push to overhaul the military justice system for sexual-assault cases.**

**Not long afterward, Jarzabek received an e-mail from a higher-ranking officer, informing her that she was under criminal investigation.**

The allegations?

That she had wrongfully advocated "a partisan political cause" and expressed opinions online that could undermine public confidence in the Air Force.

Jarzabek is a military lawyer assigned as part of a new program to represent victims of sexual assault.

Although the Defense Department has promoted the program as a success story and part of a broader campaign to crack down on sex crimes within the armed forces, Jarzabek had grown disillusioned and said she felt the Air Force was papering over deeper problems.

**"Changes are needed, and it's time that the public knew about the military's true dirty little secrets!" she wrote Dec. 2 in a long comment posted on the Facebook page of Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.).**

Under military regulations, uniformed personnel are prohibited from publicly participating in overt political causes.

**Appearing at a rally in uniform or endorsing a candidate is forbidden.**

In her Facebook posts, Jarzabek identified herself as an active-duty Air Force lawyer, which apparently is what drew the attention of her superiors and prompted the investigation.

On Dec. 23, after a brief investigation, Jarzabek said she was notified by a commander that she had been found guilty of the allegations. The punishment was decidedly mild: She was given "verbal counseling," or a warning not to do it again.

**Although the outcome won't appear as a black mark on her official military record, Jarzabek called the investigation a thinly veiled attempt to retaliate against her for advocating too strongly for sexual-assault victims.**

**"I Do Believe They Are Trying To Silence Me And Also Send A Message To Other Special-Victim Counsels Who Agree With Me But Are Afraid To Speak Up"**

In an interview, she also questioned the timing, noting that her departure from the service was imminent. After a five-year career, Wednesday is her last day in the Air Force.

"I told the truth," said Jarzabek, 34, who is stationed at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

**"I do believe they are trying to silence me and also send a message to other special-victim counsels who agree with me but are afraid to speak up."**

Lt. Col. Christopher Karns, an Air Force spokesman at the Pentagon, said he could not discuss details of Jarzabek's case because of privacy restrictions. **[Another stupid lie. If Jarzabek consents to the release of her case details, there are no privacy restrictions remaining in force. T]**

He said any Air Force members who — like Jarzabek — believe that they have been retaliated against have the right to file a complaint with the Defense Department's inspector general.

**Jarzabek said she decided not to go that route because such cases typically "go nowhere."**

"I admire her bravery in speaking her mind, because I have heard from many other active-duty service members who have encouraged me privately to keep moving forward but are afraid to say it publicly out of fear of retribution or retaliation," Gillibrand said in a written statement.

**"I think the message being sent here is very clear — unless you are going to toe the company line, shut up, or we will punish you."**

**Jarzabek and her supporters said she had raised her superiors' hackles previously by zealously advocating for sexual-assault victims.**

**She was a key player in a case that led to the retirement of a three-star general a year ago after he was criticized for his oversight of an investigation of a rape suspect.**

Don Christensen, a former chief prosecutor in the Air Force, now serves as president of the advocacy group Protect Our Defenders, which backs Gillibrand's bill.

He said the criminal investigation into Jarzabek would resonate within Air Force legal circles.

**"It's clear that if you support the current system and you do so publicly, then that's something that's considered praiseworthy and can get you promoted," he said.**

**"But if you oppose it and say so, you'll get criminally prosecuted."**

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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**

**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**

## **Nkosi Sikelel’ iAfrika**

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The anthem of the South African liberation movement has been trashed over the past few years, transformed from a militant marching song into a slow dirge that barely moves, or, in other versions, into limping gushy sentimental garbage complete with violins and a church-style choir; carefully entombed with all traces of its revolutionary origins neutralized.

The lame, limp versions trotted out around the death of Nelson Mandela have nothing in common with what follows.

This link is to the anthem as it was recorded in the 1930's, when it was still a beautiful and revolutionary call to action, marching proudly into the future.

Turn up your volume to the max.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ll1hNMhdmpk>

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## Washington DC 2015

The Biblical prophet Isaiah had this to say to the traitors who ran the government of his day:

“Ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor,

“Ye have eaten up the vineyard, the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

“Thy princes loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards, they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

“How is the faithful city become a harlot,

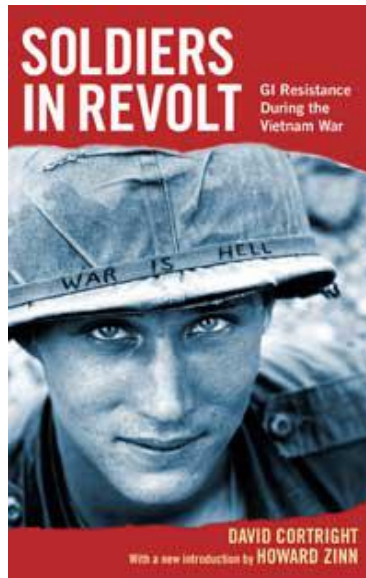
“It was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it,

“But now murderers.”

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**Marines Ranks Elect Councils “To  
Defend Themselves Against  
Command Reprisals And  
Continued Racial Abuse”**



From: **SOLDIERS IN REVOLT: DAVID CORTRIGHT**, Anchor Press/Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1975. Now available in paperback from Haymarket Books.

Perhaps the most tragic uprising of recent years took place on July 20, 1969, at Camp Lejeune.

Occurring a few days prior to a scheduled embarkation of the 2nd Marine Division to the Mediterranean, the fighting left fourteen injured and resulted in the death of one white Marine, Corporal Ed Bankston of Picayune, Mississippi.

Arising out of a dispute over discrimination at a base enlisted men's club, the brawl soon turned into a black-versus-white melee near the 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, barracks area. Black and Puerto Rican GIs involved, most of them Vietnam veterans, later laid the blame for the incident not on anyone particular act but on the accumulated frustrations of months of command harassment.

Their interpretation was corroborated by the division's "Ad Hoc Committee on Equal Treatment and Opportunity," which had issued its findings months before the July 20 outburst. Obtained by the New York Times several weeks after the riot, the report contained the warning, apparently unheeded, that "an explosive situation of major proportions" existed on post.

Although the committee was composed of seven officers and had been appointed by the base commanding officer, it found that "many white officers and NCOs retain prejudices and deliberately practice them"; the report verified that many off-base facilities were segregated and that black recruits were subjected to excessive harassment from MPs.

The differing responses to the Camp Lejeune riot, by the Marine Corps on the one hand and the black enlisted men on the other, is instructive of the gap separating the two groups in a supposedly homogeneous military organization, and helps explain why black GIs and white commanders remained at odds -- despite official claims of improved relations.

In a frantic law-and-order crackdown, the Camp Lejeune command installed huge bright lights and armed sentries along troop paths between barracks; three reaction forces were also created -- equipped with tear gas, walkie-talkies, and loaded guns.

Twenty-six Marines involved in the July 20 incident were flown back to the States from the Atlantic cruise for criminal action -- twenty-four black and two Spanish-speaking men, but no whites.

**The blacks, meanwhile, apparently assuming that little if any satisfaction would come from official quarters, set up their own organization, the "Council of Concerned Marines," to defend themselves against command reprisals and continued racial abuse.**

**Among the Council's activities were a petition campaign to free those arrested for the riot and an effort to form a network of elected representatives from the black minority within each company.**

**At the same time, Marines aboard the U.S.S. LaSalle on cruise off the coast of Spain also organized to defend themselves.**

**An organization was formed to work as an independent shore patrol for blacks (as protection from abuse by white MPs) and to press for more black representation in shipboard affairs.**

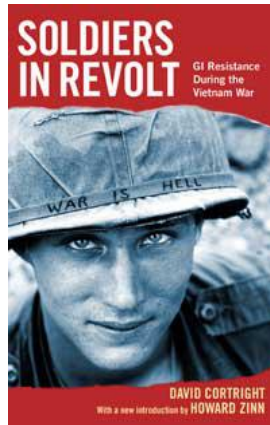
In the 2nd Marine Division, as in so many military units, a virtual state of war raged between minority servicemen and their white superiors. ‘

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## CLASS WAR REPORTS

# **“Are You Fucking Kidding Me, Bro? Are You A Fucking Asshole?” NYPD Cop Knocks Man Down After Spotting Him Doing Ellen Degeneres’ 'Dance Dare’**

December 30, 2014 By Arturo Garcia, AlterNet

An online “prankster” was berated and thrown to the ground by New York City police while participating in one of talk show host Ellen Degeneres’ “dance dares,” the Free Thought Project reported.

The victim, who identifies himself as Alexander BOK, posted footage on his YouTube channel of the encounter, which shows several officers crowding around BOK, with one asking him, “Are you fucking kidding me, bro? Are you a fucking asshole?”

BOK explains in another video that he approached the officer from behind as part of a “dance dare” Degeneres made to her viewers earlier this month.

“I challenge the viewers to sneak up behind perfect strangers, to dance behind them without them knowing it,” Degeneres said on her show. Previous “dance dares” have featured pregnant viewers, as well as viewers dancing at the Golden Gate Bridge and in front of JCPenney stores, among other settings.

BOK subsequently shot footage of himself dancing behind strangers inside Grand Central Station. In one scene, he dances behind a pair of officers without being caught, seemingly without incident.

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## **Unarmed Dead Man “Continued Walking And Made Suspicious Movements” LAPD Shot Ezell Ford In The Back:**

# “Ford’s Cousin Watched The Shooting And Asserted That Ford Had Been Complying With Officers When They Shot Him”

## “Neighbors Began Yelling At The Officers, ‘He’s Got Mental Problems’”



Ezell Ford is one of at least 16 unarmed black people killed by the police in 2014. While officers claim Ford attempted to grab one of their guns, does the autopsy report back their story?

[Thanks to Alan Stolzer, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

January 1, 2015 Andrew Emmett, NationofChange & 30 December 14 By Jessica Glenza, Guardian UK

Under pressure from the mayor of Los Angeles, the LAPD finally released Ezell Ford’s autopsy report to the public. According to the report, an LAPD officer shot Ford in the right arm and right side while a second officer shot him in the back at close range.

The report also says a muzzle imprint was found around the wound in Ezell Ford’s back and that he had abrasions to his left hand, forearm and elbow.

Police have released few details about why Ford was stopped in his South Los Angeles neighborhood by two officers assigned to the department’s anti-gang unit.

**A statement released shortly after Ford's death said two officers attempted to stop him on a sidewalk, but he "continued walking and made suspicious movements" before the interaction escalated.**

**Although the officers claim Ford attempted to grab one of their guns, witnesses do not corroborate their account.**

At approximately 8:10pm on August 11, officers Sharlton Wampler and Antonio Villegas of LAPD's Newton Area Gang Enforcement Detail saw Ford walking down the sidewalk and decided to conduct an investigative stop.

According to an LAPD press release, Wampler and Villegas exited their vehicle and attempted to talk to Ford who continued walking while concealing his hands. As the officers approached Ford, he allegedly grabbed one of them and a struggle ensued.

After Ford and the officer fell to the ground, Ford allegedly tried to pull the officer's gun out of its holster. The other officer shot Ford in the right arm and side as the officer on the ground produced his back-up piece and fired a single round at close range into Ford's back.

Wampler and Villegas handcuffed Ford and waited for an ambulance. Ford died in the operating room.

**According to witnesses, Dorene Henderson and Ford's cousin did not see Ford struggling with the officers before they shot him.**

**Henderson had crossed the street in front of Ford when she heard someone shout, "Get down, get down."**

**Henderson saw one of the officers exit the car before hearing a gunshot.**

**Neighbors began yelling at the officers, "He's got mental problems."**

Then Henderson reportedly witnessed the driver exit the police car before hearing two more shots.

Refusing to identify himself by his real name, Ford's cousin watched the shooting and asserted that Ford had been complying with the officers when they shot him.

According to the autopsy report, Ford had several abrasions to the back of his left hand, forearm, and elbow. According to Lt. Ellis Imaizumi of the LAPD, Wampler and Villegas sustained minor scrapes during the altercation but did not require hospitalization.

Accusing police of racial profiling and using excessive force against their mentally ill son, Ford's parents have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the LAPD. Diagnosed with depression, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder, Ford had a trace amount of marijuana in his system at the time of his death.

Officers Wampler and Villegas have been reassigned to administrative duties. The district attorney's office, the LAPD, and the office of inspector general are conducting

separate investigations to determine whether the shooting violated department policy or warrants criminal charges against Wampler and Villegas.

**Due to the events in Ferguson, Missouri, the LAPD placed an investigative hold on Ford's autopsy report.**

**Although several people admitted to witnessing the incident, police officials said investigators had difficulty tracking down people who saw the shooting.**

The South Central Neighborhood Council unanimously passed a resolution calling for Councilman Curren Price to release the autopsy. Last month, Mayor Eric Garcetti ordered the LAPD to release Ford's autopsy by the end of the year.

"I ordered the autopsy's release because transparency is key to the trust between the LAPD and the people they serve," Garcetti said. "That trust is the foundation of a powerful partnership... It's important to all of us that this partnership continues."

Ford is one of at least 16 unarmed black people killed by the police in 2014.

**Also on Monday, Los Angeles police searched for one of two gunmen who opened fire on a Los Angeles police patrol car on Sunday night, prompting a citywide manhunt.**

**MORE:**

## **More Chickens Coming Home To Roost: Los Angeles Police Attacked; Rifle Recovered**

29 December 14 Lauren Gambino in New York, Guardian News and Media Limited

A massive manhunt was under way in a south Los Angeles neighborhood after two men fired on a police patrol car with a rifle on Sunday night.

At around 9.30pm local time, two suspects shot at a Los Angeles Police Department squad car as the officers patrolled an area of south Los Angeles, deputy chief Bob Green said, according to the Los Angeles Times. The officers fired back, but the suspects fled. The officers were not injured.

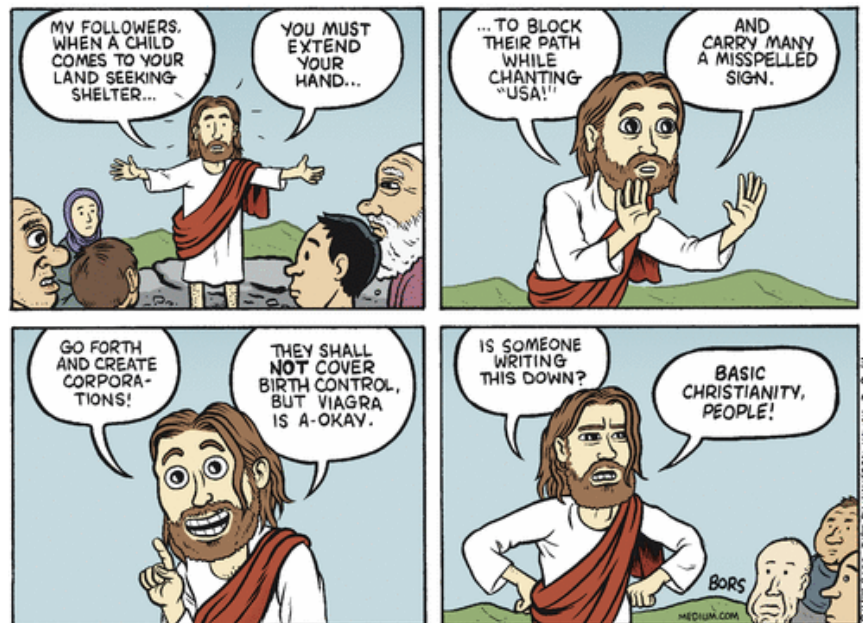
The LAPD declared a citywide tactical alert, sending every available officer to the area to assist with the search. At least 60 officers were sent to the crime scene, which spanned three blocks.

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Police called the attack “premeditated”. One suspect was arrested at the scene and officers recovered a rifle, authorities say. A second suspect, who police say is “armed and dangerous”, is still at large.

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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

**Occupation Forces Destroy  
Palestinian Park In Jordan Valley  
After Its Inauguration:  
“The Park Was Opened On Thursday  
After Being Planted With Trees”**



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TUBAS, (PIC) -- Israeli army bulldozers razed a new park bearing the name of Martyr Ziyad Abu Ain in Atouf village of Tubas to the north of the West Bank on Thursday.

According to the head of the village council, Bashar Bani Odeh, the park was opened on Thursday after being planted with trees.

Israeli occupation forces along with bulldozers and heavy vehicles stormed the park, damaged the plants, washed away the soil and detained the workers, Bani Odeh added.

Atouf is a small village in Tubas, home to people who depend on agriculture and livestock breeding for income.

**The village also has sustained the harassment of the occupation army, which continuous to grab Palestinian land in the region and displace its owners under the pretext of being a closed military area.**

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## **Zionist Settlers Uproot 5000 Paletinian Olive Tree Saplings Near Turmusayya:**

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BETHLEHEM -- Jewish settlers have uprooted more than 5,000 olive tree saplings in agricultural lands east of the town of Turmusayya in the central West Bank north of Ramallah, locals said Thursday.

One of the owners of the lands targeted, Awad Abu Samra, told Ma'an that in the last week settlers have repeatedly raided the area to attack the olive tree saplings.

**The attacks are reportedly carried out in order to ensure that Palestinian farmers are unable to plant in the area and thus force them to leave the land, leaving it open to confiscation by settlers.**

He estimated that the assailants had managed to uproot around 5,000 olive tree saplings out of a total of 8,000 that had been planted since mid-December in the area, known as al-Zahrat.

**The saplings had been planted in honor of slain Palestinian official Ziad Abu Ein, who died after being beaten by an Israeli soldier during a march to help plant trees and protest land confiscation in the area on Dec. 10.**

Abu Samra said that the settlers who carried out the attacks most likely came from the nearby settlement of Adei Ad, an outpost of the Jewish-only settlement of Shilo located nearby.

That settlement was built on lands confiscated from local Palestinians.

**Abu Samra said that each day settlers carried out the raids in which they uprooted hundreds of saplings under Israeli army protection, and that they had uprooted the saplings and broken their roots so as to prevent them from being replanted.**

Jamil al-Barghouti, president of the Resistance Committee against the Wall and the Settlements, told Ma'an that the "barbaric act" occurred under the cover and protection of the Israeli army.

**Barghouthi, who lives in the area, said that he had seen with his own eyes settlers attacking farmers as they worked in the area, in a bid to kick them off the land and seize it for the settlement.**

He stressed that the committee will re-plant thousands of olive trees and will provide full assistance to farmers to help them cultivate the land again.

He stressed that Ziad Abu Ein, who was head of the resistance committee until being killed earlier in December, had been "martyred" while working to plant the land and that the committee was dedicated to continuing his work.

**Attacks on olive trees are a key way that Palestinians are forced out of their homes and their lands confiscated for settlement construction, as the loss of a year's crop can signal destitution for many.**

Over 7,500 olive trees were damaged or destroyed by settlers between January and mid-October in 2012, according to the UN.

**Since 1967, approximately 800,000 olive trees have been uprooted in the occupied West Bank, according to a joint report by the Palestinian Authority and the Applied Research Institute Jerusalem.**

**The olive industry supports the livelihoods of roughly 80,000 families in the occupied West Bank.**

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

As of mid-December, there had been 320 incidents of settler violence against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank in 2014, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

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## **Occupation Army Razes Entire Jordan Valley Bedouin Village: "Razed All Bedouin Homes Leaving Them Homeless"**



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TUBAS -- Israeli army forces demolished Thursday noon Um al-Jamal small Bedouin village to the east of Tubas in Northern Jordan Valley, witnesses reported.

They said a big number of Israeli occupation forces (IOF) stormed the hamlet and razed all Bedouin homes leaving them homeless.

Mohammad Daraghmeh, a resident of the village, told the PIC reporter that the Israeli army bulldozers razed dozens of people's stockyards and tents and asked them to leave the area before being announcing it a closed military zone in which they are prohibited to access.

The IOF had earlier served them notifications, on the second day of Eid Al-Adha, to evacuate their homes, Daraghmeh said, adding the inhabitants' facilities were demolished a month ago and now the IOF came back and razed their houses and displaced its inhabitants. He noted that the inhabitants largely depend on rearing cattle.

Another resident Ali al-Kaabneh, whose stockyard was demolished more than once, said he will not leave in spite of repeatedly ruining his stockyard.

For his part, Aref Daraghmeh, head of Wadi al-Maleh and Bedouin council, said in a press release on Thursday that more than 25 facilities housing Bedouin families were entirely razed. They consist of tents for people and others for cattle belonging to Bedouins living in the village for decades.

Um al-Jamal hamlet is located in Wadi al-Maleh specifically 12 kilometers east of Tubas city where people of al-Kaabneh clan, displaced in 1948 from Beersheba south of Palestine, currently live. They rear cattle as the sole income source and live under primitive conditions.

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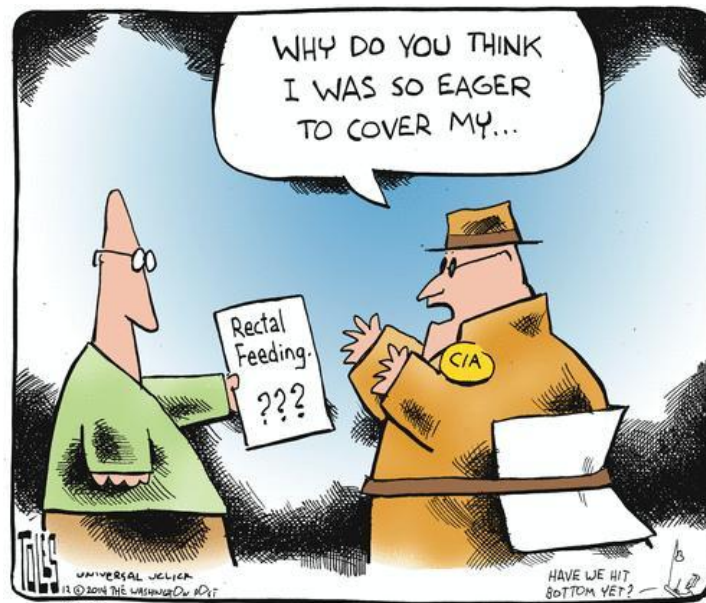
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