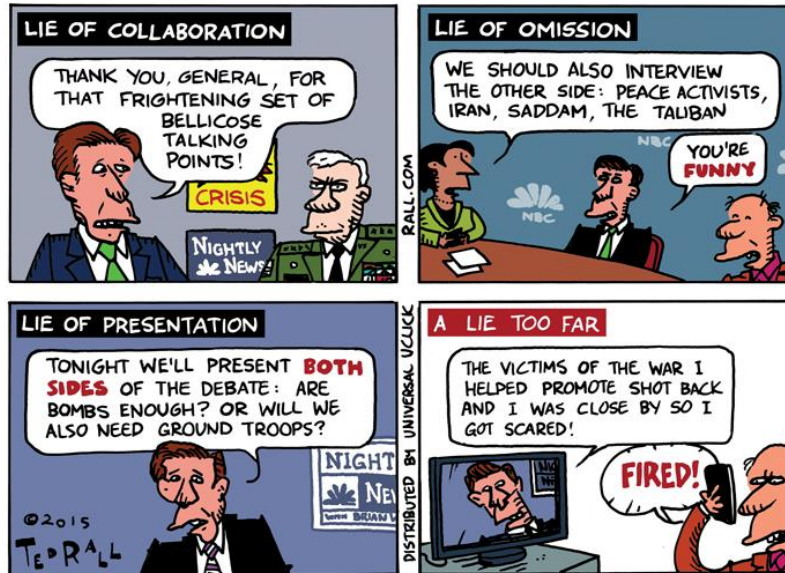


Military Resistance 13C1



2,300 More Off To Obama’s Imperial Afghan Slaughterhouse: “Gen. John Campbell Testified On Capitol Hill Earlier This Month That He Wants ‘Greater Flexibility’ To Potentially Keep More Troops In-Country”

February 27, 2015 By Michelle Tan, Staff writer; Army Times [Excerpts]

More than 2,300 soldiers from three major Army units will deploy to Afghanistan this spring and summer, officials have announced.

The deployments are part of the regular rotation of forces to Afghanistan, where the mission in January transitioned to a train-and-advise mission called Resolute Support.

The deploying units are:

7th Infantry Division headquarters. About 60 soldiers from the unit at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, will deploy in the summer. They will be led by Brig. Gen. Paul Bontrager, the division’s deputy commanding general for support, and they will be responsible for Train, Advise and Assist Command-South.

They will replace soldiers from 1st Cavalry Division. The soldiers are preparing for up to a 12-month deployment, said Maj. Jason Waggoner, a spokesman for the division.

This will be the first deployment for the 7th Infantry Division headquarters since it was reactivated in 2012, and its first combat deployment since Operation Just Cause in 1989, Waggoner said. Originally reactivated to provide training and readiness support to brigades on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, the 7th Infantry Division headquarters was recently reorganized into a deployable unit.

2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division. About 1,660 soldiers from the brigade, based at Fort Drum New York, will deploy in the spring and summer.

“Our team, including both our soldiers and families, is the right organization to take on this mission,” said Col. David Doyle, the brigade commander, in a statement.

The soldiers will serve on advisory teams, conduct security operations, and support the TAAC-South staff, said Capt. Jennifer Menard, a spokeswoman for the brigade.

The soldiers are expected to be deployed for about nine months, she said.

101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. About 700 soldiers from the brigade are scheduled to deploy in the spring.

The Fort Campbell, Kentucky-based soldiers are expected to deploy for up to nine months.

There are about 10,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan; about 8,500 of them are soldiers.

Current plans call for that number to drop to about 5,000 in 2016, but the top commander in Afghanistan, Gen. John Campbell, testified on Capitol Hill earlier this month that he wants “greater flexibility” to potentially keep more troops in-country.

Campbell said his views are influenced in part by Afghan President Ashraf Ghani’s request for more U.S. support for Afghan forces in areas such as logistics, intelligence and air support.

ACTION REPORTS

Two Terminals [Outreach To New York National Guard]

From: Alan S

To: Military Resistance Newsletter

Sent: February 26, 2015
Subject: 2/25 Outreach to New York National Guard

Over the past few outreaches more and more new and younger faces have been encountered in an obvious turnover of patrol. For a long time posted soldiers knew me, now most of them have never met me although one said he'd heard about me.

Not so on the first contact when I approached two troops at the first terminal I visited.

One did know me and, as always, I asked him if he had any opinion of the material I gave him. He seemed reluctant to come out with one but then told me he didn't think much of it (DVD "Authority & Expectations"), saying everyone has an opinion and he hadn't read through whatever lit he received. Nevertheless, his patrol partner took an MR newsletter, a vol 12L, issue 7 copy, an intro card and both DVDs we distribute.

Later on 7 more soldiers (none having met me) were approached in the second terminal and all in all 6 MR newsletters, 5 more issues of vol 12L, issue 7, intro cards and 5 copies of "Authority & Expectations" and 4 of "Sir! No Sir!" were given out.

[Sir No Sir: http://www.sirnosir.com/the_film/storefront.htm]
[Authority & Expectations: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyfkLubnyBw>]

One young sergeant seemed interested in the distribution. I asked if he liked history and when he said he did he was given a copy of "Soldiers in Revolt."

Later on a private provide probably provided the highlight of the outreach. After identifying myself (I always show my VA card) she thanked me for my service.

I dipped into my bag and fished out the MR issue (can't remember the number) that, on the front page, showed a paneled cartoon of a "well intentioned" civilian offering thanks to a troubled veteran for his service.

The veteran tells the sympathizer there's nothing to thank him for and why, causing the civilian to think a bit.

At that point the private thanked me for my support instead.

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ACTION REPORTS WANTED: FROM YOU!

An effective way to encourage others to support members of the armed forces organizing to resist the Imperial war is to report what you do.

If you've carried out organized contact with troops on active duty, at base gates, airports, or anywhere else, send a report in to Military Resistance for the Action Reports section.

Same for contact with National Guard and/or Reserve components.

They don't have to be long. Just clear, and direct action reports about what work was done and how.

If there were favorable responses, say so.

If there were unfavorable responses or problems, don't leave them out. Reporting what went wrong and/or got screwed up is especially important, so that others may learn from you what to expect, and how to avoid similar problems if possible.

If you are not planning or engaging in outreach to the troops, you have nothing to report.

NOTE WELL:

Do not make public any information that could compromise the work.

Identifying information – locations, personnel – will be omitted from the reports.

Whether you are serving in the armed forces or not, do not identify members of the armed forces organizing to stop the wars.

If accidentally included, that information will not be published.

The sole exception: occasions when a member of the armed services explicitly directs identifying information be published in reporting on the action.

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The Military Resistance Organization:

Military Resistance Mission Statement:

1. The mission of Military Resistance is to bring together in one organization members of the armed forces and civilians in order to give aid and comfort to members of the armed forces who are organizing to end the war of empire in Afghanistan. The long term objective is to assist in eliminating all wars of empire by eliminating all empires.

2. Military Resistance does not advocate individual disobedience to orders or desertion from the armed forces. The most effective resistance is organized by members of the armed forces working together.

However, Military Resistance respects and will assist in the defense of troops who see individual desertion or refusal of orders as the only course of action open to them for reasons of conscience.

3. Military Resistance stands for the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and other occupation troops from Afghanistan.

Occupied nations have the right to independence and the right to resist Imperial invasion and occupation by force of arms.

4. Efforts to increase democratic rights in every society, organization, movement, and within the armed forces itself will receive encouragement and support.

Members of the armed forces, whether those of the United States or any other nation, have the right and duty to act against dictatorships commanding their services, and to assist civilian movements against dictatorship.

This applies whether a political dictatorship is imposed by force of arms or a political dictatorship is imposed by those in command of the resources of society using their wealth to purchase the political leadership.

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Debate is necessary to arrive at the best course of action.

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10. I understand and am in agreement with the above statement. I pledge to defend my brothers and sisters, and the democratic rights of the citizens of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

----- (Signed)

(Date)

----- (Application taken by)

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“People Need Not Be Helpless Before The Power Of Illegitimate Authority”

[Based on a statement by David Cortright, Vietnam Veteran and armed forces resistance organizer.]

In the final analysis the stationing of American forces abroad serves not the national interest but the class interest of the corporate and political elite.

The maintenance of a massive, interventionist-oriented military establishment is based on the need to protect multinational investment and preserve regimes friendly to American capital.

Imperialism is at the heart of the national-security system and is the force fundamentally responsible for the counterrevolutionary, repressive aims of U.S. policy.

Only if we confront this reality and challenge it throughout society and within the ranks can we restore democratic control of the military.

Of course nothing can be accomplished without citizen involvement and active political struggle.

During the Vietnam era enlisted servicemen created massive pressures for change, despite severe repression, and significantly altered the course of the war and subsequent military policy.

To sustain and strengthen this challenge we must continue to build political opposition to interventionism and support those within the armed services, including national guard and reserves, who defy the goals and program of Empire.

The central lesson of the GI movement is that people need not be helpless before the power of illegitimate authority, that by getting together and acting upon their convictions people can change society and, in effect, make their own history.

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AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Resistance Action

01 March 2015 TOLONews

Two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed in a roadside mine blast in western Herat province on Saturday evening, local officials said.

The blast took place at about 6pm local time in Chesht district of the province while the ANA soldiers were travelling to Ghor district and one of their vehicles struck a roadside mine, Najibullah Najibi spokesman for the 207 Zafar Corps told TOLONews.

March 1, 2015 The Hindu

At least two Afghan policemen were killed on Sunday when militants attacked their vehicle in Pakistan's restive southwest Baluchistan province.

The policemen were going to Quetta for medical treatment when attacked in Chaman district, a small Pushtun town bordering Afghanistan.

Six militants on three motorcycles opened fire at the vehicle of Afghan policemen from Helmand province, Dawn reported.

The bodies were shifted to district hospital for post-mortem as the attacker ran away after the incident.

MILITARY NEWS

Obama's War Leaders Confused About Which Lie To Tell Congress When Asking For War Power Resolution: "Enduring" Fight Against ISIS "Might Only Be Two Weeks. But Might Be Two Years"

February 25, 2015 By Molly O'Toole, Defense One

Ask three of President Barack Obama's top officials in the Islamic State fight what war powers he has asked for from Congress, and you'll get three different answers.

Obama's war leaders all have different definitions for his AUMF. But they want lawmakers to pass it anyway.

There is only one explicit limitation to the president's power to wage war against ISIS that is offered in the White House's draft authorization for the use of military force, or AUMF: that it "does not authorize the use of the United States Armed Forces in enduring offensive ground combat operations."

The chances of Congress authorizing the war against the Islamic State largely hinge on the phrase.

But on Wednesday, retired Gen. John Allen, Obama's special envoy for the global coalition to counter ISIL, could not — or would not — define it.

"I think it would be difficult to put necessarily a level of precision against the word 'enduring,' Allen told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"Enduring might only be two weeks. But enduring might be two years."

Earlier in the day, Army Secretary John McHugh said he felt the president meant to define enduring by including "a three-year limit."

“So you can reasonably assume that under that authority, if that authority goes away in three years, the ‘enduring’ part of the mission would not be more than three years,” said McHugh, who served in Congress for 17 years. “But that’s just math, that’s not policy.”

Secretary of State John Kerry, on Tuesday, testifying before the same committee as Allen, gave a different definition. “Now, ‘enduring’ in our mind means no long-term offensive combat of a large scale, which is what the president has defined,” he said.

YOUR INVITATION:

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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

Wars throughout history have been waged for conquest and plunder and it is the working class who fights all the battles, the working class who makes the supreme sacrifices, the working class who freely sheds their blood and furnishes their corpses, and it is they who have never yet had a voice - in either declaring war or making peace. It is the ruling class that invariably does both. They alone declare war.

They are continually talking about patriotic duty. It is not their patriotic duty but your patriotic duty that they are concerned about. Their patriotic duty never takes them to the firing line or chucks them into the trenches.

-- Eugene V. Debs

The Cold War

From: Dennis Serdel
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014
Subject: The Cold War

Written by Dennis Serdel, Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour) Light Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade; United Auto Workers GM Retiree

The Cold War

**It's cold cold in the Ukraine
icicles hanging single digit
temperatures & snow across
most of the USA
Half are the Revolution
& half kneel down before Putin
while War is only fought
for Land & Occupation
so then natural gas pipes lines
like a spider web crossing
all over the Ukraine
to Europe is safe
Everybody trying to beat**

old man Death while a
homeless Veteran is found in
the morning behind a
McDonald's restaurant
in rigor mortis looking for
food mercy & warmth
while the Russian Soldiers
are asked if they are going
to kill one of their own
really or just follow orders
from above & not the people
You can have the Navel Port
but Russia gave us the Land
& now it looks like
Vlad The Impaler is not
so happy with people
who fought for their freedom
& the US gives Ukrainians
\$ Billion dollars which doesn't
cover the Billions owed in
world Usury money while
US cities, schools, sustained
ice cold temperatures, snow
removal, Great Lakes
& Rivers frozen over without
Spring in sight, American
people on minimum
slave wages with an old car
are bullwhipped with
the high price of gasoline
& food while in Russia
a Female Art Collective
forms Punk Rock band
Pussy Riot who takes Vlad's
Impaler & shoves it
you know where as they
play at Moscow's
Cathedral of Christ
protesting the cohorts of
Government & Church
as they sing their song
"God Shit" on the altar
where onlookers are
dumbfounded & in the melee
Pussy Riot gets away
but the World hears their
Revolutionary sound
as their songs shine
on them but in Russia
an Anti-protest sick Country
captures 3 of the band's

members & throws them
in prison in their Cold War
but now out of prison
they cultivate a protest
movement across the globe
with “Putin is a Sexist”
& “Obama is White” songs

written by Dennis Serdel for Military Resistance

CLASS WAR REPORTS

**Ukanian Seperatist Filth Tell Coal Miners
After Cutting Their Meagre Wages “If
You Demonstrate Here Again, We Will
Shoot You All”**

**“It Is Ridiculous To Claim That The
Separatist Leaders – Who Include
Russian Fascists And Ultranationalists,
Millionaire Russian Politicians And
Mercenaries Wanted For War Crimes –
Are Anything But Our Enemies”**

January 20th, 2015 by Gabriel Levy, People And Nature [Excerpts]

Trade unions representing mineworkers caught in the crossfire of Ukraine’s ruinous military conflict have appealed for support – and received it – from the National Union of Mineworkers in the UK.

Serious problems with wages payments in the separatist-controlled areas have been reported by both miners’ unions.

In September, miners from the Komsomolskaya pit at Antratsit in Lugansk – who had been laid off on a sharply-reduced payment of 1200 hryvna (about \$100) per month – joined other local people whose pensions and welfare benefits had been cut or delayed.

Separatist military commanders responded to this “revolt for cash”, as it was called locally, by distributing some food aid – but also threatening “if you demonstrate here again, we will shoot you all”, according to a local newspaper report.

In November things for mining communities in the separatist-controlled areas took a turn for the worse, when the right wing Kyiv government decided to cut off the payment of pensions and social benefits to recipients there.

The Kyiv-based trade union federation urged prime minister Arseniy Yatseniuk to reverse the decision.

Building practical solidarity internationally is never easy.

But the NUM’s efforts compare favourably with those of the mis-named “anti-fascist solidarity” group that seeks British trade union support for the separatists.

This false “anti fascism” is an obstacle to real solidarity for four types of reasons:

1. By condemning the Kyiv government as “fascist” or “supported by fascists”, the false “anti fascists” ignore the real dangers facing Ukrainian workers from that government – a weak but potentially vicious alliance of right-wing neo-liberals in hock to the IMF – and over-state the level of fascist activity in Ukraine.

Fascists have been appointed e.g. to some key police jobs, but fascists and right populists received far fewer votes in this year’s two elections than similar parties do e.g. in France or Russia. The false “anti fascists” also ignore the much greater threat to workers’ movements and democracy in the former Soviet space from the Russian government, which has been far more successful than its Ukrainian counterpart in undermining parliamentary democracy and free speech and jailing anti-fascists.

2. The false “anti fascists” fail to condemn the prime cause of fratricidal armed conflict in Ukraine, i.e. Russian state support for the separatists (annexation of Crimea, diplomatic support and opening the Russian border for ultra-nationalist and fascist volunteers and military equipment).

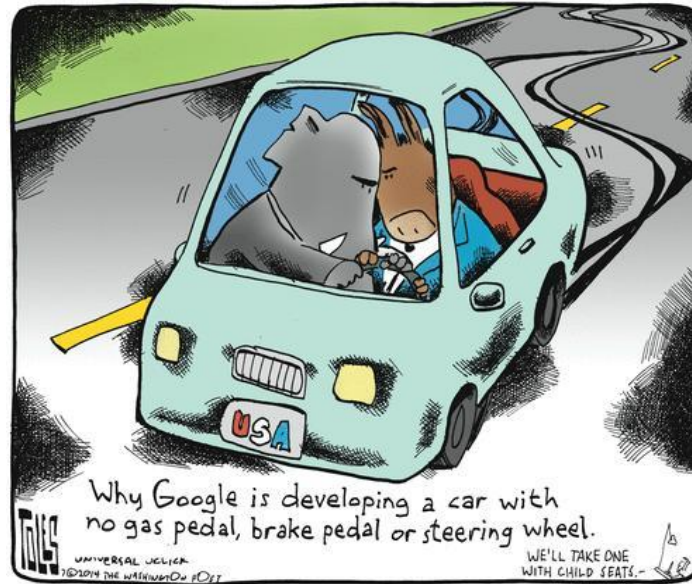
They ignore the huge volume of evidence gathered by Russian anti-fascists, human rights activists and journalists that Russian troops are in Ukraine and that the Russian government is lying when it says they are not.

3. While the false “anti fascists” ignore the real Russian action that fuels military conflict and kills people, they exaggerate the danger of western military intervention, which is unlikely to be realised since the western powers are deeply divided on the issue. This was the stance of the RMT resolution passed by the TUC in September.

4. By issuing propaganda for the separatists – such as the interview carried by the “Ukraine anti fascist solidarity” website with Pavel Shakun, a miner and separatist battalion commander, glorifying his military exploits – the false “anti fascists” are at odds with the most basic socialist principle, that we are against workers fighting in the armies of our class enemies.

It is ridiculous to claim that the separatist leaders – who include or have included Russian fascists and ultranationalists, millionaire Russian politicians and mercenaries wanted for war crimes in southern Russia – are anything but our enemies.

DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK



The Assassination Of Boris Nemtsov, Enemy Of Putin's War On The Ukraine:

“The Most Important Unwritten Rule Is The Total Ban On Protest Against Russian Troops On Another Country's Territory”

“It Was Precisely This Rule That Nemtsov So Consistently Violated, A

Violation That Put Him High On The List Of ‘Internal Enemies’”



Vladimir V: Czar Of All The Oligarchs

28 February 2015 LeftEast. Translated from the original Russian by Thomas Callahan.

The following editorial was published on the Russian leftist website Open Left in response to the murder of opposition leader Boris Nemtsov on Friday 27 February 2015.

We demand a transparent investigation and an immediate end to propaganda that incites hatred.

It's difficult to say just yet how the Friday-night murder of Boris Nemtsov will change the situation in this country – but something will happen, without any doubt.

Regardless of who pulled the trigger, this act of terror is inextricably tied to the unbridled and chauvinistic Kremlin propaganda that, for years now, has accompanied a foreign policy of aggression.

One of the main facets of this propaganda since President Vladimir Putin's speech on the accession of Crimea has been hatred of the "fifth column," a group of "national traitors." And it is around this hatred, the current rhetoric goes, that the nation must unify in the face of hardship.

The "internal enemy" has never been left anonymous: he has several faces, constantly visible on billboards, and a few names, endlessly repeated on television.

One of these "enemies" was Boris Nemtsov.

And even on the eve of his death, NTV was preparing the next of its foul “investigations,” this time on the “Russian Maidan.” In this one, Nemtsov was once again in line to play a front-and-center role.

It is true that Nemtsov was one of the main operators among the Yeltsin elite in the late 1990s, and that he is largely responsible (along with, for example, Putin) for many of the social catastrophes and political crimes of that period. His views could be characterized as right-wing liberal, and his foreign policy orientation, pro-U.S.

It is also no secret, though, that even today, such views do not preclude one from elite positions in the Russian leadership or at the tops of corporations.

However, the most important unwritten rule is the total ban on public criticism of the Kremlin’s actions in Ukraine – an open protest against Russian troops on another country’s territory.

It was precisely this rule that Nemtsov so consistently violated, a violation that put him high on the list of “internal enemies,” and his place on that list that was the proximate cause of his murder.

Of course, Nemtsov’s killing came as an unpleasant surprise for the federal government, which is already occupied with a last-ditch effort to maintain the illusion of stability and control of the country.

There are a few possibilities in terms of who may have ordered the execution.

Among them are certain circles of Russia’s extensive security class who have an interest in ramping up tensions here. Others include the members of amateur groups broadly falling under the “anti-Maidan,” as well as veterans of the military operation in the so-called Novorossiia, or even militants on the payroll of Ramzan Kadyrov. In any case, what happens next depends on how society reacts to this killing.

Liberal leaders’ decision to move their march from Maryno to central Moscow, at the location of Nemtsov’s death, is absolutely proper. After what happened last night, the agenda in this country has changed. What started as a murder is now the most important political question of the moment.

As we take to the streets tomorrow, we demand:

- An independent and transparent investigation into the murder of Boris Nemtsov**
- An immediate end to the incitement to hatred by way of aggressive propaganda on state television**
- Real and unconditional freedom of speech and assembly**
- Termination of the Russian military operation in Ukraine**
- The development of a crisis relief program aimed at helping the Russian people, not financial and energy corporations.**

MORE:

**Tens Of Thousands Of Russians
March Through Central Moscow
On Sunday Chanting “Russia
Without Putin” In Memory Of
Murdered Kremlin Critic Boris
Nemtsov:**

**“The Authorities Are Corrupt And
Don’t Allow Any Threats To Them To
Emerge”**

**“The Authorities Have Trampled On All
International Rights, Seized Crimea,
Started War With Ukraine”**

Nemtsov, a fighter against corruption who said he feared Putin may want him dead, had hoped to start the opposition’s revival with a march he had been planning for Sunday against Putin’s economic policies and Russia’s role in east Ukraine.

3.1.15 By Polina Devitt and Maxim Rodionov, Reuters

MOSCOW - Tens of thousands of Russians marched through central Moscow on Sunday, carrying banners declaring “I am not afraid” and chanting “Russia without Putin” in memory of murdered Kremlin critic Boris Nemtsov.

Families, the old and young walked slowly, with many holding portraits of the opposition politician and former deputy prime minister who was shot dead while walking home from a nearby restaurant on Friday night.

The authorities have suggested the opposition itself may have been behind his shooting in an attempt to create a martyr and unite the fractured movement.

His supporters have blamed the authorities.

“If we can stop the campaign of hate that’s being directed at the opposition, then we have a chance to change Russia. If not, then we face the prospect of mass civil conflict,” Gennady Gudkov, an opposition leader, told Reuters.

“The authorities are corrupt and don’t allow any threats to them to emerge. Boris was uncomfortable for them.”

His murder has divided opinion in a country where for years after the Soviet Union collapsed many yearned for the stability later brought by former KGB agent Vladimir Putin.

A small but active opposition now says Putin’s rule has become an autocracy that flaunts international norms after Russia seized Ukraine’s Crimea peninsula last year, fanned nationalism over the separatist war in eastern Ukraine and clamped down on dissent.

“Nemtsov was harmful to the authorities, but the authorities themselves are criminal. The authorities have trampled on all international rights, seized Crimea, started war with Ukraine,” said Yuri Voinov, an elderly physicist.

Police said 21,000 people attended the march. The organizers put the numbers at tens of thousands, but attendance appeared smaller than the 50,000 people the opposition had hoped for.

Reuters reporters at the march estimated the numbers in the tens of thousands

People walked in the rain within view of the Kremlin’s red walls and past the spot, now covered in flowers, where Nemtsov was shot dead.

Some carried large banners carrying Nemtsov’s face reading “Heroes Never Die”, the same slogan used in Ukraine to celebrate more than 100 people killed in protests that overthrew Moscow-leaning President Viktor Yanukovich a year ago.

One elderly woman, her hair tucked into a woolen cap, held up a hand-written sign to cover her face: “It’s a geopolitical catastrophe when a KGB officer declares himself president for life. Putin resign!”

National investigators who answer to the Russian leader offered a 3-million-rouble reward, around \$50,000, for information on Nemtsov’s death.

They say they are pursuing several lines of inquiry, including the possibility that Nemtsov, a Jew, was killed by radical Islamists or that the opposition killed him to blacken Putin’s name. **[What, no accusations against Trotskyite wreckers or aliens from Planet Zork? T]**

Nemtsov’s funeral is due to be held on Tuesday in Moscow

Many opposition leaders have been jailed on what they say are trumped-up charges, or have fled the country.

Nemtsov, a fighter against corruption who said he feared Putin may want him dead, had hoped to start the opposition’s revival with a march he had been

planning for Sunday against Putin's economic policies and Russia's role in east Ukraine.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?



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

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Enemy Combatants Cripple Indian Man Out For A Walk: “The Attack Left Patel Bleeding From The Face, Paralyzed And In Need Of Surgery To Fuse Two Vertebrae”

February 10, 2015 by Renee Lewis, Al Jazeera America & February 11, 2015 Zaid Jilani, AlterNet

Police in a northern Alabama city severely injured a 57-year-old Indian citizen after slamming him to the ground, leaving him temporarily paralyzed, according to the man's lawyer.

"He was just out for a walk, and apparently someone made a suspicious person call ...

This is a grandfather who came to help his son and daughter-in-law with their 17-month-old son, who was premature and developmentally delayed," Henry F. Sherrod, a civil rights attorney from Florence, Alabama, told Al Jazeera on Tuesday.

Sureshbhai Patel, a permanent resident of the U.S., arrived in the U.S. only one week before the incident occurred. His son Chirag Patel, an engineer, flew him from the small Indian town of Pij to live with them in Huntsville, a suburban town next to Madison, according to Sherrod, who described the neighborhood as affluent.

While he was out for a walk in his new neighborhood on Friday morning, Patel was stopped by two Madison police officers who said they were responding to a suspicious person call.

When the officers began to question him, Patel said "no English" and "India" as he tried to point to his son's house and repeated the house number.

Sherrod said Patel was walking on the sidewalk and not acting suspiciously.

"This is broad daylight, walking down the street. There is nothing suspicious about Mr. Patel other than he has brown skin," said Sherrod.

Unable to communicate with Patel, the officers began patting him down before they claimed the man put his hands in his pockets and they then "slammed him to the ground," Sherrod said.

The attack left Patel bleeding from the face, paralyzed and in need of surgery to fuse two vertebrae, local news website AL.com reported. He remains hospitalized.

"I think it was because he looked brown," Sherrod said, adding that the two police officers involved were white. Only one of the two policemen was responsible for the injuries, he added.

Madison police on Monday issued a statement saying that the officer responsible for Patel's injuries has been suspended and that they were investigating his use of force, according to AL.com.

The family has decided file suit for damages, including Patel's medical bills, which will likely be in excess of \$100,000 dollars even if he makes a full recovery, according to Sherrod, who met with the family on Tuesday.

Sherrod, who visited Patel at the hospital Tuesday, said Patel had regained movement of his arms but was not yet able to grip with his hands.

Patel also regained limited use of his left leg, but his right remained paralyzed, Sherrod said.

In addition to damages, the family is suing to obtain audio and video evidence taken by the police officers during the incident.

It had not been released to the public because the Madison police department said the recordings were evidence in the investigation.

Sherrod criticized the incident as evidence that use of force by police is an issue that extends beyond people who are poor or African-American.

“It can happen to anyone,” he said. “It just takes a little bit of a miscommunication and the officer thinks violence is the solution,” Sherrod said.

Enemy Combatants Attack In Los Angeles: 15-Year-Old Student Shot On Tuesday Morning “Because His Friend Was Playing With A Replica Gun”

February 15, 2015 by Andrew Emmett, NationofChange

LAPD officers shot a 15-year-old student on Tuesday morning because his friend was playing with a replica gun as they were walking to school.

Although the police claim the officers issued multiple warnings to drop the gun, nearby residents do not recall hearing any warnings before the shooting.

Around 7:45am on Tuesday, 15-year-old Jamar Nicholson and a small group of friends were walking to school dressed in their uniforms and khaki pants.

As they entered an alley, one of Jamar’s friends pulled out a BB gun. Following up an investigation in the area, LAPD Criminal Gang Homicide Group officers noticed the replica gun mistaking it for a real firearm.

According to a police statement, the officers ordered Jamar’s friend to drop the weapon multiple times before opening fire.

But nearby residents who heard the gunshots reportedly did not hear the officers issue any warnings.

A moment before a bullet entered his upper back, Jamar heard someone yelling, “Freeze!”

Instead of dropping the BB gun, Jamar's friend allegedly turned toward the officers.

Although Jamar was not holding the replica gun, the officers recklessly opened fired shooting him in the back.

None of their bullets hit Jamar's friend, who had been standing next to him.

"At that point, he turned toward the officer pointing the gun and now, in defense of his own life, feeling threatened, the officer fired," rationalized Capt. Peter Whittingham, commander of the Criminal Gang Homicide Group.

At first, the police reported a shooting involving a gunman who was taken into custody.

Details later surfaced that the pistol was a replica gun with an orange tip on the end of the barrel. And Jamar had not been holding the toy gun when the officer shot him.

The Los Angeles Fire Department Paramedics had responded to the scene, placed Jamar onto a gurney, and handcuffed him to the gurney before transporting him to a local hospital. Doctors treated the wound but could not remove the bullet, which almost hit Jamar's spine.

A detective finally unlocked his handcuffs before releasing Jamar without any charges.

Although no one has been charged with the shooting, the teenager holding the BB gun could possibly be charged with brandishing a replica weapon in the vicinity of a police officer. According to law enforcement officials, Force Investigation Division investigators are conducting an investigation into the officer-involved shooting.

After releasing Jamar from the hospital, an LAPD captain apologized to Jamar's mother. With a department-issued bullet still lodged in his upper back, Jamar declared he wants a direct apology from the officer who shot him.

Jamar stated, "I don't want to see him again... but I do want that sorry."

Jamar is the fourth person shot by police in recent months mistaking a toy gun for an actual weapon.

On November 22, Cleveland police officer Timothy Loehmann killed 12-year-old Tamir Rice for playing with an airsoft pistol with the orange safety indicator removed.

On September 23, a Terrebonne sheriff's deputy shot 14-year-old Cameron Tillman to death as he opened the front door.

Although police claim Tillman had been holding a BB gun in his hand, witnesses say the toy gun was on the table behind him when the deputy shot Tillman multiple times.

On August 5, Beavercreek police officer Sean Williams and Sgt. David Darkow gunned down John Crawford III inside an Ohio Walmart after a customer named Ronald Ritchie called 911 falsely claiming that Crawford was aiming a rifle at other customers.

Video surveillance revealed Crawford was holding a BB gun that he had found inside the store and was not aiming it at anyone.

Unlike the recent shootings, Jamar is the only victim who survived.

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Heroic Zionist Forces Go After Palestinian Shepherds And Sheep

February 24, 2015 (WAFA)

HEBRON,– Israeli soldiers Tuesday chased after Palestinian shepherds and prevented from grazing their livestock in Yatta locality to the south of Hebron, according to a local activist.

Coordinator of the popular committee in southern Hebron, Rateb al-Jabour, Israeli forces chased after shepherds in Khirbet At-Tawil, located near the Israeli settlement of Maon, built illegally on Palestinian-owned land in East Yatta, in an attempt to prevent them from entering the fields for the benefit of providing protection for settlers.

Forces further raided shepherds' dwellings, causing financial damages to their contents.

Zionist Settlers Set Mosque Ablaze, Open Fire On Palestinian Homes: “Settler Violence Includes Property And Mosque Arson, Stone-Throwing, Uprooting Of Crops And Olive Trees, Attacks On Vulnerable Homes, Among Others”

February 25, 2015 (WAFA)

BETHLEHEM – Extremist Jewish settlers Wednesday set a mosque on fire and sprayed anti-Arab graffiti on its walls, in a village near Bethlehem, according to local sources.

Head of the Jab'a village council, Numan Hamdan, told Wafa a group of settlers broke into the village, located southwest of Bethlehem, at about 4AM before they set a mosque on fire.

The mosque was partially damaged as local residents were able to put the blaze off.

Meanwhile, Israeli settlers from the illegal settlement of Beitar Illit near Bethlehem opened fire at homes in the nearby village of Nahalin, according to witnesses.

The witnesses said a group of armed settlers were riding motorbikes when they pointed their rifles and opened gunfire towards Palestinian homes in the village.

No casualties were reported, yet the terrorist attack on the village caused a state of fear among local residents, especially children.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement condemning the terror attack, which coincides with the 21st anniversary of the Ibrahimi Mosque massacre, saying the attack was systematic rather than individual.

“This comes as part of an official Israeli campaign aimed at provoking sectarianism,” the ministry said. “This attack uncovers the high level of extremism that has recently grown up in the Israeli society.”

Jewish settlers have repeatedly attacked Palestinian property and worship places.

Settler violence includes property and mosque arson, stone-throwing, uprooting of crops and olive trees, attacks on vulnerable homes, among others.

According to the Israeli human rights group B'Tselem, Israeli security forces do not always deploy in advance to protect Palestinians from settler violence, even when such violence could be anticipated.

“In some cases, rather than restricting violent settlers, Israeli security forces impose restrictions on the Palestinians.”

Palestinian Prisoner Attacked In Occupation Jail: Other Denied Cothes, Blankets In Bitter Cold

February 24, 2015 (Wafa)

RAMALLAH, – The Palestinian detainees and ex-detainees affairs committee revealed that Palestinian prisoners detained in Israeli Rimon Prison were brutally attacked and forced to live under tragic conditions.

The committee, in a press statement Tuesday, said that special units, accompanied with police dogs, raided three wards and subjected prisoners to physical assault after seizing all their personal belongings, including clothes, blankets, and electric tools.

The prisoners were hand and leg tied and led to the prison yard, where they were left for eight hours in the cold weather surrounded by the dogs.

Three prisoners were also placed in solitary confinement without clothes or blankets despite of the extreme cold winter.

Meanwhile, 24 prisoners were brutally attacked and transferred to criminal cells also without clothes or blankets; mixing Palestinian prisoners with Israeli criminal prisoners.

The committee stressed that a state of alert was raised throughout the prison; a list of sanctions were imposed on prisoners, including large fines amounting to NIS 30,000, in addition to denying them family visitations.

Furthermore, Prisoners are no longer permitted to leave their rooms for the daily break period.

The committee reported on the case of prisoner Hamza Abu Sawan, a resident of Gaza who was allegedly accused of attacking one of the prison guards and was attacked in a very brutal manner which necessitated his transfer to hospital.

He was later sent to Nafha Israeli prison while suffering from a very difficult health situation.

The committee warned of the tragic situation prisoners are currently living under, demanding a prompt intervention to save their lives.

More than 6,500 Palestinian political prisoners are currently held in Israeli jails, dozens of whom serve multiple life sentences.

About 1,500 prisoners are believed to have health problems due to medical negligence.

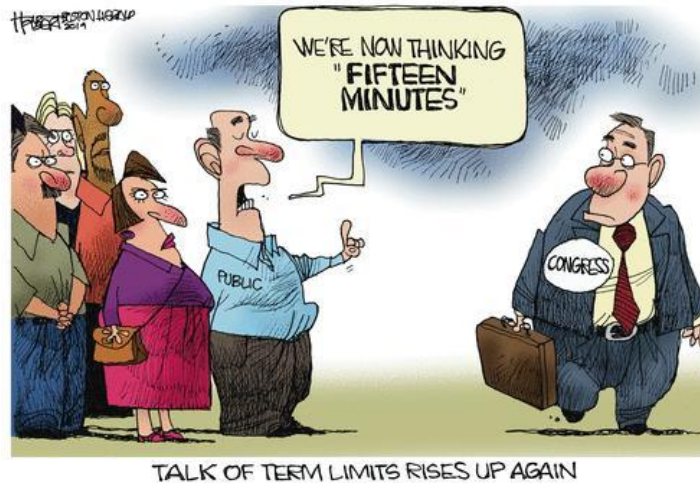
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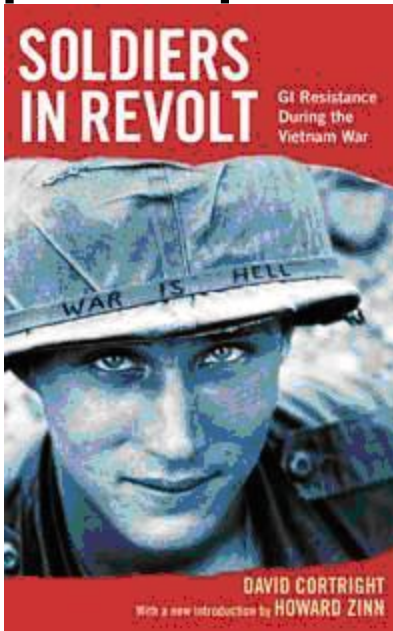
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