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Ferguson: Five Examples Of Police Cruelty And Naked Racism; Excessive Use Of Force, Unlawful Arrests And Other Violations



Ferguson police and demonstrators after justice department report released.
Photograph: Michael B Thomas/Getty Images

5 March 2015 Oliver Laughland in New York, Guardian News and Media Limited

“The harms of Ferguson’s police and court practices are borne disproportionately by African Americans, and there is evidence that this is due in part to the intentional discrimination on the basis of race,” concluded a damning investigation published by the US department of justice on Wednesday.

The report, a stinging indictment of the criminal justice system in a small city at the center of national and international focus since the fatal police shooting of unarmed teenager Michael Brown in August last year, identified systemic failings in a number of areas.

It described the police department’s routine overuse of force, unlawful arrests, and a municipal court system designed to collect funds instead of serving justice impartially.

Behind each of these broad observations lies human stories: anonymous black men, women and children who had their rights violated by law enforcement officials in Ferguson.

Here are just five examples included in the report:

The Boy Mauled By A Police Dog

In 2011, a 14-year-old black boy was mauled by a police dog handled by a Ferguson officer while he waited for friends in an abandoned house.

According to the police account of the incident, the boy was found hiding in a storage unit by the officer and refused to comply.

But the boy, who was interviewed by investigators, provided a dramatically different account. He says he was given no warning before the attack, and was instead chased down by the dog, who first bit his ankle and then went for his face, but was parried by his left arm, which took the bite.

The boy claimed that police officers then struck him on the ground, with one “putting a boot on the side of his head”.

“He recalled the officers laughing about the incident afterward,” the report states.

There was not sufficient documentation to back up the boy’s account, but investigators argued that the deployment of the dog was an overuse of force as officers had no reason to suspect the teenager was armed, and that his only offence could have been trespassing.

Investigators found that in every police dog bite incident where race was recorded, the victim was black.

The Woman Financially Crippled By A Parking Fine

In 2007, a black woman parked her car illegally.

Seven years later she has still been unable to pay the fines and has spent time in jail.

The woman, who the report states “experienced financial difficulties and periods of homelessness over several years” was charged with seven separate failure to appear offences after missing court dates or fine payments following the initial infringement. Each of these resulted in new fines and arrest warrants.

“From 2007 to 2014, the woman was arrested twice, spent six days in jail, and paid \$550 to the court for the events stemming from this single instance of illegal parking,” the report notes.

She attempted to pay back in small installments - \$25 and \$50 at a time – but the court refused to accept anything less than the full payment. Eventually, the court relented and she is now described as making regular payments.

“As of December 2014, over seven years later, despite initially owing a \$151 fine and having already paid \$550, still owed \$541,” the report states.

In 2013, the municipal court issued over 9,000 warrants on cases mostly involving minor infringements such as parking infractions.

“The court’s practices,” says the report, “impose unnecessary harm, overwhelmingly on African-American individuals, and run counter to public safety.”

The Man Accused Of Pedophilia With No Probable Cause

In 2012, a 32-year-old black man was arrested by an officer as he sat in his car cooling off after a basketball game in Ferguson public park.

The officer demanded to see identification documents and accused the man of being a pedophile, referencing the presence of children in the park. He ordered the man out of his car for a pat-down and vehicle search.

When the man refused, citing constitutional rights, the officer reportedly pointed a gun at his head and arrested him, charging the man with eight counts.

These included making a false declaration (the man initially provided his name as “Mike” instead of “Michael”) and providing a false address (the address provided, though legitimate, did not match the one on his driving license).

The man then lost his job as a contractor with federal government as a direct result of the charges, he told federal investigators.

“As with its pattern of unconstitutional stops, FPD routinely makes arrests without probable cause. Frequently, officers arrest people for conduct that plainly does not meet the elements of the cited offense,” the report states.

The Man Racially Abused By Police

One man interviewed by investigators said that in August 2014, police entered his apartment following an altercation inside. He claims he was pulled out of the unit, and told an officer “you don’t have a reason to lock me up”.

According to his account, the officer responded: “Nigger, I can find something to lock you up on.”

“Good luck with that,” the man claims to have responded.

The officer slammed the man’s face into a wall and he fell to the floor.

“Don’t pass out, motherfucker, because I’m not carrying you to my car,” the officer is claimed to have said.

The Woman Shot In The Chest With A Taser

In November 2013, a black woman was shot in the chest with a Taser by a correctional officer at a city jail after she failed to follow commands to walk to a cell.

The woman had been arrested on drink driving charges and had yelled an “insulting remark” at the officer.

The report notes “her conduct amounted to verbal noncompliance or passive resistance at most”.

According to the incident report, written by another Ferguson police officer, the woman was tasered for “not doing what she was told”.

MORE:

Justice Department Calls On Ferguson To Align Level Of Institutional Racism With Rest Of Country:

**“Without Reform, Residents Of Ferguson
Could Never Hope To Treat Their Police
With The Same Level Of Mistrust As
Everyone Else”**



Mar 5, 2015 THE ONION

WASHINGTON—Describing its policing practices as totally out of step with the nation as a whole, the U.S. Department of Justice called on Ferguson, MO to take immediate action to align its level of institutional racism with the rest of the country, sources said Thursday.

“Our findings suggest that Ferguson requires profound changes to its criminal justice system to bring its routine violations of African-American civil rights in line with acceptable amounts present in police precincts across America,” said Attorney General Eric Holder, adding that a top-to-bottom overhaul could be required to square the Ferguson Police Department’s use of illegal searches and unlawful arrests with the remainder of the U.S.

“Ferguson simply cannot continue living in a past in which its reliance on intimidation and excessive force flies in the face of reasonable levels of brutality elsewhere in the country.”

Holder went on to say that without reform, residents of Ferguson could never hope to treat their police with the same level of mistrust as everyone else.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

**Resistance Action:
Insurgent Infiltrators Kill Many
Regime Police;
Taliban Attacks With Goat Van Bomb**



[Graphic: flickr.com/photos]

Mar 06 2015 By Khaama Press

Nine policemen have embraced martyrdom in separate incidents in Uruzgan and Helmand provinces.

According to reports a local police have shot dead two of his colleagues in a police post in Charchino District of Uruzgan province, with the local officials saying that the policeman might have contacts with Taliban.

Rahmatullah Roshan, Deputy Police Chief of Charchino district says that the policeman who has shot dead his colleagues have escaped following the attack.

He added that an investigation was initiated into the incident that took place Thursday morning.

In a separate incident seven policemen were shot dead in their security post unanimously after being made unconscious in southern Helmand province.

Local officials said on Thursday that the policemen were being made unconscious through food at their post in Adam Khan village and later they were shot dead.

March 04, 2015 Agence France-Presse

KABUL: A Taliban attacker driving an explosives-laden van targeted a joint Afghan army and police base in the Sangin district of the volatile southern province of Helmand on Tuesday.

“Two soldiers and two police were killed in the attack,” provincial spokesman Omar Zhwak told AFP.

Provincial police chief Nabi Jan Mullahkhil confirmed the attack and told AFP it was carried out by a van carrying goats.

“The van tried to enter the base, but detonated at the entrance after the guards stopped it,” he said.

Seven soldiers were wounded in the attack, he said.

Taliban insurgents, who are battling an Afghan army offensive launched last month in Helmand, claimed responsibility for the attack on their website.

Mar 03 2015 By Khaama Press

Seven people have been killed and seven others wounded in an attack in southern Helmand province.

Omar Zwak, spokesman for the governor of restive Helmand province confirms the incident.

He said that the ones killed included five civilians and two soldiers.

Pacha Gul Bakhtyar, security officer of the police headquarters of Helmand province also confirms the attack in Sangin District.

He said that a bomber exploded his explosive laden truck close to a security center around 02:00 PM this afternoon.

He told Khaama Press that both the ones killed and injured included security personnel and civilians.

There is no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack but Taliban insurgents have carried out these types of attacks in the past.

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

It would be a fundamental mistake to suppose that the struggle for democracy can divert the proletariat from the socialist revolution, or obscure, or overshadow it, etc. On the contrary, just as socialism cannot be victorious unless it introduces complete democracy, so the proletariat will be unable to prepare for victory over the bourgeoisie unless it wages a many-sided, consistent, and revolutionary struggle for democracy.”

-- V. I. Lenin, Collected Works, 4th English Edition; Vol. 22

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- 1 USA
- 2 China
- 3 Germany
- 4 France
- 5 Ukraine
6. Finland
- 7 “Unknown” [Source Masked]
- 8 Russian Federation
- 9 Great Britain
- 10 South Korea

Readers from an additional 87 have also accessed, including Greece, Iran, Afghanistan, Brazil, Mexico, & Egypt.

Source: AWStats

“Nowhere Do ‘Politicians’ Form A More Separate And Powerful Section Of The Nation Than Precisely In North America”

“We Find Here Two Great Gangs Of Political Speculators, Who Alternately Take Possession Of The State Power And Exploit It By The Most Corrupt Means And For The Most Corrupt Ends”

Excerpts from Introduction to The Civil War In France, by Friedrich Engels, March 18, 1891:

From the very outset the Commune [the revolutionary government set up by French workers and soldiers in Paris, 1871] was compelled to recognize that the working class, once come to power, could not go on managing with the old state machine; that in order not to lose again its only just conquered supremacy this working class must, on the one hand, do away with all the old repressive machinery previously used against it itself and, on the other, safeguard itself against its own deputies and officials, by declaring them all, without exception, subject to recall at any moment.

What had been the characteristic attribute of the former state?

Society had created its own organs to look after its common interests, originally through simple division of labor.

But these organs, at whose head was the state power, had in the course of time, in pursuance of their own special interests, transformed themselves from the servants of society into the masters of society.

This can be seen, for example, not only in the hereditary monarchy, but equally so in the democratic republic.

Nowhere do “politicians” form a more separate and powerful section of the nation than precisely in North America.

There each of the two major parties which alternately succeed each other in power is itself in turn controlled by people who make a business of politics, who speculate on seats in the legislative assemblies of the Union as well as of the separate states, or who

make a living by carrying on agitation for their party and on its victory are rewarded with positions.

It is well known how the Americans have been trying for thirty years to shake off this yoke, which has become intolerable, and how in spite of it all they continue to sink ever deeper in this swamp of corruption.

It is precisely in America that we see best how there takes place this process of the state power making itself independent in relation to society, whose mere instrument it was originally intended to be. Here there exists no dynasty, no nobility, no standing army, beyond the few men keeping watch on the Indians, no bureaucracy with permanent posts or the right to pensions.

And nevertheless we find here two great gangs of political speculators, who alternately take possession of the state power and exploit it by the most corrupt means and for the most corrupt ends — and the nation is powerless against these two great cartels of politicians, who are ostensibly its servants, but in reality dominate and plunder it.

Against this transformation of the state and the organs of the state from servants of society into masters of society — an inevitable transformation in all previous states — the Commune made use of two infallible means.

In the first place, it filled all posts — administrative, judicial, and educational — by election on the basis of universal suffrage of all concerned, subject to the right of recall at any time by the same electors.

And, in the second place, all officials, high or low, were paid only the wages received by other workers.

In this way an effective barrier to place-hunting and careerism was set up, even apart from the binding mandates to delegates to representative bodies which were also added in profusion.

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ANNIVERSARIES

**March 7, 1932 -- Bloody Work:
Five Ford Workers Killed And Nineteen
Wounded By Police And Company**

“Security” Armed With Pistols, Rifles And A Machine Gun



Carl Bunin Peace History March 3-9

The Ford Hunger March began on Detroit’s East Side and proceeded 10 miles seeking relief during the Great Depression.

Facing hunger and evictions, workers had formed neighborhood Unemployed Councils. Along the route, the marchers were given good wishes from Detroit Mayor Frank Murphy as well as two motorcycle escorts, and thousands joined the marchers along the route.

At the Detroit city limit, the marchers were met by Dearborn police and doused by fire hoses.

Despite the cold weather, they continued to the Employment Office of the Ford River Rouge plant, from which there had been massive layoffs.

Five workers were killed and nineteen wounded by police and company “security” armed with pistols, rifles and a machine gun.

According to Dave Moore, one of the marchers, “That blood was black blood and white blood.

One of the photos that was published in the Detroit Times, but never seen since, shows a black woman, Mattie Woodson, wiping the blood off the head of Joe DiBlasio, a white man who lay there dying . . . It’s been 75 years, but when you drive down Miller Road today, your car tires will be moistened with the blood that those five shed.”

Grave markers with the words “His Life for the Union” pay tribute to them in Woodmere Cemetery on Detroit’s West Side.

March 7, 1965: Noble Anniversary: The First March From Selma: A Day That That Shook The World



Alabama police attack Selma-to-Montgomery marchers

Carl Bunin Peace History; Americaslibrary.gov [Excerpts]

March 7, 1965

When 525 people started a planned march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, on Sunday March 7, 1965, it was called a demonstration. When state troopers met the demonstrators at the edge of the city by the Edmund Pettus Bridge, that day became known as “Bloody Sunday.”

In Selma, African Americans made up almost half the population, but only two percent were registered voters. Discrimination and intimidation tactics aimed at blacks kept them from registering and voting. The demonstrators marched to demand fairness in voter registration.

The sheriff warned the people that they had two minutes to break up the march, but the deputies attacked sooner. The demonstrators were tear-gassed, clubbed, spat on, whipped, trampled by horses, and jeered by others for demanding the right to register to vote.

Television and newspapers carried pictures of the event that became known as “Bloody Sunday.”

The images sickened, outraged, and electrified people throughout the country.

Within 48 hours, demonstrations in support of the marchers were held in 80 cities. Many of the nation’s religious and lay leaders, including Martin Luther King, flew to Selma.

After one more failed attempt, King led a peaceful march from Selma to Montgomery. Congress responded to these events by enacting the Voting Rights Act of 1965.



March 8, 1965; Unhappy Murderous Imperial Stupidity Anniversary



Carl Bunin Peace History

About 3,500 U. S. Marines became the first American combat troops in Vietnam, landing near the coastal city of Da Nang. The USS Henrico, Union, and Vancouver, carrying the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade under Brig. Gen. Frederick J. Karch, took up stations 4,000 yards off Red Beach Two, north of Da Nang.

Two Magnificent Anniversaries In The Fight For Human Liberation:

#1:
March 8, 1908:
New York City Women Strike For
Higher Wages, A Shorter Workday
And An End To Child Labor



Carl Bunin Peace History; un.org [Excerpts

March 8, 1908

Thousands of workers in the New York needle trades (primarily women) demonstrated and began a strike for higher wages, a shorter workday and an end to child labor.

This event became the basis for International Women's Day celebrated all over the world since March 8, 1945.

#2:
March 8, 1917
With 2 Million Russian Soldiers
Dead In The War, Women Ignore
The "Political Leaders" And Lead
A Revolution To Overthrow The
Imperial Tyrant Czar Of Russia



March 8, 1917

With 2 million Russian soldiers dead in the war, Russian women again chose the last Sunday in February to strike for “bread and peace”.

Political leaders opposed the timing of the strike, but the women went on anyway.

The rest is history:

Four days later the Czar was forced to abdicate and the provisional Government granted women the right to vote.

That historic Sunday fell on 23 February on the Julian calendar then in use in Russia, but on 8 March on the Gregorian calendar in use elsewhere.

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CLASS WAR REPORTS

**“Loyal To The Ukrainian Oligarchs
The FPU Has Agreed To Be Their
Instrument Of Control Over The
Workers In The Territories Seized By
The Separatists”**

**“We Can Stop Thinking About The
Development Of An Independent Trade
Union Movement In These ‘People’s
Republics’”**



Inaugural Congress of the Federation of Trade Unions of the Donetsk People’s Republic,
21 February 2015

The report below appeared under the title above on the Facebook page of the Ukrainian association Liva Opozytsiya – Left Opposition <https://www.facebook.com/liva.opozicya> (accessed 24 February 2015). Translation by Marko Bojcun

24 February 2015 Liva Opozytsiya

The Federation of Trade Unions of the “DNR” (Donetsk People’s Republic) was formed this weekend amidst all the pomp and circumstance reminiscent of the era of stagnation (the Brezhnev years – MB).

Of course, at the core of this rotten formation are the bureaucrats of the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine (FPU).

Loyal to the Ukrainian oligarchs the FPU has agreed to be their instrument of control over the workers in the territories seized by the separatists.

So now we can stop thinking about the development of an independent trade union movement in these “people’s” republics.

The Independent Miners Union at the Barakov mine has already come up against the force of the Instruction “about the prohibition of registration of independent unions” (<http://npg.social/title/275/>).

The draft Law of the “DNR” entitled “On trade unions, their rights and guaranteed activities” contains obstacles in the way of independent trade unions: it is forbidden to form a trade union if it has less than 50 members.

Apart from that, there is no recognition that a trade union becomes one from the moment its statutes are adopted.

Freedom of expression is restricted: according to the “DNR” law any mass media outlet can have its license withdrawn for mentioning a “prohibited” organisation.

One needs to get state registration in order to distribute a newspaper with a print run of more than 100 (one hundred) copies.

“There are no independent trade unions in the LNR (Luhansk People’s Republic) nor will there be” confirms Mykola Koziuberda, head of the Independent Miners Union at the Nikanor Nova mine (Luhansk Coal Association).

Koziuberda has fled his home because of threats against him.

Protests in the “DNR” are criminalised: its criminal code punishes slander and insult of government officials.

There is a “Labour Code” being prepared in the DNR which has a clearly pro-capitalist character (<http://lug-rescomroo.info/?p=277>).

Under its demagoguery about “a republic without oligarchs” a criminal regime is being formed which not only violates the right to work, but excludes the very possibility of struggle for the rights of labour.

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Russia is run by a corrupt pack of super rich capitalists, called oligarchs, who intend to oppress and exploit every piece of the earth they can get their hands on

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The Ukrainian government in Kyiv is run by a corrupt pack of super rich capitalists, called oligarchs, who intend to oppress and exploit every piece of the land inside the borders of the Ukraine they can get their hands on, and don't give a shit about freedom, democracy, or anything else besides heaping up their money.

That said, regardless of the regime in power over them, the Ukrainians have the right to refuse to become part of either the Russian or the U.S. Empires, and to resist either by force of arms.

If Ukrainians could manage to wipe out their own ruling class government of oligarchs, centered in Kyiv, and install a working class government, it will be much easier to defend themselves against hungry Empires.

This would also bring the support of unhappy Eastern Ukrainians.

The Eastern Ukrainians are rebelling against a corrupt government of Ukrainian oligarchs who have oppressed and exploited them ever since the Ukraine became a nation, lately appointing billionaire governors to rule over them and suck their blood, treating them like an internal colony.

The rebels are not infiltrating agents of Putin, as the Obama regime would have you believe.

A large majority of Eastern Ukrainians do not wish to become part of Imperial Russia, as poll after poll of their views has repeatedly shown.

The Eastern Ukrainians have as much right to revolution against a government of capitalist oligarch tyrants as the Ukrainians had to rise up against the government of the tyrant Yanukovich and his oligarchs that their uncompleted revolution overthrew in February.

The Eastern Ukrainians are right to rise up against the new government of oligarchs in Kyiv and the billionaire oligarchs that government has appointed to rule over them without their consent.

If they wish to, the Eastern Ukrainians have as much right to self-determination as any other group of oppressed, exploited people ruled by appointed oligarchs who set governors over them from far away, and grow fat on their exploitation.

In the best of all possible worlds, Ukrainian government soldiers and the armed rebels of Eastern Ukraine would stop fighting each other and join together to wipe

out all the Ukrainian oligarchs, and set an example for what Russians can do with Putin's government of, by, and for the super-rich in Russia.

**Independent Trade Unions Are
Now Banned In The So-Called
Luhansk Peoples Republic:
Oligarchs In Command Of
Separatist Area:
Union Organizer Told “We Don't Need
Rebels, And You Are A Well Known
Rebel (Buntar) And You Are Just
Trouble”
“I Will Come To You And Rip Your Head
Off”**

Feb 25, 2015 Interview with Mykola Koziuberda, observerukraine.net/

An interview with Mykola Koziuberda, Head of the Independent Union of Miners at the Nikanor Nova mine of the Luhansk Coal Association.

The interview was taken on 24 February 2015 by Oleh Vernyk, Head of the All Ukrainian Independent Union Defense of Labour- Zakhyst Pratsi. Translation by Marko Bojcun

O.V. Mykola, we have received information that you had to leave Luhansk Oblast because of direct threats made on your life. Is that true?

M.K. Yes, its true. Right now I'm staying in Poltava Oblast.

I have to say that several threats were made on my life, including from officials of the LNR (Luhansk People's Republic). These threats were linked directly to my activities as leader of the independent miners union at the Nikanor Nova mine.

O.V. Tell us a little about the situation at your mine, how things have developed there.

M.K. The director of the mine issued an order on 27 July 2014 to stop work at our mine. Approximately 300 people were left with full time jobs out of 1500 miners and support staff.

The miners at our mine haven't been paid since August 2014. The bank cards into which our miners get their pay have been blocked. In February this year the accounts office at the mine paid out one month's wages – for last November. That's all we've gotten up till now.

During this time the Nikanor Nova mine is one of a very few belonging to the Luhansk Coal Association which hasn't stopped working and has suffered practically no damage from the war in Luhansk. The mine produces coal for electricity generating stations, which is needed by everyone regardless of the current position of the front.

O.V. A few words about your independent union?

M.K. We were officially registered in the town of Zorynsk, Luhansk oblast on 14 April 2000. At the peak of our growth our independent miners union had over 600 members, that is approximately half of the work collective belonged to it.

We experienced heavy repression from the mine management over the years after we were formed.

Workers received bonuses and the best times for leave on the condition they resigned from our independent union.

Our union committee adopted resolutions many times calling for the removal of the mine director from his post in connection with frequent violations of the labour code.

However, all our attempts were stopped by the Ministry and the law enforcement authorities.

Eventually we succeeded in getting the resignation of the director who had by then become completely shameless. But the situation did not change in a qualitative way after that.

By the summer of 2014 there were 220 members left in our independent union.

O.V. Mykola, scanned copies of documents appeared on the Internet recently which testify to the prohibition of registration of independent trade unions in the LNR.

In particular the Independent Miners Union at the M.P. Barakov mine belonging to the Krasnodon Coal Association has put up onto its site (<http://npg.social/title/275/>) a scanned copy of its correspondence with the official organs of the "Luhansk People's Republic" in which they are refused registration on the grounds of the Instruction of the LNR Minister of Justice A.V. Shubina, dated 20/1/2015: No. 8 – OD "On the prohibition of registration of independent trade unions on the territory of the Luhansk People's Republic".

This material evoked a strong civic reaction in the trade union milieu of Ukraine, in Europe and around the world. A number of "left wing" publications which support the

DNR and LNR projects have been quick to declare these documents are “fakes”. Can you comment on this situation?

M.K. This is all true and the document is genuine.

Moreover, I have personal experience of the leaders of the LNR not even wanting to hear anything about a social dialogue with independent trade unions. They rule out the very possibility of forming such unions in the LNR.

For example, in my capacity as head of the Independent Miners Union at the Nikanor Nova mine I met with Ihor Plotnycky, the LNR leader on 5 November 2014. I wanted to find out how the LNR leadership views the issue of co-operation between the government and the independent unions. Plotnytsky gave me no understandable reply, but advised me to meet and consult on this question with Oleh Akimov, Head of the so-called “Federation of Trade Unions of the LNR”.

This “federation” was formed with the support of the LNR authorities on the basis of the Luhansk Oblast Section of the so-called “official” unions – the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine (FPU). During my meeting with Mr Akimov I was told that independent unions had nothing in common and even more so today they have nothing in common with his “Federation of Trade Unions of LNR”.

That same day, 5 November 2014, I was told point blank the following during my meeting with Dmytro Leonidovych Liamin, LNR Minister for Fuel, Energy and Coal industry, a man I have known for many years:

“We don’t need rebels, and you are a well known rebel (buntar) and you are just trouble”I will come to you and rip your head off”.

At this meeting I was told clearly and in no uncertain terms that there is only one official trade union in the LNR: the “Federation of Trade Unions of the LNR” and no others.

Therefore, they are not going to register independent trade unions.

**Video Shows Cop Slapping
Homeless Man:
“They Treat You Like You’re Nothing
But A Piece Of Filth”
“It Doesn’t Matter Where You Go.
Everywhere You Go You’re A Broken**

Window And Cops Need To Get Rid Of You”

February 24, 2015 by Renee Lewis, Al Jazeera America

A video clip capturing the moment a Florida policeman appears to throw a homeless man to the ground before slapping him in the face highlights the need to end criminalization of the homeless, rights advocates said Tuesday.

Bruce Laclair, 58, was reportedly sleeping on a bench in a bus terminal near downtown Fort Lauderdale on Sunday when a police officer stopped him. Footage taken by a bystander of the incident shows Officer Victor Ramírez holding Laclair’s arm and then seemingly pushing him to the ground.

The officer tells the man to stand before slapping him across the face.

On Monday, Ramírez was suspended on pay while Fort Lauderdale Police Department investigates the allegations.

Although shocking, the incident is not isolated and represents a wider problem with criminalization of the homeless, activists told Al Jazeera.

“We’ve heard over the last 20 years that that kind of thing happens,” said Sean Cononie, founder of the advocacy group Homeless Voice. He said that Laclair’s alleged treatment was indicative of a city determined to rid itself of all homeless people.

“They treat you like you’re nothing but a piece of filth.”

In a bid to safeguard against confrontation like that apparently captured on video in Florida, homeless advocates are campaigning for a bill called “Right to Rest” in several states legislatures. The measure would put an end to laws targeting people who sit, eat, sleep or stand in public places, according to Paul Boden, executive director of the Western Regional Advocacy Project (WRAP), a homeless people’s rights group.

The bill has already been introduced in Oregon and Colorado state legislature, and WRAP is looking for a state legislator to sponsor the bill in California.

Activists say such measures are needed to protect life-sustaining activities from over-zealous law enforcers.

“It doesn’t matter where you go. Everywhere you go you’re a broken window and cops need to get rid of you,” Boden said. “As a cop, if I see you in my town, and I don’t want people like you in my town, I’m going to use laws against standing, sitting, sleeping, eating — things we all do — to get you out of my town.”

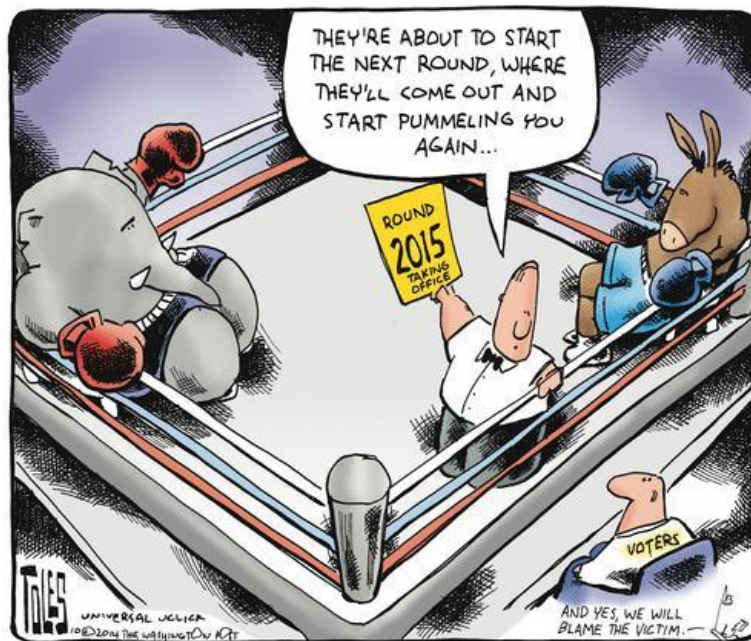
As part of the campaign to support the Right to Rest bill, law students at the University of California, Berkeley recently released a report showing that municipal laws targeting the homeless are on the rise across the United States.

The surge in laws targeting life-sustaining activities in public followed significant cuts in federal funding for affordable housing which began in the early 1980s, the report showed.

Though such laws may have taken the “broken windows” policy — which aims to curtail serious offenses by aggressively policing small crimes — out of public view, they did nothing to help reduce homelessness. Criminal records are not helpful when trying to find a job or applying for housing, Boden said.

“Homelessness isn’t a criminal justice issue ... it about lack of housing not lack of cops,” Boden said.

DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK



OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**Zionist Settlers Uproot Hundred
Palestinian Olive Saplings in Hebron
Neighborhood**

February 25, 2015 WAFA

HEBRON – Israeli settlers uprooted Wednesday a hundred olive saplings recently-planted in the Tel Rumeida neighborhood in the southern West Bank city of Hebron, said a local activist organization.

According to the Palestinian Voluntary Action Commission, settlers from the illegal settlement outpost of Beit Hadassa stormed a Palestinian land that was planted with a hundred olive saplings near Qurtuba School.

Settlers destroyed the fence surrounding the land and proceeded to uproot a hundred olive saplings that were planted by Palestinian activists three weeks ago as part of a campaign to plant one million trees on land facing seizure in Hebron.

The campaign intended to help Palestinian farmers maintain ownership of their farmlands threatened by Israeli annexation and replant tree seedlings on damaged land.

Husam Sheikh, 14, Sentenced To 4 Months In Prison By Occupation Military Court: “The Army Detained The Child’s Father For Talking To The Media” “Israel Is Denying The Detained Child Access To His Much-Needed Medications, As He Suffers From Anemia”

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The Israeli military court in the Ofer base and detention center, near the central West Bank city of Ramallah, sentenced on Wednesday child detainee, Husam Khaled Sheikh, 14 years of age, to four months imprisonment, and 2000NIS fine, his family said.

The family stated the military court also sentenced the child to a six-month suspended sentence that will remain in effect for five years.

Sheikh is from Beit ‘Anan, in occupied Jerusalem; he was kidnapped by the soldiers next to his family home, on December 25, 2014, and is currently held in ‘Ofer.

Sheikh's lawyer Akram Samara told the family that the chief military prosecutor headed the court session, in a move that is unusual, especially since the head prosecutor only resides in exceptional cases.

It is worth mentioning that the army detained the child's father for talking to the media, exposing the Israeli violations against his detained son, and for organizing media and social solidarity campaigns.

Under the court ruling, Khaled will remain imprisoned until April 25 2015, after deducting time served.

The father, along with various human rights groups, legal organizations, and solidarity campaigns, called for Khaled's immediate release, and said solidarity activities will never cease until his freedom.

They added that Israel must be obliged to release all detained Palestinian children, stop its violations of International Law, and must end its ongoing and escalating violations against all Palestinians.

The father said the campaign would continue, especially since Israel is denying the detained child access to his much-needed medications, as he suffers from Anemia and several health complications.

The child's lawyer filed all medical reports to the Israeli military court, and demanded the court to provide the needed medical care.

At Dawn Friday Settlers Storm Historical Islamic Holy Shrines In Salfit: Zionist Filth Also Spray Racist Graffiti On Walls

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SALFIT -- A group of Israeli settlers stormed at dawn Friday historical Islamic holy shrines in Salfit, where they performed Talmudic rituals.

Israeli settlers repeatedly enter the area located to the east of the city at the pretext there are Jewish prophets' tombs. However, Palestinians confirmed they are only a number of ancient Sufi shrines.

Local sources clarified that large numbers of settlers escorted by Israeli forces broke into the area at dawn today and embarked on performing Talmudic rituals for long hours.

The settlers also chanted anti-Arab slogans and sprayed racist graffiti on walls in the area before leaving the city, the sources added.

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