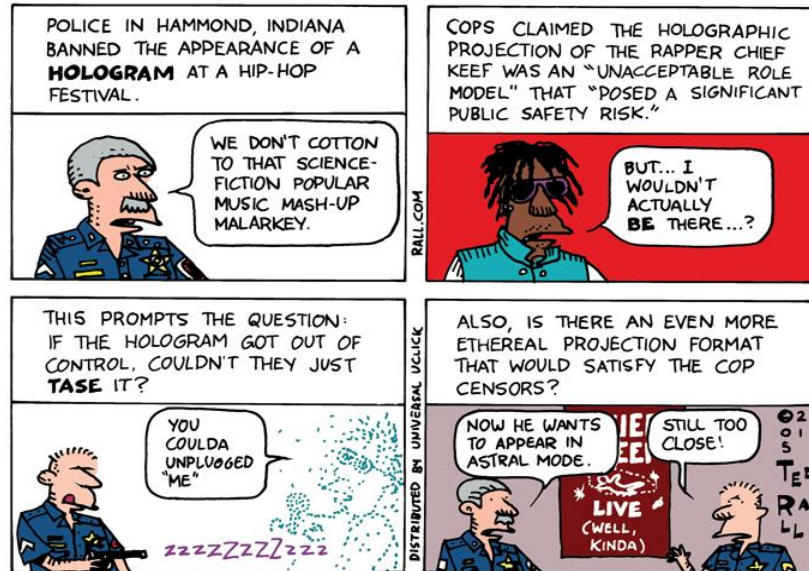


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**Massive Beirut Demonstrations
"Calling On Lebanese People
To Join Them In A Revolt
Against What They Call 'A
Corrupt System'"**

**"A Grassroots Movement That Has
Come Out On To The Streets"**

**"Points To Power Shortages,
Water Shortages, Inherent
Corruption Within The State"**

“We Are Ruled By Corrupt Losers! All Of Them — Warlords, Legislators And Ministers — Are Working For Their Own Interest And Not Those Of The People”

“The Will Of The People Will Eventually Succeed No Matter How Long It Takes”



A police motorcycle burns as Lebanese activists take the streets in downtown Beirut, Lebanon, Aug. 23, 2015. Lebanese riot police fired several rounds of tear gas and water cannons for the second consecutive day in downtown Beirut Sunday as they battled protesters with batons and stones. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)

In other countries, like Brazil, Honduras and Guatemala, largely leaderless protests have arisen suddenly and more or less spontaneously over allegations of government corruption and widespread perceptions of a lack of accountability.

23 Aug 2015 by Diana Al Rifai, Aljazeera & By HWAIDA SAAD, New York Times & The Associated Press

Thousands have gathered in Beirut a day after police fired tear gas, rubber bullets and water cannons at demonstrators who were protesting against what they call Lebanon's "political dysfunction".

The demonstrations, the largest in years to shake Lebanon, seek to upend what protesters see as a corrupt and dysfunctional political system that has no functional Cabinet or parliament, nor a president for more than a year.

“We are ruled by corrupt losers! All of them — warlords, legislators and ministers — are working for their own interest and not those of the people,” said Nada Qadoura, a retired woman who took part in Sunday's protest along with two of her friends.

“The will of the people will eventually succeed no matter how long it takes.”

Protesters camped overnight in the Lebanese capital's Riad al-Solh square waiting for Prime Minister Tammam Salam's response to Saturday's police violence.

On Sunday night, chaotic scenes unfolded as demonstrators refused to disperse and entered Martyrs Square, an expanse of empty space created by the destruction of Lebanon's civil war a generation ago.

Sunday's clashes broke out shortly before sunset when angry protesters tried to break through barbed wire leading to the government's headquarters.

Before the violence on Sunday, Mr. Salam admitted at a news conference that “excessive force” had been used during the rallies on Saturday, and that the demonstrators had a legitimate grievance.

In a televised address on Sunday morning, Salam said members of the security forces will be held accountable for the violence against protesters. Salam also called on an emergency parliament session on Thursday to deal with the country's ongoing political crisis.

“I have been, like many other fellow Lebanese, patient enough, but yesterday's outcry should not be ignored,” he said.

“I was never in this for a position in government, I am one of you. I am with the people. Do not pit this conflict (as) one camp against the other. Target all the politicians.”

Angered by Salam's speech on Sunday, a number of the protesters chanted: “The people want the fall of the regime”.

Al Jazeera's Jamal Elshayyal, reporting from Beirut, said the protests had drawn people from across Lebanon's political divide.

“This is very much a grassroots movement that has come out on to the streets...there seems to be a very significant movement forming here in Beirut.

“(The protests) were triggered by the trash crisis but the people we've been speaking to say that this is the straw that broke the camel's back...they point to power shortages, water shortages, inherent corruption within the state.”

On Sunday, some Lebanese who did not take part in the demonstrations expressed strong support for them.

“Unfortunately, today is my shift so I can’t join. All my friends are already there,” said a woman who was working at a market and identified herself by her first name, Hiba. “This country is not functioning.”

As she was speaking, the electricity in the store went off. “Now you know what I mean,” she said.

Tensions in Lebanon have peaked recently after protests against the government's inability to ensure that rubbish is disposed of effectively.

Last month the country was left with mounting piles of rubbish after politicians, divided by regional and local conflict, were unable to agree where to dump the capital's refuse.

The crisis was temporarily resolved when the rubbish was finally cleared, but bickering within the government over which company to award the new contract has exposed it to allegations of corruption from opponents.

The prime minister said on Sunday that if legislators could not reach an agreement on the rubbish crisis on Thursday, there is a possibility the government will be dissolved.

“If the meeting is not productive, there is no need for the council of ministers all together,” Salam said.

An online group named “You Stink!” along with other civil society groups organised this weekend's protests, calling on Lebanese people to join them in a revolt against what they call “a corrupt system”.

Azza El Masri, who is part of the “You Stink” campaign told Al Jazeera that protesters are not backing down and the protests will continue.

“We want Tammam Salam and all the political class to resign. When people were chanting that they wanted to topple the regime yesterday, they were serious. We want to topple (the government), and we won't stop until we do,” El Masri said.

“YouReek or YouStink (protesters) have vowed to stay at Riad al-Solh until the Minister of Environment resigns, until those who were randomly arrested are freed, and until the riot police are held accountable for the violence,” El Masri added.

Joey Ayoub, one of the organisers of “You Stink” and was present during the protests on Saturday and Sunday, told Al Jazeera protesters were met with police brutality, tear gas canisters and water cannons.

“Shabiha!” the protesters would shout, an Arabic term often used to refer to thugs.

“As one of those who helped organise this protest, I can safely tell you that the government’s reaction was beyond anything we were expecting,” Ayoub told Al Jazeera.

The Lebanese Red Cross said at least 15 civilians were injured during the protests on Saturday in addition to 35 officers.

In other countries, like Brazil, Honduras and Guatemala, largely leaderless protests have arisen suddenly and more or less spontaneously over allegations of government corruption and widespread perceptions of a lack of accountability.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Army Green Beret from Rhode Island killed in Afghanistan



Photo: Facebook)

August 10, 2015 The Associated Press

BRISTOL, R.I. — An Army Green Beret from Rhode Island was killed in Afghanistan just a month after he was honored at the historic Fourth of July parade in his hometown of Bristol.

The 7th Special Forces Group to which he was assigned said Sunday that 1st Sgt. Peter Andrew McKenna Jr., 35, died Friday in Kabul during an attack on a NATO facility. The Pentagon said he was struck by enemy small arms fire.

McKenna, a 17-year Army veteran, had also served in Iraq and been awarded the Bronze Star with V device for heroism in combat operations, as well as the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

Rhode Island U.S. Sen. Jack Reed, who announced McKenna's death Saturday night, had joined state Rep. Raymond Gallison at the Bristol parade, one of the nation's oldest Independence Day celebrations, to present McKenna with a U.S. flag flown over the Capitol. Reed called McKenna "an extraordinary young man with a big heart and a dedicated, distinguished soldier." Gallison told the Providence Journal that McKenna's death "is absolutely devastating to the family and the entire town of Bristol."

McKenna is survived by his parents, Peter and Carol McKenna of Bristol. Gov. Gina Raimondo ordered flags flown at half-staff beginning Tuesday through his funeral services. "All Rhode Islanders are grateful for his service, and our prayers are with his family and loved ones," she said.

The Army said McKenna began his service in 1998 as an infantryman, and qualified for Special Forces in 2002. He was assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group, now based at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, as communications sergeant in 2003. He earned a bachelor's degree in strategic studies from Norwich University last year.

POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE BLOODSHED

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE
WAR**

Three U.S. Mercenaries Killed By Kabul Car Bomb



Afghan security forces and British soldiers inspect the site of an attack in the heart of Kabul, Afghanistan. Photograph: Massoud Hossaini/AP

August 22, 2015 by Sune Engel Rasmussen in Kabul, The Guardian & RAHIM FAIEZ, Associated Press [Excerpts]

At least 12 people were killed and more than 60 wounded when a car bomb exploded outside a hospital in central Kabul on Saturday afternoon, the latest in a wave of attacks to hit the Afghan capital in recent weeks.

The bomber, who is thought to have targeted a foreign convoy, killed three American contractors.

At least one armored vehicle in the convoy had been destroyed by the blast.

It wasn't clear how many armored cars were in the convoy, though it is at least two, often three because of heightened security concerns in the capital.

In a statement on Saturday night, Nato said one of the Americans was killed in the blast, while the two others later died of their wounds. The contractors were not named.

According to Reuters, the contractors worked for DynCorp International, a private US security firm with a long involvement in the war.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which took place at 4.20pm (1250 BST) in a busy street close to a market and residential housing complexes.

Shams-ul Rahman, a prominent religious cleric, was on his way to a madrasa to teach a class of female Qur'an students when the bomb went off.

"Fortunately none of the students were hurt, but the madrasa is 100% destroyed," he said.

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Insurgents Kill 10 Regime Troops

08.22.15 Associated Press

Militants drove an explosives-laden vehicle into a training site for government soldiers in the southern port city of Kismayo.

Somali officials said at least 10 soldiers were killed in that attack, for which al-Shabab claimed responsibility.

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 is a two class world and the wrong class is running it.

-- Larry Christensen, Soldiers Of Solidarity & United Auto Workers

The Sorrows of Profit

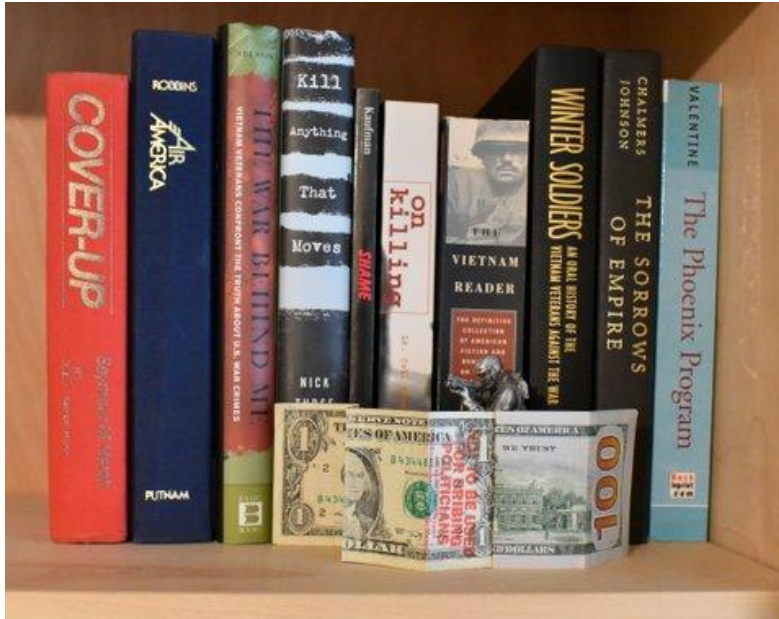


Photo by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: August 17, 2015
Subject: The Sorrows of Profit

The Sorrows of Profit

Every time you buy a boy a violent
toy you trample his soul.

Mike Hastie
Army Medic Vietnam
August 17, 2015

The following is a cadence that was sung by the Marine Corps during basic training, and also midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy during the Vietnam War. In 2006, I met Kim Phuc, who was the nine-year-old Vietnamese girl who was napalmed during the Vietnam War. The picture of her running down a road with her arms stretched out became one of the most iconic images ever taken. When I heard her speak, she broke down during her presentation, and the shame we all felt in the predominately American audience was beyond belief.

NAPALM STICKS TO KIDS

We shoot the sick, the young, the lame,

We do our best to maim,
Because the kills all count the same,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Chorus: Napalm sticks to kids,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Flying low across the trees,
Pilots doing what they please,
Dropping frags on refugees,
Napalm sticks to kids.

See those farmers over there,
Watch me get them with a pair,
Blood and guts just everywhere,
Napalm sticks to kids.

I've only seen it happen twice,
But both times it was mighty nice,
Shooting peasants planting rice,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Napalm, son, is lots of fun,
Dropped in a bomb or shot from a gun,
It gets the gooks when on the run,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Drop some napalm on a farm,
It won't do them any harm,
Just burn off their legs and arms,
Napalm sticks to kids.

CIA with guns for hire,
Montagnards around a fire,
Napalm makes the fire go higher,
Napalm sticks to kids.

I've been told it's not so neat,
To catch gooks burning in the street,
But burning flesh, it smells too sweet,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Children sucking on a mother's tit,
Wounded gooks down in a pit,
Dow Chemical doesn't give a shit,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Bombardiers don't care a bit,
Just as long as the pieces fit,
When you stuff the bodies in a pit,
Napalm sticks to kids.

**Cobras flying in the sun,
Killing gooks is lots of fun,
Get one pregnant and it's two for one,
Napalm sticks to kids.**

**Shoot civilians where they sit,
Take some pictures as you spit,
All your life you'll remember it,
Napalm sticks to kids.**

**NVA are all hard core,
Flechettes never are a bore,
Throw those PSYOPS out the door,
Napalm sticks to kids.**

**Gather kids as you fly over town,
By throwing candy on the ground,
Then grease 'em when they gather 'round,
Napalm sticks to kids.**

Several years ago I met a woman who was married to a Navy pilot during the Vietnam War. He spent three tours in Vietnam flying heavily armed jets. Their two sons were born during his time in the military. She told me he got out of the service after the war, and spent most of his time being very depressed. Two of his pilot friends who were also in Vietnam committed suicide. One day when their boys were still young, her husband walked out of the house and never came home. He simply vanished, and she never heard from him again.

Photo and caption from the portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: hastiemike@earthlink.net) T)

One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

**Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71
December 13, 2004**

**Against Imperial War:
[1915]
“Imperialism Is The Progressing
Oppression Of The Nations Of The
World By A Handful Of Great
Powers”
“Basing Ourselves On Democracy As It
Already Exists, Exposing Its
Incompleteness Under Capitalism, We
Advocate The Overthrow Of Capitalism”**

We demand the freedom of self-determination, i. e., independence, i. e., the freedom of separation for the oppressed nations, not because we dream of an economically atomized world, nor because we cherish the ideal of small states, but on the contrary because we are for large states and for a coming closer, even a fusion of nations, but on a truly democratic, truly internationalist basis, which is unthinkable without the freedom of separation.

1915, By V. I. Ulyanov: Excerpts from Right To Self Determination, November 1915 & Imperialism And World Economy, 1915 [The writer used the pen name “Lenin” to keep the government from terrorizing his family.]

The proletariat cannot become victor save through democracy, i. e., through introducing complete democracy and through combining with every step of its movement democratic demands formulated most vigorously, most decisively.

It is senseless to contrast the Socialist revolution and the revolutionary struggle against capitalism to one of the questions of democracy, in this case the national question.

On the contrary, we must combine the revolutionary struggle against capitalism with a revolutionary program and revolutionary tactics relative to all democratic demands: a republic, a militia, officials elected by the people, equal rights for women, self- determination of nations, etc.

While capitalism exists, all these demands are realizable only as an exception, and in an incomplete, distorted form.

Basing ourselves on democracy as it already exists, exposing its incompleteness under capitalism, we advocate the overthrow of capitalism, expropriation of the bourgeoisie as a necessary basis both for the abolition of the poverty of the masses and for a complete and manifold realization of all democratic reforms.

Some of those reforms will be started prior to the overthrow of the bourgeoisie, others in the process of the overthrow, still others after it has been accomplished.

The Socialist revolution is by no means a single battle; on the contrary, it is an epoch of a whole series of battles around all problems of economic and democratic reforms, which can be completed only by the expropriation of the bourgeoisie.

It is for the sake of this final aim that we must formulate in a consistently revolutionary manner every one of our democratic demands.

It is quite conceivable that the workers of a certain country may overthrow the bourgeoisie before even one fundamental democratic reform has been realised in full.

It is entirely inconceivable, however, that the proletariat as an historical class will be able to defeat the bourgeoisie if it is not prepared for this task by being educated in the spirit of the most consistent and determined revolutionary democracy.

Imperialism is the progressing oppression of the nations of the world by a handful of great powers; it is an epoch of wars among them for the widening and strengthening of national oppression; it is the epoch when the masses of the people are deceived by the hypocritical social-patriots, i. e., people who under the pretext of "freedom of nations," "right of nations to self-determination," and "defence of the fatherland" justify and defend the oppression of a majority of the world's nations by the great powers.

This is just why the central point in a programme of Social-Democrats must be that distinction between oppressing and oppressed nations, since the distinction is the essence of imperialism, and is fraudulently evaded by the social-patriots ...

This distinction is not important from the point of view of bourgeois pacifism, or the petty-bourgeois Utopia of peaceful competition between independent nations under capitalism, but it is most important in the point of view of the revolutionary struggle against imperialism.

From this distinction there follows *our* consistently democratic and revolutionary definition of the "right of nations to self-determination," which is in accord with the general task of the immediate struggle for Socialism.

It is in the name of this right, and fighting for its unequivocal recognition, that the Social-Democrats of the oppressing nations must demand the freedom of separation for the oppressed nations, for otherwise recognition of the equal rights of nations and international solidarity of the workers in reality remains an empty phrase, a hypocritical gesture.

Russia is a prison of peoples not only because of the military, feudal character of tsarism, not only because the Great-Russian bourgeoisie supports tsarism, but also because the Polish, Lettish, etc., bourgeoisie has sacrificed the freedom of nations and democracy in general for the interests of capitalist expansion.

The proletariat of Russia, marching at the head of the people, cannot complete the victorious democratic revolution (which is its immediate task); neither can it fight together with its brothers, the proletarians of Europe, for a Socialist revolution, without demanding at once full and “unreserved” freedom of separation from Russia for all the nations oppressed by Russia.

This we demand not as something independent from our revolutionary struggle for Socialism, but because this struggle would remain an idle phrase if it were not linked up with a revolutionary approach to all the questions of democracy, including the national question.

We demand the freedom of self-determination, i. e., independence, i. e., the freedom of separation for the oppressed nations, not because we dream of an economically atomized world, nor because we cherish the ideal of small states, but on the contrary because we are for large states and for a coming closer, even a fusion of nations, but on a truly democratic, truly internationalist basis, which is unthinkable without the freedom of separation.

In the same way as Marx in 1869 demanded the separation of Ireland, not for the purpose of splitting England, but for a subsequent free alliance of Ireland with England, not for the sake of “justice to Ireland,” but for the interests of the revolutionary struggle of the English proletariat, so we at present consider the refusal by the Socialists of Russia to demand freedom of self-determination for the nations, in the sense indicated by us above, as a direct betrayal of democracy, internationalism, and Socialism.

[H]e who rejects the hard tasks of today in the name of dreams about easy tasks of the future becomes an opportunist.

Theoretically it means to fail to base oneself on the developments now going on in real life, to detach oneself from them in the name of dreams.

War is a “terrible” thing? Yes.

But it is a terribly profitable thing.

ANNIVERSARIES

Noble Anniversary: August 25, 1969

The Rebellion Of Company A; “One Of Hundreds Of Mutinies Among Troops During The War”



Carl Bunin, Peace History Aug 20-26

Company A of the 3rd Battalion the 196th Light Brigade refused to advance further into the Songchang Valley of Vietnam after five days of heavy casualties; their number had been reduced from 150 to 60.

This was one of hundreds of mutinies among troops during the war.

“He (President Nixon) is also carrying on the battle in the belief, or pretense, that the South Vietnamese will really be able to defend their country and our democratic objectives (sic) when we withdraw, and even his own generals don’t believe the South Vietnamese will do it.”

James Reston in the New York Times

CLASS WAR REPORTS

Mass Protests Against The Regime Sweep Across Iraq:

“We Will Continue To Protest, And We Will Escalate Our Action Until Our Demands Are Met”

22 August 2015 Middle East Eye

Thousands of demonstrators took to the streets in the Iraqi capital Baghdad and the country’s southern provinces on Saturday to protest against the lack of services and high rates of unemployment.

The demonstrations came in response to calls initiated by the civil movement against corruption and called for swift action to be taken against corruption and “corrupt” government officials they hold responsible for continued electricity outages, water cuts and rising unemployment rates, reported Aljazeera.

Protesters also demanded the reformation of the judiciary and the elimination of sectarianism throughout government institutions, reported Aljazeera.

The protests are a continuation of demonstrations that started in July as hundreds took to Tahrir Square in Baghdad calling on the government to meet their demands. The protests have continued on a weekly basis, usually erupting on Fridays.

Despite high security measures taken by the state to contain the protests, the wave of demonstrations continues to be strong across several southern cities, including al-Hila, al-Nasira, Basra, Najaf and Karbala.

Hundreds of the civic activists demonstrated in Baghdad’s central Tahrir Square calling on the government to issue their salaries, which they claim have been delayed for months, reported the Anadolu Agency.

Security forces reportedly surrounded government buildings while the Ministry of Interior dispatched more forces to control the demonstrations.

Meanwhile, thousands of people took to the streets in Iraq’s southeastern province of Maysan demanding a reformation of the judiciary and an end to the hegemony of religious parties over Iraq’s government institutions.

Similarly in Iraq’s southern provinces of Basra, Babil and Dilqar, thousands more civic activists protested in front of the local governorate building, calling for immediate reformations including changes to the constitution.

Earlier this month a civic activist and an organiser of the demonstrations in Basra told Al Jazeera: “We are sending a message to government officials telling them that we’ve had enough of political rhetoric. We demand basic services,” said Mohamed Hassan. “We will continue to protest, and we will escalate our action until our demands are met.”

In response to earlier demonstrations, Iraqi Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi said in a televised statement in early August that the protests signalled an “alarm bell” for the government, calling on it to address protesters demands immediately.

DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK



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OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**Zionist Settlers Attack Palestinian
Farmers In Nablus:
Voluntarily Guard Committees
“Clashed With The Settlers And
Managed To Fend Off The Attack”**

Occupation Forces “Fire Live Ammunition, Tear Gas Canisters, And Stun Grenades Towards The Locals”

August 22, 2015 WAFA

NABLUS – Israeli settlers Saturday attacked Palestinian farmers in the village of Qasra to the south of Nablus, whereas Israeli army raided and searched several Palestinian homes and set up military checkpoints in the Hebron district, according to a local activist.

Ghassan Daghlas, who monitors settlement activities in the West Bank, said that settlers attacked farmers, provoking the village locals and voluntarily guard committees - formed to protect locals against settlers' attacks - who clashed with the settlers and managed to fend off the attack.

Meanwhile, witnesses reported that despite the settlers' attack, Israeli forces, who arrived at the scene of the clashes, proceeded to fire live ammunition, tear gas canisters, and stun grenades towards the locals, while paying no effort to apprehend any of the settlers. However, no injuries were reported.

Later Saturday, other settlers, protected by Israeli soldiers, attacked Palestinian locals in another area in the village of Qasra, leading to clashes.

Forces fired rubber-coated steel bullets, tear gas canisters and stun grenades at locals, causing many to suffocate due to tear gas inhalation.

In many cases of settlers' attacks against Palestinians, forces offer protection to settlers and turn a blind eye to attacks committed against locals.

B'Tselem, the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, estimated the settler population in the West Bank at around 531,000.

It said, “In late 2012 the population of the West Bank settlements was 341,400; in late 2011 there were 190,423 individuals living in Israeli neighborhoods in East Jerusalem.”

Settlements are illegal under international law as they violate Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, which prohibits the transfer of the occupying power's civilian population into occupied territory.

“The existence of settlements leads to violations of many of the human rights of Palestinians, including the rights to property, equality, an adequate standard of living and freedom of movement.

In addition, the radical changes Israel has made to the map of the West Bank preclude any real possibility of establishing an independent, viable Palestinian state as part of the fulfillment of the right to self-determination,” said B'Tselem.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said that, “The failure to respect international law, along with the lack of adequate law enforcement vis-à-vis settler violence and takeover of land has led to a state of impunity, which encourages further violence and undermines the physical security and livelihoods of Palestinians.”

In a different OCHA report published in 2012, it reported that, “Over 90% of monitored complaints regarding settler violence filed by Palestinians with the Israeli police in recent years have been closed without indictment.”

“The Israeli authorities repeatedly fail to enforce the rule of law in response to Israeli settlers’ acts of violence against Palestinians. Israeli forces often fail to stop attacks and follow-up afterwards is inadequate or poorly conducted.

Measures of the current system, including requiring Palestinians to file complaints at police stations located inside Israeli settlements, actively work against the rule of law by discouraging Palestinians from filing complaints.”

In the meantime, Israeli forces raided and searched several homes in Hebron’s town of Beit Ummar, tampering with their contents, after forcing locals to stay in one room in their homes.

Forces further set up several military checkpoints in various neighborhoods in the Hebron district, including at the entrance of the town of Sair, and Halhoul, where they proceeded to stop and search Palestinian registered cars, checking passengers identity cards, and causing a traffic jam.

**Occupation Forces Attack
Unarmed Palestinian Christians:
“Catholic Priests Tried To Pray
Among Olive Trees That
Bulldozers And Mechanical
Diggers Were Seeking To Uproot”
“Stopped By Police”
“Demonstrator Arrested As He Tried To
Plant An Olive Sapling In Front Of The
Excavators”**



Israeli forces arrest a Palestinian Christian protester who was trying to reach tractors working on the construction of Israel's controversial wall in the Cremisan Valley (AFP/Musa al-Shaer)



An Israeli excavator uproots olive trees to make way for Israel's controversial separation barrier, in the West Bank town of Beit Jala on August 17, 2015. (AFP/File Musa al-Shaer)

Aug. 20, 2015 AFP

BEIT JALA -- Palestinian Christians clashed with Israeli border police near Bethlehem Wednesday after dozens of demonstrators, including priests, gathered to protest renewed work on Israel's controversial separation wall in the Christian majority town of Beit Jala.

An AFP journalist said the protesters, who were joined by a few foreign activists, gathered in Beit Jala to protest building a stretch of the wall, which started Monday, after years of legal battles.

The three Roman Catholic priests tried to pray among olive trees that bulldozers and mechanical diggers were seeking to uproot but were stopped by police.

One demonstrator was arrested as he tried to plant an olive sapling in front of the excavators.

Police wrestled with protesters who chanted, "Israel is a terrorist state. It doesn't scare us."

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah said they were "concerned" about the beginning of construction work in Cremisan, noting that it will directly affect the livelihoods of 58 families.

Israel began building the separation wall with concrete walls, fences and barbed-wire inside the occupied West Bank in 2002 at the height of the second Palestinian Intifada, claiming the barrier was crucial for security.

The International Court of Justice ruled in 2004 that construction of the barrier was illegal and, like the UN General Assembly, demanded that it be dismantled.

Palestinians, who refer to it as the "apartheid wall," say the barrier is a land grab, pointing out that when complete, 85 percent of it will have been built inside the West Bank.

The wall has already completely cut off East Jerusalem from the rest of the West Bank. The Applied Research Institute in Jerusalem says the wall will annex around 13 percent of the total area of the West Bank.

There has been fierce opposition from the local Palestinian Christian community, which has enlisted papal support, regarding the area of the wall that approaches Beit Jala and the adjacent Cremisan Valley.

The case grabbed special attention when the wall was slated to separate Cremisan monastery from the neighboring convent and vineyards.

It would have also separated Palestinians in the nearby Christian village of Beit Jala from their olive groves.

Israel's High Court ruled in April that the work must stop and told the government to consider alternative routes.

But, in a new decision on July 6, the court said work could go ahead, ruling that the previous ban referred only to an area of a few hundred meters(yards) alongside the monastery and the convent.

The people of Beit Jala were surprised Monday when Israeli bulldozers started uprooting olive trees east of the convent and monastery.

They are protesting against the confiscation of their land and the fragmentation of their lives and also fear that the path of the wall may herald expansion of the nearby Israeli settlements of Gilo and Har Gilo.

Settlements in occupied territory are illegal in the eyes of the international community.

The network of towering concrete walls, barbed-wire fences, trenches and closed military roads will extend 712kilometers(442 miles) when finished, separating the West Bank from Israel.

Zionist Settlers Kill Palestinian Olive Trees, As Usual

22-8-2015 The Palestinian Information Center

NABLUS -- A group of Israeli settlers set fire to Palestinian-owned agricultural land in Burin town, south of Nablus, on Friday.

Local activist Bilal Eid affirmed that a group of settlers, from the nearby Yitzhar settlement built on Palestinian lands south of the city, set fire to agricultural lands in three different areas in the town.

Eid told Quds Press that 30 olive trees were burned during the attack in addition to a number of almond trees.

Palestinian Civil Defense crews managed to control the fire before it spreading to other areas, he added.

Yitzhar settlers are used to carrying out attacks against Palestinian villages and property in the surrounding areas under Israeli military protection.

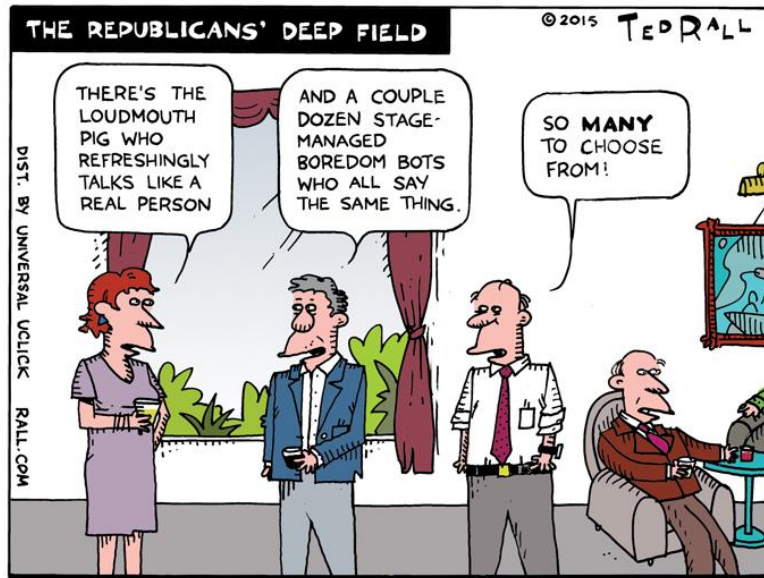
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The occupied nation is Palestine.

The foreign terrorists call themselves "Israeli."

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

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RE: General Strike Ecuador

From: F.S.
Subject: Re: Military Resistance 13H6: General Strike Ecuador
Date: Aug 16, 2015

Businesses are upset by new taxes - including import tariffs and a 75 percent tax on capital gains from real estate sales and inheritances - that were announced, but later suspended, after a public outcry.”

what sector of the “public” was outcrying about this?

of course i would be incensed, outraged and moved to take up arms if any government here dared to tax capital gains by 75% and tax real estate and inheritance...wouldn't you?

just asking, but this sounds very much like the orange, blue, mocha, puce (choose this week's bullshit color code) uprising-revolution that is usually financed and organized if not originating in places far away from wherever the orange-blue-mocha etc uprising of outraged, fed up, at their wits end citizens is taking place...

you know, where righteous people in a foreign country who all speak english are standing up for truth, justice and the american way..

i'm sure the guy and his government are flawed - unlike the scumbags who run this operation and allow us the freedom to do this - but this all sounds like all too typical bullshit to me..

see venezuala, bolivia, china, russia, anywhere they don't obey orders from master race-chosen people ghq.

Reply: T

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 for their Empire, and don't give a shit about freedom, democracy, the right of nations to self-determination, or anything else besides heaping up their money.

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It is unnecessary to give political support to any regime of oppressors in control of any small nation to oppose an Imperial attack on any small nation by any of these Imperial vultures.

For example: Iraq, where favoring the military defeat of the U.S. government war on Iraq had nothing to do with capitalist economic relations existing under the Hussein regime or the nature of the regime. The overriding consideration is the importance of a military defeat of an Imperialist power, weakening it generally, and solidarity with the working class of Iraq, which was faced with not only oppression by its local nationalist capitalist class, but the double oppression of that class and occupation by a foreign Imperial power on top of it, whether Hussein was in power or not.

For example: Afghanistan, where favoring the military defeat of the U.S. government has nothing to do with the economic relations existing in the Taliban sections of Afghanistan, or the nature of their regime.

The overriding consideration is the importance of a military defeat of an Imperialist power, weakening it generally, and solidarity with the working class of Afghanistan, embryonic as it is, faced with not only its only local nationalist capitalist class, embryonic as it is, but the double oppression of that formation and occupation by a foreign Imperial power on top of it, whether the Taliban is in power or not..

It is unnecessary to give political support to the Taliban leadership, or praise it out of some mistaken notion that it must be painted as progressive, in order to be for the defeat of the attacking Imperial power, in this case the U.S. state.

The right of small, oppressed nations to self-determination is not vacated by the nature of the regime in power here or there.

For over a decade, this Newsletter has been for the military defeat of the U.S. Imperial attacks on both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Should the working class of any small nation lead revolutionary expropriation of their local class of capitalists, whether private capitalists or national state capitalists, or a mix of both, the ability of that nation to resist Imperial attack would be enhanced by many orders of magnitude.

So far, that is not the case now, anywhere.

Hopefully, that revolutionary expropriation of their local class of capitalists, whether private capitalists or national government state capitalists, or a mix of both, and the destruction of regimes that defend those economic relations, will come to "venezuela, bolivia, china, russia" etc. in the future.

If we both favor the revolutionary expropriation of capitalist economic relations in Ecuador, and everywhere else as well, and the destruction of the regimes that preside

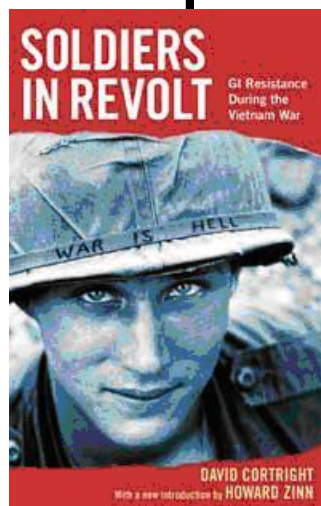
over those relations, and their supersession by the consequent social ownership and democratic working class control of all means of production, particular tactics are debatable.

Regimes presiding over various configurations of capitalist economic relations have enough apologists here, there and everywhere, as do their Empires.

Given limited space, there is no room for that here.



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