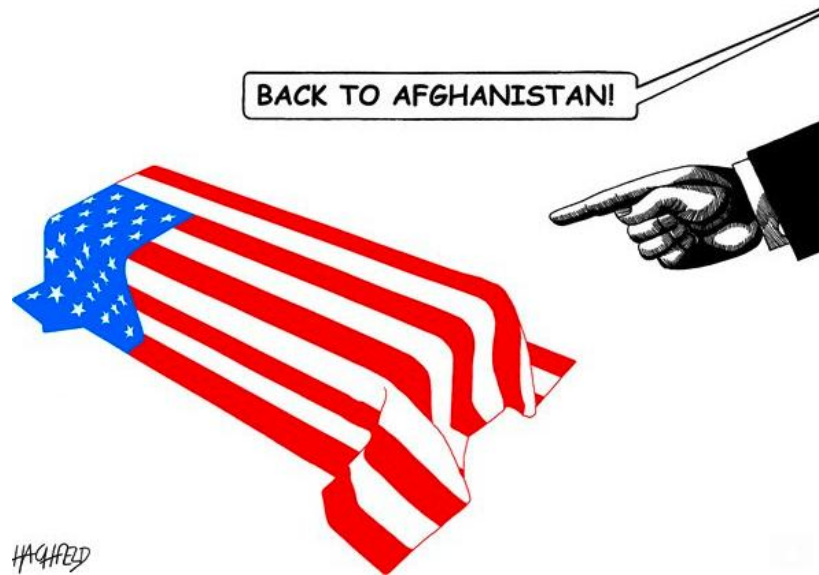


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“There Was No Set Date For The Military To Decrease The Number Of Troops In Afghanistan”

October 16, 2015 By MATTHEW ROSENBERG, The New York Times & by Carol E. Lee, Wall Street Journal [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON — The United States will halt its military withdrawal from Afghanistan and instead keep thousands of troops in the country through the end of his term in 2017, President Obama announced on Thursday, prolonging the American role in a war that has now stretched on for 14 years.

Republican presidential candidates criticized Mr. Obama’s Afghan strategy as wrongheaded, while spokesmen for Democratic candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders declined to comment.

But the Taliban on Thursday vowed to continue fighting until foreign soldiers are expelled from Afghanistan.

“We are the ones who will determine the date of their withdrawal,” said the group’s spokesman, Zabiullah Mujahid.

“This has been the worst fighting season ever,” Dawlat Waziri, the spokesman of Afghanistan’s ministry of defense, said ahead of Thursday’s announcement.

The new plan reflects the latest in a series of difficulties Mr. Obama has encountered in trying to follow through on his earliest campaign promises before leaving office.

“I know many of you have grown weary of this conflict,” Mr. Obama said, addressing Americans from the White House.

But he added: “I’m firmly convinced that we should make this extra effort.”

Under the new plan, the president said remaining U.S. troops will be stationed at points outside the Afghan capital, serving in Jalalabad in the east, Kandahar in the south, and at Bagram Air Field.

The current American force in Afghanistan of 9,800 troops will remain in place through most of 2016 under the administration’s revised plans, before dropping to about 5,500 at the end of next year or in early 2017, Mr. Obama said.

He called it a “modest but meaningful expansion of our presence” in that country.

The president, who has long sought to end America’s two wars before he leaves office, said he was not disappointed by the decision.

The Taliban are now spread through more parts of the country than at any point since 2001, according to the United Nations, and last month they scored their

biggest victory of the war, seizing the northern city of Kunduz and holding it for more than two weeks before pulling back on Tuesday.

There was no set date for the military to decrease the number of troops in Afghanistan to 5,500.

The pace of that troop reduction would be determined largely by commanders on the ground, and the timing would also most likely provide flexibility to whoever succeeds Mr. Obama.

It took only a few hundred Taliban members to chase thousands of Afghan soldiers and police officers from Kunduz, and the Afghans struggled to take back the city even with help from American airstrikes and Special Operations forces.

It is not the first time the administration has revised the withdrawal plans.

During Mr. Ghani's visit in March, Mr. Obama announced that the United States would keep 9,800 troops in Afghanistan through 2015, instead of cutting the force in half, as had been originally planned.

At the time, the White House still maintained that almost all the troops would be pulled out by 2017.

But with the situation in Afghanistan continuing to deteriorate, the military presented the administration with new options this summer.

The plan that has been decided on for 2017 and beyond hewed closely to a proposal made by Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, then the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Keeping 5,500 troops in Afghanistan would cost about \$14.6 billion a year. It would have cost about \$10 billion a year to maintain the much smaller force based at the American Embassy.

The deployments outside of Kabul, to Jalalabad and Kandahar, could put U.S. forces at greater risk, a prospect Mr. Obama acknowledged Thursday as he noted the 25 American troops who have been killed in Afghanistan so far this year.

"I do not send you into harm's way lightly," Mr. Obama said, addressing U.S. troops.

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UNFIT FOR COMMAND
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THIS IS THE ENEMY
BRING THE WAR HOME NOW**



*Why, I can smile, and murder whiles I smile,
And cry 'Content' to that which grieves my heart
And wet my cheeks with artificial tears,
And frame my face to all occasions.
-- Gloucester, "Henry VI"-Shakespeare*

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“Afghan Forces Unable To Fight Without U.S. Support”

“High Casualty Rate Has Left Afghan Forces Short-Handed” “Troops Dying At A Rate ‘Not Sustainable’”

Oct 17 BY ROBERT BURNS, AP NATIONAL SECURITY WRITER

WASHINGTON -- America's war in Afghanistan, now in its 15th year, is long on official U.S. optimism about building a self-reliant Afghan army but short on convincing evidence that the goal will be reached anytime soon.

Just last year Obama had said the outlook was so encouraging that only an embassy-based military oversight office would remain after January 2017.

It looks different now, and not as encouraging.

Supporters of prolonging the U.S. presence say it is necessary to secure Afghanistan's future and keep al-Qaida and other extremist groups at bay.

Others question whether keeping nearly 10,000 U.S. troops there in 2016 and then holding at 5,500 troops beyond that will make a significant difference, given the uneven results from 14 years of efforts to build and professionalize an Afghan army and police force paid for largely by the United States.

This year the Pentagon spent \$4.1 billion to train, equip and sustain the Afghan army and police. That is no ordinary package of assistance. It included feeding soldiers, paying their salaries and fueling their vehicles.

The Pentagon is asking Congress for another \$3.7 billion for the coming year.

But the army still suffers basic flaws.

Just days ago the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. John Campbell, told a congressional committee that Afghan forces are unable to fight without U.S. support, that "we have just started" creating an Afghan air force, and that "it will take time" to develop competent Afghan battle commanders.

But how much time? And at what cost?

The U.S. already has spent about \$65 billion on the training and equipping of Afghan forces, and it remains difficult to judge what that investment has bought.

Year after year, in public statements and periodic updates to Congress, Pentagon officials have insisted the Afghan army and police were getting better, suggesting success was just around the corner if Americans would remain patient.

"Every day the Afghan security forces grow in capability and experience," a Pentagon spokesman asserted in October 2005.

"We have achieved great success with the Afghan National Army," a two-star general in charge of training said in October 2007.

"The capabilities of the Afghan National Army are improving steadily," and the police are "making steady progress," the Pentagon said in a June 2008 report to Congress. A year later a Pentagon update said the Afghan force "continued to improve its capability."

And in 2010 the Pentagon told Congress that growth and development of security forces "are among Afghanistan's most promising areas of progress."

One key shortcoming is Afghan military leadership, according to a Pentagon report of June 2015.

"Although some of these leaders are courageous and experienced fighters, they lack formal military education and are unable to lead a large, complex, and technology-enabled modern military force," it said.

In the last few years, as U.S. forces have shifted the combat role almost entirely to the Afghans, the Taliban have made new gains.

The combat burden has taken a heavy toll on Afghan forces. Last fall a senior U.S. commander said Afghan troops were dying at a rate that was "not sustainable," and the combat losses have only accelerated this year, according to the Pentagon's latest report to Congress.

The high casualty rate, in turn, has left Afghan forces short-handed. Although the army is authorized to have 195,000 soldiers, it currently has only 173,000.

Overall losses to the force - known in military parlance as attrition and including those who do not re-enlist, are killed in battle or are dropped from the rolls after being AWOL for 30 days - are down slightly this year after averaging 2.1 percent per month last year.

Even with the recent decline in attrition to 1.8 percent a month, the loss rates are so high they "pose challenges to creating a professional force," the Pentagon says.

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Airstrikes On Hospitals To Continue In Afghanistan Beyond 2016:

“Obama Closed By Mentioning The Incredible Progress In Training Roughly 330,000 Afghan Super-Soldiers That No One Would Trust Around A Potato Gun”

“A Clear Objective Of Being Someone Else’s Problem After He Leaves Office”



10.16.15 by Paul, The Duffle Blog

WASHINGTON — When President Barack Obama leaves the White House in 2016, his successor will take command of the ongoing mission of bombing civilian hospitals in Afghanistan, sources confirmed today.

“While America’s combat mission in Afghanistan may be over, our commitment to Afghanistan and its people endures,” said Obama, in a brief statement from the Roosevelt Room of the White House. “I will not allow Afghanistan to be used as a safe haven for civilians to shelter from our nation again.”

In a reversal of his previous decision to withdraw thousands of unused American gunships, jets, and bombs from Afghanistan, Obama announced Thursday that he would maintain a presence in the country through 2017, indefinitely prolonging the U.S. mission of counterterrorism at hospitals, wedding parties, and other dangerous hotbeds of civilian activity.

The decision was reached after what White House officials called an “extensive, lengthy review” of almost seven or eight minutes.

“It may have even been nine,” said one senior administration official, who would only speak to reporters on condition of anonymity.

“This was a gut-wrenching call that, we feel, will really set us on the path to fulfill the mission in Afghanistan that we’re so close to reaching after just 13 years.”

Obama’s decision pushes America’s longest war right into the middle of the 2016 presidential campaign, an issue in the race that so far had been of little importance among voters since roughly three presidential elections ago.

Political analysts believe the candidates will either condemn Obama’s “feckless” leadership in only being able to kill nine out of ten civilians in U.S. drone strikes, or praise him for continuing to keep terror leader Osama bin Laden dead for more than four years, a record anyone who succeeds him will find difficult to beat. In his statement, Obama did not mention Iraq.

But he did say the mission in Afghanistan had the benefit of a clear objective of being someone else’s problem after he leaves office, and its corrupt but supportive government — though it does not prosecute men when they rape children — has signed legal agreements that protect American forces.

“Every single day, Afghan forces are out there fighting and dying to protect their country. They’re not looking for us to do it for them,” Obama said, while briefly noting the U.S. continues to funnel approximately \$4 billion and give Afghan soldiers on-call air support for taking out dangerous civilian hospitals, schools, and toy-making factories.

He closed by mentioning the incredible progress NATO forces have made since 2001 in training roughly 330,000 Afghan super-soldiers that no one would trust around a potato gun.

MORE:

**Taliban Welcome Extension Of US Presence In Afghanistan;
“Defense Secretary Ash Crash Said That Withdrawing All US Troops While Some Were Still Alive Would Mean That ‘We Were Not Taking Advantage Of The Successes We’ve Had So Far’”**

October 15, 2015 Reuters agency

WASHINGTON and KUNDUZ – The Taliban has welcomed the decision of the US President to extend the stationing of US troops in Afghanistan until sometime in 2017, or possibly until the Greek calends.

“We were seriously worried that we were going to run out of foreign targets to shoot at,” said a Taliban, who declined to give his name “because I don’t want to be hassled when I go back to university in Iowa.”

“If there are no Americans to shoot at our guys don’t have much chance to keep up their sharpshooting skills.

“It’s true we can shoot at Afghans in the government or people in the village who work for them. But, you know, sometimes they’re our relatives. Even if we don’t know them personally, shooting other Afghans makes us unpopular with some locals.

“If we shoot Americans, everyone’s happy: no problems.”

The Taliban are not the only people in Afghanistan pleased by the extension of the US presence. Several members of the parliament pointed out that the US is of crucial importance for Afghanistan’s economy.

“They couldn’t leave while my house is still in such disrepair,” said one.

“The US needs to do more to build up our economy and infrastructure,” said another MP, who asked not to be named.

“For example, if I have to leave the Green Zone, sometimes there’s not a Humvee available to take me. I am delighted that there will be more than 5000 American troops here until whenever, and I hope and demand that there be an equal number of Humvees.”

Defending the as yet unannounced decision with apparent legal impunity, Defense Secretary Ash Crash said that withdrawing all US troops while some were still alive would mean that “we were not taking advantage of the successes we’ve had so far. In fact, if we leave in 2016, we probably still won’t even know what those successes are.”

He added that a troop presence in Afghanistan “has training benefits for us too. How many other countries are there where we could practice bombing hospitals?”

At the end of the Taliban press conference, reporters asked a personal question about the apparent contradiction between his hostility to the United States and the fact that he was attending a US university.

He responded: “I don’t hate the United States. I’m not actually an Afghani, or a Muslim. The Taliban don’t mind as long as I don’t go around doing things like drinking booze in public. The thing is, they pay well, and this may be the only chance I will ever have to pay off my student debt.”

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Quinn Johnson-Harris Killed In Afghanistan

Oct. 3, 2015 By Bill Glauber of the Journal Sentinel

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Quinn Johnson-Harris of Milwaukee was the kind of guy who made everyone laugh and smile, said his instructor, Sgt. Calvin Freeman. But he was also a quick study, who was always one step ahead in training.

"He was the heart of the squadron. He was the best of us," said Freeman, who roomed with Johnson-Harris at Dyess Air Force Base in Texas.

Johnson-Harris, 21, a 2012 graduate of Homestead High School in Mequon, was killed early Friday when an American C-130 transport plane crashed while taking off from Jalalabad Air Field in Afghanistan. The crash killed six airmen and five civilian passengers on the plane and an unknown number of people on the ground.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

Johnson-Harris, 39th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, was on a four-month rotation in his first tour in Afghanistan.

For Johnson-Harris, joining the military was part of a family tradition.

His grandfather served in Vietnam and his oldest brother, Jeremy Johnson, was a Marine. Older brother Lamar Johnson-Harris, a 2015 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., is in the Army.

His mother, Yvette Johnson, recalled that her three sons stood at their grandfather's grave site, saluted and vowed to serve the country. At the time, Quinn was just 2 years old, she remembered.

"He was the baby of the bunch," she said Saturday. "He had to follow in the footsteps of his siblings."

Johnson-Harris attended Nicolet High School as a sophomore and as a junior and senior went to Homestead High School, where he played football.

At school, his nicknames were Swag and Quinninator, his sister Fa-tia Johnson recalled. In 2013, he joined the Air Force. In the military, everyone called him by the initials J.H. "He wanted to do his part, serve his obligation to the country," she said.

There was a fun-loving side to him, too.

"We were foodies," she said. "We'd always go out to restaurants or State Fair and taste everything new. I'd always tell him to send me pics of food."

Lamar Johnson-Harris said he always helped his brother strive to do the best. "I was rough on him, tough on him," he said. "I wanted to set the example of the man I wanted him to be. We did everything together."

His mother said that "Quinn dared to be different. He beat by his own drum."

One of her son's formative experiences, she said, was when he and other students at Milwaukee College Prep school went to New Orleans to help build houses after Hurricane Katrina.

Johnson-Harris' girlfriend, Lauren Olson, said he loved being in the Air Force. She said he had a remarkable capacity to start every day "with a clean slate."

"He was one of the most forgiving people I ever met," she said. "He was so mature, beyond his years yet he was also fun."

The family said funeral services are pending.

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE
BLOODSHED**

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

**Ghormach District Falls To The
Taliban:
“The Group Has Made A Push To Gain
Territory Over The Past Several Weeks
And Seized A Dozen Districts In The
North, West, And South”**

October 18th, 2015 BY BILL ROGGIO. [Excerpts] Bill Roggio is a Senior Fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and the Editor of The Long War Journal.

Reports from the northwestern province of Faryab indicate that the Taliban has overrun yet another district in Afghanistan. Ghormach, a district that borders Turkmenistan, is now effectively under Taliban control, according to the jihadist group and the Afghan press.

The Taliban, via its official propaganda outlet, Voice of Jihad, released a statement claiming it has taken Ghormach and has laid siege to “the PRT building and nearby Tapa check post” after six days of fighting:

“Reports arriving from Ghormach district of Badghis province (sic, see below) say that the district center was under a tight Mujahideen siege and attacks for the past 6 days.

“Mujahideen mounted a large scale offensive on the enemy positions overnight, triggering clashes that lasted till early morning as a result the district admin center, bazaar, police HQ, municipality, intelligence building, Zanjir and all defensive check posts.

“Officials say that the enemy has suffered deadly casualties in the fighting and lost 4 vehicles while an APC, pickup truck and a sizable amount of arms and ammunition have also been seized by the Mujahideen.

“The enemy is currently under siege in the PRT building and nearby Tapa check post.”

The fall of Ghormach was confirmed by TOLONews, which notes that remaining Afghan forces have retreated to a “military base.”

The district reportedly fell to the Taliban early Sunday after heavy clashes broke out with security forces, sources told TOLONews.

“A source said on condition of anonymity that the Taliban attacked Ghormach at about 2 am local time and took control of the district governor’s compound and the police headquarters after heavy clashes with security forces.

“The source said that government employees have been moved to a military base in the district which is also now surrounded by insurgents.

“The source said that ‘if the troops do not receive air support, the military base will also fall to the Taliban’”.

“However, the local security officials have not yet commented on the incident.”

The fall of Ghormach took place just 10 Days after the Taliban seized the districts of Garziwan and Pashtun Kot in Faryab; the Afghan government later claimed to have liberated Garziwan. On week prior, the Taliban attempted to seize control of Maimana, the provincial capital of Faryab. The two districts are on the outskirts of Maimana, and control access from the east.

The Taliban now controls 36 districts and contests another 35, according to data compiled by The Long War Journal. The group has made a push to gain territory over the past several weeks and seized a dozen districts in the north, west, and south.

Note: administrative control of Ghormach was shifted from Badghis to Faryab, the Afghan Analyst Network reported in 2012, hence the discrepancy with respect to the province between the Taliban and Afghan press reports :

Insurgents Kill 29 Border Police In Helmand

10/14/15 AP

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan –

An Afghan provincial official says that a total of 29 border police officers have been killed after the Taliban overran two check points in southern Helmand province.

Bashir Ahmad Shakir, a provincial council member in Helmand province, said on Wednesday that the police officers were killed after a three-day battle, when reinforcements failed to arrive.

Shakir says the Nawzad district of Helmand province, where the battles took place, is a particularly volatile area that is regularly targeted by insurgents.

50 Police Surrounded By Taliban In Farah's Bala Buluk District: "Yelling For Help, He Said 'If Immediate Support Does Not Arrive To Shiwan Area, We Will All Die'" "The Police Commander There Has Escaped To The Provincial Capital"

Oct 14 2015 By KHAAMA PRESS & October 13, 2015 Afghanistan Times

Taliban have attacked a number of security posts in Bala Buluk District of western Farah province.

Reports suggest that dozens of Afghan National Civil Order Police (ANCOP) have been surrounded by Taliban in this district.

A policeman told Khaama Press by telephone that Taliban are about 100 meters away from them.

Yelling for help, he said “if immediate support does not arrive to Shiwan area, we will all die.”

He further said that two policemen have embraced martyrdom and six others wounded so far.

A reliable security source who wished not to be named said that around 50 policemen are encircled in the area.

He added that Humayoun Dilawar who is the police commander there has escaped to the provincial capital.

A bomber has attacked a police checkpoint in the Maiwand district of southern Kandahar province on Tuesday. A policeman stationed at the check-post was killed in the attack. Local officials said that another policeman was injured in the attack.

The provincial police spokesman Zia Durrani said that a suicide attacker detonated an explosives-filled vest when a police officer stopped the bomber for search. “The attacker wanted to detonate the vest inside the police checkpoint,” he added.

The bombing took place in Soor Baghal area of the district.

MORE:

Taliban Seize Control Of Bala Buluk District In Western Afghan Province Of Farah Today “After More Than A Week Of Fighting”

October 15th, 2015 by Bill Roggio, Long War Journal [Excerpts]

The Taliban has seized control of the district of Bala Buluk in the western Afghan province of Farah today after more than a week of fighting.

The group made the claim on its propaganda website, Voice of Jihad, and said it was preparing an assault on Farah city, the provincial capital:

“Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate in western Farah province managed to completely overrun Bala Baluk district administration center, police HQ building and all the surrounding defense check post during a 3 hour coordinated assault overnight.

“The capture of the district came as the district center was under a siege and attacks for the past 9 days during which Mujahideen also repelled multiple offensives by hiring commando forces that arrived from the neighboring Herat province.

“Officials say that 10 enemy corpses were left behind in the district center as Mujahideen overran it while another was detained in an injured state, adding that the war booty seized in the operation includes 3 APCs, a pickup truck, a DShK heavy machine gun with 80 boxes of rounds, 6 PKMs with 15 boxes of rounds, 3 AK rifles with 3 boxes of rounds as well as various types of other equipment.

“Mujahideen have currently launched attacks on the enemy check posts lining the main road towards the provincial capital.”

The Taliban’s claim is backed by reports in the Afghan media.

According to Khaama Press, police in the district had been surrounded and the district police chief reportedly abandoned his men, while the fate of dozens of policemen is unknown:

Taliban Shoot Down Plane, Capture Pilot & Cut Kabul-Kandahar Highway

October 13, 2015 By Sayed Salahuddin, The Washington Post [Excerpt]

Deep in its heartland in southern Afghanistan, the Taliban continued for the second day to block the key highway linking Kabul with the main southern city of Kandahar, residents and lawmakers said.

earlier, the militants said they had shot down a combat plane in southeastern Paktia province and had captured its pilot, who had ejected with a parachute.

The Taliban did not say whose plane it was or identify the pilot.

More Resistance Action: “The Kabul-Ghazni Highway Remained Closed Until 2pm”

Oct 16, 2015 Pajhwok & 17 October 2015 TOLONews.com & Xinhua

MAIDAN SHAHR: Security officials and Taliban claimed inflicting casualties on each other during a clash in the central province of Maidan Wardak on Friday.

A resident of the area said on condition of anonymity the Taliban attacked Afghan National Army (ANA) checkpoints in Shahtar, Sultankhel and other areas on Thursday night.

Fourteen police personnel have gone missing, saying the missing police might have been captured by insurgents.

After clashes, the Kabul-Ghazni highway remained closed until 2pm.

Meanwhile, the Taliban claimed attacking a military checkpoint and a supply convoy in the Mangalyo area of Syedabad district. A military vehicle was destroyed and heavy casualties were inflicted on the soldiers.

Two policemen were killed in a roadside mine blast in northern Baghlan province on Friday night, local officials said.

The incident took place in Dand-e-Ghori area after a police vehicle struck a roadside mine which killed two policemen, provincial police officials said.

No group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the blast.

But the police officials said that the placing of the roadside mine was in violation of the recent controversial Dand-e-Ghori deal.

The deal was signed between tribal elders, government officials and the Taliban about a month ago and prevents both military operations and insurgent attacks from being carried out in the area. Dand-e-Ghori is part of Pul-e-Khumri city.

**Statement Of Islamic Emirate
Concerning Withdrawal From
Central Areas Of Kunduz City:
“The Prison Fell Under The Control
Of Mujahideen On The Initial Day Of
Operation And Hundreds Of
Mujahideen Were Freed”
“Mujahideen Seized Hundreds Of
Various Type Military Equipment, APCs,
Launchers, Tons Of Heavy And Light
Ammunition As Well As Archived**

Documents From The Ministry Of National Directorate Services”



13/10/2015 Gregorian; <http://shahamat-english.com/>

On the 6th of Mizan of the current year, the valiant Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate in Kunduz province launched a well-organized operation on Kunduz city and within a few hours managed to break through enemy defense lines and took over the entire city barring the airbase.

In this operation all the below objectives set out by the Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate were not only achieved but expectations were surpassed due to the favor of Allah Almighty.

1. Breaking Kunduz prison which housed hundreds of Mujahideen and other innocent individuals accused of supporting Jihad was a key objective of this operation. All praise is due to Allah, the prison fell under the control of Mujahideen on the initial day of the operation and hundreds of Mujahideen were freed.

2. Kunduz which is considered militarily strategic and a command center for the entire north east provinces of Afghanistan was attacked and taken over by Mujahideen, causing a wave of panic in the enemy ranks as a result of which large areas were completely cleared by Mujahideen with negligible casualties and small scale operations in Kunduz, Baghlan, Takhar, Badakhshan and other provinces of the north.

Amidst this advance, Baghlan's Talaw Barfak district, tens of villages and military bases in Markazi Baghlan and Pul-e-Kumri districts; Takhar's Eshkamesh, Yangi Qala and Khwaja Ghar districts; Badakhshan Warduj and Baharak districts; Faryab's Khwaja NaMusa and Garzewan districts; Saripul's Kohistanat district; Jawzjan's Kham Aab district; entire districts of Imam Sahib, Qala Zaal and Chahr Dara and large parts of Khanabad and Aliabad districts all fell to the Mujahideen in a few short days while tens of vehicles, hundreds of heavy and light arms and large amounts of other equipment were also seized by the Mujahideen and subsequently transferred to secure locations. Such consecutive conquests had not been witnessed in the recent past.

3. During the conquest of Kunduz city, Mujahideen seized and secured hundreds of various type military equipment, APCs, launchers, tons of heavy and light arms ammunition as well as archived documents from the ministry of national directorate services and other organs.

The enemy personnel from soldiers to the governor to the police chief were dispersed so wide that it seems unlikely they can reorganize anytime soon.

Some of them even fled the country forever and we can confidently say that the ripple effect of these conquests will have immense positive impact on the military situation favoring the Mujahideen in the near future, Allah willing.

4. The reality that Afghanistan is still being occupied by the infidels was also exposed; because the invaders who had deviously lied about full security transfer clearly demonstrated that they are still directly involved in the war and have not abandoned the thought of occupation due to their continuous bombing of Kunduz and the use of their ground forces.

But despite their presence and use of complete force, the Mujahideen proved that they can achieve their objectives in every part of the country and are able to take over key centers and regions including large cities.

The above mentioned conquests in Kunduz and north of the country were achieved with very small and negligible Mujahideen losses and due to the blessing of well-organized operational plans, civilian casualties were also kept at a bare minimum.

However as the enemy tried to reclaim its lost honor and began bombing Kunduz city with US air power, they indiscriminately targeted and caused heavy losses to the civilians during the course of which MSF hospital was also bombed, killing all its medical personnel and 105 patients while keeping up their savagery against the locals.

The Islamic Emirate took into consideration the military situation and the fruitless cost of corporeal and material losses to Mujahideen in the protracted battle in defense of Kunduz city and therefore ordered its Mujahideen to withdraw from the main square markets and government buildings to the outlying rural areas of the city in order to reinforce their defense lines and reserve their strength for effective future operations.

We reassure the world and our Mujahid nation that just as the Mujahideen of Kunduz repelled the American and hireling Special Forces backed by air power and made them repeatedly flee towards the terminals of Kunduz airbase, they can at this very moment bring Kunduz city back under their control and once again force the enemy out with the help of Allah Almighty.

Withdrawal from Kunduz city bazaar and government buildings is done purely for the higher interests of Jihad, the main goal of which was to secure the population from air raids and protect the human and material cost of Mujahideen from waste in a protracted defensive battle.

All praise is due to Allah the conquest of Kunduz lifted the spirits of Mujahideen many folds, increased their experience in offensive and urban warfare and further impaired the already sagging morale of the enemy.

To end we thank all the Mujahideen of Kunduz for exceptionally executing the laid out plans, safeguarding the wealth and honor of the ordinary people during combat and preventing any such action from occurring which could have blackened the foreheads of Mujahideen.

At the same time they won over the hearts of the entire nation especially the honorable people of Kunduz with their Islamic behavior.

Their Islamic and ethical conduct with the enemy prisoners was such that the flow of opposition fighters and workers surrendering and joining Mujahideen throughout the country has also increased.

We strongly reject all claims of enemy and foreign malicious circles accusing the Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of transgressing against the lives, property and honor of anyone. The people of Kunduz are witnesses that the Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate have treated them with respect and have not inappropriately the rights of anyone during their control.

We give glad tidings to all the Mujahideen and our nation that the heroics of Kunduz opened a new chapter in the contemporary Jihad of Afghanistan and Allah willing this heroic will be the beginning of huge Jihadi conquests and emancipation of the country from occupation and the corrupt regime.

Allah willing, and nothing is hard for Allah the Benevolent.

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

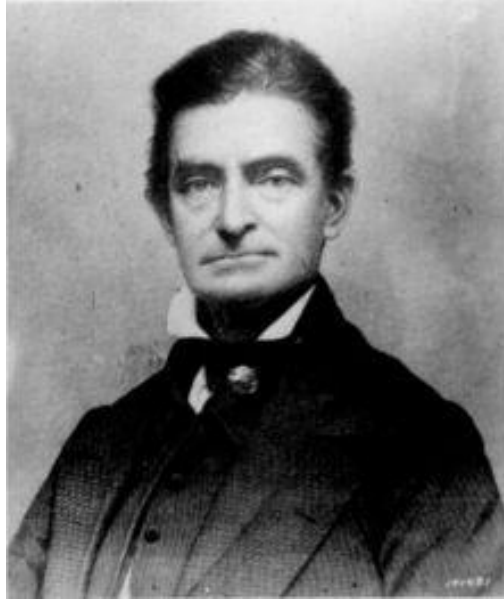
**All revolutions are surprises, and we cannot predict future struggles.
-- Ian Birchall; Grim And Dim**

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**October 1859:
The Second American Revolution
Begins;
“The Crimes Of This Guilty Land Will
Never Be Purged Away But With Blood”**



Mural by John Steuart Curry (1937-1942)



John Brown 1856

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October 16, 1859 Abolitionist John Brown led a group of 21 other men, five black and sixteen white, in a raid on the U.S. arsenal at Harper's Ferry, Virginia.

They had hoped to set off a slave revolt, throughout the south, with the weapons they had planned to seize. Virtually all his compatriots were killed or captured by Gen. Robert E. Lee's troops; Brown was wounded and arrested, and hanged for treason within two months.

Before hearing his sentence, Brown was allowed make an address to the court.

“. . . I believe to have interfered as I have done, . . . in behalf of His despised poor, was not wrong, but right. “Now, if it be deemed necessary that I should forfeit my life for the furtherance of the ends of justice, and mingle my blood further with the blood of my children, and with the blood of millions in this slave country whose rights are disregarded by wicked, cruel, and unjust enactments, I submit: so let it be done.”

“Had I interfered in the manner which I admit, and which I admit has been fairly proved (for I admire the truthfulness and candor of the greater portion of the witnesses who have testified in this case), -- had I so interfered in behalf of the rich, the powerful, the intelligent, the so-called great, or in behalf of any of their friends -- either father, mother, sister, wife, or children, or any of that class -- and suffered and sacrificed what I have in this interference, it would have been all right; and every man in this court would have deemed it an act worthy of reward rather than punishment.”

Although initially shocked by Brown's exploits, many Northerners began to speak favorably of the militant abolitionist.

“He did not recognize unjust human laws, but resisted them as he was bid. . . .,” said Henry David Thoreau in an address to the citizens of Concord, Massachusetts. “No man in America has ever stood up so persistently and effectively for the dignity of human nature. . . .”

John Brown was hanged on December 2, 1859.

On the day of his death he wrote: “I, John Brown, am now quite certain that the crimes of this guilty land will never be purged away but with blood.”

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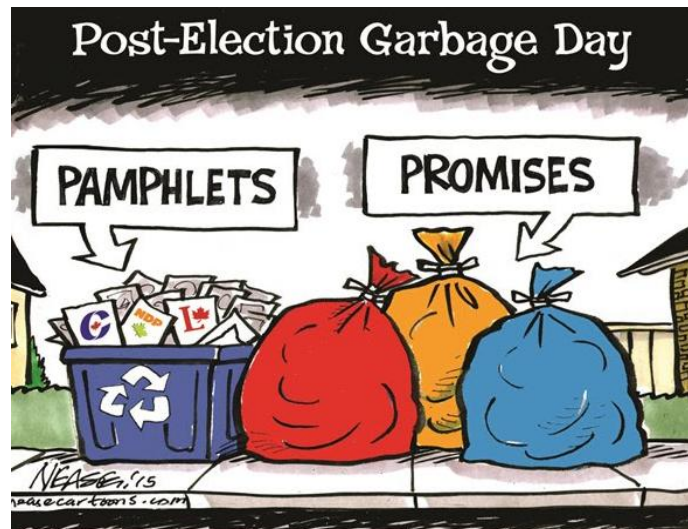
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Aides Gently Remind Hillary Clinton Not To Refer To Debate Opponents As 'Obstacles To Greatness'



October 13, 2015 The Onion


LAS VEGAS—In an effort to help the presidential hopeful make her best possible impression during tonight’s Democratic primary debate, Hillary Clinton’s aides gently reminded her Tuesday not to refer to her opponents as “obstacles to greatness.”

“When you’re addressing the other candidates, just make sure not to call any of them ‘impediments to glory’ or ‘the only things standing between me and my rightful place in history’ or anything like that; it’s probably best to just stick to using their names,” said chief strategist Joel Benenson, who has reportedly stopped Clinton several times over the course of her practice debates to recommend that she use the phrase “the senator” when referring to Bernie Sanders instead of “a minor blip on my path to ascendancy.”

“You’re really nailing all the policy details, which is great, but if you can, remember to stay away from likening your opponents to ‘temporary obstructions,’ ‘pins to be knocked down,’ or ‘mere speed bumps.’

I’d also suggest trying the phrase ‘When I’m in the White House’ instead of ‘When the throne is mine’—just a thought.” Benenson added that Clinton should also be cautious about how many times she referred to herself as “The One” throughout the debate.

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