

Military Resistance 13K11



A Message From France:

**“We Denounce Both The
Terrorists AND The
Responsibility Of The French
Government”**

**“A World In Which 67 Families
Possess The Equivalent Of What
3.5 Million Human Beings Survive
On Will Surely Produce Such
Monstrosities”**

“The Leaders Of The Imperialist Countries Have Never Hesitated To Rely On The Worst Regimes In Order To Maintain Their Domination Of The Middle East, From Medieval Dictatorships Like Saudi Arabia To The State Of Israel”

“It Is Crucial That We, The Working Class, Feel Ourselves To Be A Class United By Our Interests To Defend Ourselves Against This Minority That Exploits Us And Plunges The World Into Barbarism”

November 27, 2015 Lutte Ouvriere, Paris

The terrorists who struck on the evening of November 13th coldly and methodically killed the greatest number of men and women that they could: people at cafés and bars, the Bataclan concert hall, and the Stade de France. At least 129 died, and more than 300 were injured.

They killed indiscriminately, at random, in order to instill terror. In the face of such a shocking expression of barbarity, it is impossible not to be seized with horror. Nothing can justify such massacres. Those who carried out these acts are enemies of all humanity, and therefore enemies of the working class.

At this moment when all of us are so devastated, the politicians are taking advantage of this emotion in order to silence any opposition and force everyone to line up behind their policies.

On Monday afternoon, the entire political class held a solemn session in the French Congress to call for national unity behind them.

They speak to us of unity, but does this mean that the right wing and the National Front are going to stop their disgusting competition over who can attack Muslims and immigrants the most?

Will the government put an end to this climate of generalized mistrust?

Of course not!

The state of emergency and the intensification of police powers will surely result in an increase of racial profiling and a general atmosphere of suspicion that will pave the way forward for the worst racists.

For Hollande, Sarkozy, and Marine Le Pen, “national unity” means uniting behind their own leadership to go to war. Even if the right wing and the National Front criticize Hollande’s policies for being still too soft, they are ordering us all to align with the government and support its war effort, to accept the state of emergency and the restriction of freedoms. And they argue that if someone doesn’t support this path of war, it’s because they are with the jihadists!

We won’t let ourselves be intimidated by this sort of blackmail! We denounce both the terrorists AND the responsibility of the French government.

The jihadists of ISIS exercise one of the most ferocious dictatorships to exist in the regions that they control. They extort from the populations, force them to live according to medieval precepts, reduce women to slavery, and kill all those who do not think like they do. Their victims are Muslims as well as Christians, which provides enough proof, if needed, that this is a question neither of a “clash of civilizations” nor of a “war of religions,” but of a struggle for the control and the wealth of the region.

But these monsters did not come out of nowhere.

The leaders of the imperialist countries have never hesitated to rely on the worst regimes in order to maintain their domination of this region of the Middle East that they colonized. This ranges from medieval dictatorships like Saudi Arabia to the state of Israel, which oppresses the Palestinian people.

And when it was convenient to them, the imperialist leaders provided arms to various militias and maneuvered to sponsor the creation of opposition movements. In Iraq, the United States overthrew Saddam Hussein, destroyed his army, and put in place a regime that excluded the Sunnis. Many of these can be found today in the highest ranks of the Islamic State.

The big powers launched the “war on terrorism” fourteen years ago, after the attacks on the World Trade Center. At the time, there were one or two centers of terrorism. Today, there are dozens.

Far from eradicating terrorism, these imperialist interventions cause it to thrive.

One month ago, terrorist attacks struck Turkey, killing 97. Fifteen days ago, a Russian passenger plane crashed in the Sinai Peninsula: 224 deaths. On Thursday, November 12th, a bomb cut down 44 people in Beirut. The war in Syria has already caused 250,000 deaths.

So, no, the global level of barbarity has not increased when it struck Paris; it is only that it has now reached us.

France cannot be an island of peace and security in an ocean of war and poverty.

A world in which 67 families possess the equivalent of what 3.5 million human beings survive on, a world where Africa and the Middle East are treasure troves coveted by the capitalists but hellish nightmares for their populations, will surely produce such monstrosities.

The only way to be rid of them is to get at the root of the problem, which is to attack the domination of the world by this insane economic system.

And so, let us not enlist in this sacred union of the imperialists!

We refuse to let Hollande, Sarkozy, or Le Pen speak in our names!

It is crucial that we, the working class, whatever our origins, feel ourselves to be a class united by our interests to defend ourselves against this minority that exploits us and plunges the world into barbarism.

YOUR INVITATION:

Comments, arguments, articles, and letters from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or email contact@militaryproject.org: Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Same address to unsubscribe.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

**“Hazaras Have Kidnapped Flock Of
Sheep Of Taliban”**

**“Mullah Taqwa Threatens Of Not Letting
The Hostages Go Until Their Flock Of
Sheep Returns”**

Nov 22 2015 By KHAAMA PRESS

Police chief of southern Zabul province where a group of civilians were kidnapped on Saturday says it was the work of a local Taliban commander.

General Mirwais Noorzai said police investigation reveals that Mullah Taqwa, a Taliban commander, is currently holding the hostages kidnapped between Shah Joy District and Qalat, the provincial capital of Zabul, yesterday.

According to Gen. Noorzai, Mullah Taqwa claims that residents of Jaghori District of Ghazni province who are ethnic Hazaras have kidnapped flock of sheep of Taliban.

Mullah Taqwa threatens of not letting the hostages go until their flock of sheep returns, Gen. Noorzai added.

Earlier reports put the number of hostages between 14 to 30 but Gen. Noorzai said kidnapers are currently holding eight hostages.

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

“Fighters From Shabaab Launched Military Operations In The Occupied Northeastern Province Of Kenya”

November 25th, 2015 BY CALEB WEISS, The Long War Journal [Excerpts]

Shabaab, al Qaeda's official branch in Somalia, has released a statement claiming attacks in the northeastern part of Kenya.

The group also claimed to have temporarily gained control of a town near the border with Somalia.

The statement, which was distributed by Shahaada News, its official propaganda outlet, says that “Fighters from Shabaab launched military operations in the occupied Northeastern Province of Kenya, where the province has seen a variety of operations from the Movement (referring to Shabaab) in recent days.”

The statement goes on to say that “Within these operations, fighters from Shabaab managed to temporarily control the area of Bulujul in northeastern Kenya near the border with Somalia.”

Additionally, Shabaab fighters are said to have lectured residents while roaming the streets “after the withdrawal of Kenyan security forces.” The jihadists are then said to have retreated back into the nearby forest.

In another “incident” earlier this week, Shabaab claimed to have targeted a “Kenyan (Defense) forces convoy with an improvised explosive device in the Jalamjala area of northeastern Kenya.”

The blast reportedly “fully destroyed a truck” in the convoy and left “more than eight Kenyan soldiers dead.” However, Kenyan Defense Forces officials have disputed this number, and said that only three soldiers were killed.

These attacks occurred in Garissa County, which sits on the Somali-Kenya border.

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

Rise like Lions after slumber
In unvanquishable number,
Shake your chains to earth like dew
Which in sleep had fallen on you-
Ye are many — they are few

-- Percy Bysshe Shelley, 1819, on the occasion of a mass murder of British workers by the Imperial government at Peterloo.

CLASS WAR REPORTS



**Huge Protest In Luxor, Egypt
For Hours Over Police Beating
To Death A Citizen And Police
More Brutality:
“A Rally Which The Security
Forces Tried To Disperse But
Failed”**

Talaat Shabeeb “Beaten To Death After Half An Hour Of His Arrest” “We Are All Talaat Shabeeb”



Late Talaat Shabeeb



Part of the protest in Luxor city: “We Are All Talaat Shabeeb”

November 28, 2015 Posted by Zeinobia, Egyptian Chronicles

On Friday, Luxor governorate witnessed a huge protest that continued for hours by citizens who protested against police brutality and the ministry of interior.

That huge protest which started after Friday prayers escalated to become a rally which the security forces tried to disperse but failed.

The citizens were protesting the alleged beating till death of Mr. Talaat Shabeeb while in police custody on Tuesday and the mistreatment of citizens in Al-Awamiyah district in the Upper Egyptian governorate where the deceased used to live.

The story of 47-years-old Talaat Shaheeb was arrested from a café over alleged drug possession started on Tuesday.

The police said that Shabeeb was fine at the police station; then he fell ill and so he was transferred to Luxor international hospital where he died there.

The police also claimed Shabeeb was a thug and a drug addict.

His family and the eye witnesses in Al-Awamiyah say that he was arrested after a feud with a police officer at the café.

Eye witnesses say that the father of four did not have Tramadol pills and actually the officer and their low ranking officers had the pills with them and they saw how a low ranking officer “they know by name” gave the pills to his boss who said that he was arresting Shabeeb because of the pills taking him to Al-Awamiyah police station.

There, he was beaten to death after half an hour of his arrest according to his family.



Part of the protest in Luxor city: “We Are All Talaat Shabeeb”

His family says that he was transferred to Luxor international hospital as a dead man and they have evidence on that.

The smoking gun in their case was the Luxor International hospital’s official medical report which stated “The deceased arrived the hospital as a dead body at 1 AM”

The family also says that traces of beating was found over the body of the deceased as an evidence on the beating.

They even released photos video that circulated online showing the body at the morgue.

Hours of his arrest and death, the citizens of Al-Awamiyah say that a police force stormed their district and kept shooting live bullets in the air as well gas grenades as well storming houses and scaring women “a huge violation in Upper Egypt” from 2 AM to 7 AM Wednesday.

This video report in Arabic released by Walad Al-Balad citizen journalism service in Luxor on Thursday, show the testimonies of the whole issue including video clips.

On Thursday, I found this news: Over 20 protesters from the locals were arrested by security forces while protesting in front Al-Awamiyah police station, but they released on Thursday. They were initially accused of illegal protesting.

Back to the protest started at Al-Awamiyah that turned into a big rally roaming peacefully the main squares in Luxor till it reached Luxor security directorate.

From the banner held at the rally, I see that the people had a set of demands and they are:

1. A just reconciliation between the police and people in Luxor.
2. To demand the prosecutor general to investigate the incident of Talaat Shabeeb
3. The ministry of interior has to apologize officially for the police’s violations.
4. To compensate the family of late Shabeeb as well the people of Al-Awamiyah. Not to violate the human rights of the people of Luxor.



The banner

The mainstream media did not transfer the news of the protest or the clashes as it should. Few news websites counted on hand did the job and cover the case like Al-Tahrir news website, January Gate and the Al-Bedaia.

On the other hand, we got now online "We are all Talaat Shabeeb" Facebook page where it described Shabeeb as the new Khaled Said in Luxor.

Many people are comparing the father of four in Luxor to the young man from Alexandria due to the similarities in their cases.

The following hashtags are active in Arabic about the Talaat Shabeeb incident and protests: #Luxor, #Luxor_is_on_fire, #Talaat_Shabeeb and #No_Hatem_has_stood_in_front_of_court.

I have not seen something like that in the past two years.

Already, this could be the biggest anti-ministry of interior or anti-regime protest the political conservative Upper Egypt has seen in the past three years over a matter like the police brutality.

Luxor is not a Pro-Muslim Brotherhood area already and I believe that most of those protesters are not affiliated to any other political group.

I do not know who organized such protest, I would dare and say that it seems that people are truly angry in Luxor to the level of participating in a protest regardless of the infamous protest law.

I am not going to jump into conclusion but what I see here is another evidence that the people of Egypt are not sleeping and that 25 January revolution is not dead in a way or another.

I know that his is the wild wild upper Egypt where tribalism, honor and vengeance are above the religion and law, the only way to live.

I know also that in the upcoming hours if not in the past hours the government, the ministry of interior are trying to solve the situation and contain it rapidly before it escalates more.

I know without even having contacts in Luxor that the ministry of interior is having talks with the elderly in the big clans urging them to use tribalism in order to contain the anger of the citizens in Luxor.

Now the police officers responsible for the reported torture of late Talaat Shabeeb can be a target to a personal vendetta where the Shabeeb clan should preserve its honor by killing the man or the men responsible for his murder even if it will take years.

This is Upper Egypt and this is what is the MOI is thinking about now.

FYI Upper Egypt is the most armed place in Egypt where everybody carries a gun. I am speaking about a level that NRA would be proud of.

Anyhow, we are speaking about a ministry that does not take any serious step to stop torture or physical in Egyptian police stations, prisons and detention centers.

By the way, Egyptian human rights activists and organizations recorded only this week 4 cases of torture in police stations where 3 suspects were tortured till death!!

It is just like old times!!

MORE:

Following The Escalation In The Torture Case Of Luxor, A New Political Graffiti Appeared In The Upper Egyptian City

November 30, 2015 Posted by Zeinobia, Egyptian Chronicles

Following the escalation in the torture case of Luxor, a new political graffiti appeared in the Upper Egyptian city that says a lot.

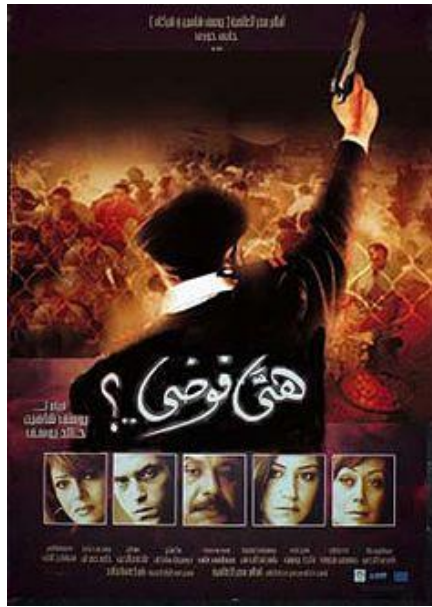
That graffiti painting surfaced days after the death of Talaat Shabeeb last Tuesday in the police custody.



It says "Is this chaos ?? No Hatem has ever stood a trial" depicting from a silhouette of a low ranking police officer.

Hatem and the Silhouette depict the character "Hatem", the corrupted low-ranking police officer in Youssef Chahin 's last film "Is This chaos !?".

I can tell that the graffiti was inspired by the film's poster.



The film's poster

I do not know who is the graffiti artist behind it.

Portrayed by late Khaled Saleh , “Hatem” has become a symbol for the corrupted and much hated low ranking police officer and police officers in general.

The words in the graffiti come from the fact that very few police officers and low-ranking officers stood trials in the past years for torture-related charges.

Eye witnesses in Luxor city say that it is spread but to be honest I have not seen more photos for it in Luxor in various area.

In 2012 during my visit to Aswan and Luxor, I saw several political anti-regime/anti-SCAF graffiti paintings. I saw more graffiti in Aswan city than Luxor. Most of the graffiti paintings had that sign of Ultras groups.

It was right after that bloody night in Port Said Stadium.

**“A Major Strike By Truckers Is Taking Place In The Caucasus”
“Truckers Are Threatening To Move On Moscow”**

As New Fees Imposed By Crony Of The Corrupt Oligarch Putin, “Growing Number Joining The Strike” “Hands Off Long-Haul Trucking!” “Stop Robbing The People!”



“Rotenberg is worse than ISIS.” Photo: Irina Gordiyenko/Novaya Gazeta

Every trucker now knows that billionaire Arkady Rotenberg is a friend and supporter of President Putin, that Arkady Rotenberg has a son named Igor Rotenberg, and that Igor Rotenberg owns a little company that mysteriously signed a contract with the government farming the new federal transportation tax out to this private company.

NOVEMBER 22, 2015 by Irina Gordiyenko, Dagestan; Novaya Gazeta

A major protest by truckers is taking place in the Caucasus.

Officials are trying to ignore it, and in response truckers are threatening to move on Moscow

Strikes by truckers against the introduction of a new road tax have swept across Russia.

The biggest of them is still underway in Dagestan. Hundreds of truckers have lined up along dozens of kilometers of highway. Manas, Khasavyurt, Kizlyar, and Kayakent are the spots where people have been striking for a week.

The protests have been ignored. Officials have avoided contacting the strikers, while television has refused to cover the strike.

Amateur videos posted on the web are immediately removed and their users blocked.

The strikers are determined. If their demands are not heard, they intend to move on Moscow on November 30.

The roadside of the Rostov-Baku M29 highway near Khasavyurt looks gaudy at the moment. Trucks with yellow, red, blue, and green cabs are parked in two tight rows next to each other. The trailers are hung with enormous posters reading, “Hands off long-haul trucking!” and “Stop robbing the people!”

The chain of trucks stretches for dozens of kilometers, and at any moment the annoyed truckers could block this federal highway.

“We don’t want to do it,” says Dibir, a trucker from a small village nearby. “We know it will be violently dispersed. But they don’t want to hear us. We went to the city administration, to the Ministry of Transportation, and to Rosavtodor (Russian Federal Road Agency).

“They wouldn’t even let us in the door. We called the TV channels: they have refused to come cover us. Instead, they sent in trucks of riot police.”

An excited crowd of around two hundred people stands around an improvised stage. From time to time, someone mounts the stage to appeal to the truckers not to give up and stand their ground.

They have been here for five days.

They sleep in their cabs, cook their own food, and during the daytime they welcome the growing number of colleagues who have been joining the strike.

They are no strangers to hardship. They have been tempered by runs on rough roads lasting many days.

As of November 15, vehicles weighing over twelve tons are charged an additional fee for each kilometer of federal highway they travel. The government issued a decree setting the fee at three rubles six kopecks per kilometer.

The new system of taxation has been dubbed Plato. In effect, truckers (or trucking companies) are obliged to register with Plato and choose one of two methods of payment. They can either buy a special onboard device that counts the kilometers of

federal highway they travel and then calculates the fee, or before each run, they can buy a detailed route map from the company running Plato.

If they refuse to pay, individual entrepreneurs can be fined 40,000 rubles (approx. 580 euros); legal entities, 450,000 rubles (approx. 6,500 euros).

In the best case scenario, you can make forty to fifty thousand rubles per run,” says Dibir. “The (new) tax adds an additional fifteen thousand rubles in costs. What are we going to live on?! We are not on the Forbes list.”

All Russian truckers now know about the Forbes magazine list of Russia’s wealthiest people and the spot occupied on the list by Arkady Rotenberg.

The surname Rotenberg is now quite popular in Dagestan. Posters bearing it can be seen all along the M29, for example, “Rotenberg is worse than ISIS” (a terrorist organization banned in Russia) and “Russia without the Rotenbergs.”

Every trucker now knows that billionaire Arkady Rotenberg is a friend and supporter of President Putin, that Arkady Rotenberg has a son named Igor Rotenberg, and that Igor Rotenberg owns a little company that mysteriously signed a contract with the government farming the new federal transportation tax out to this private company.

Truckers are not only the people who haul loads from their own regions to other regions, for example, Dagestani cabbage. (There are several districts in Dagestan that traditionally cultivate green cabbage on an industrial scale and then supply it to other parts of Russia during the winter.) Truckers are one of the foundations of the Russian produce economy.

Watermelons, tomatoes, onions, aubergines, pomegranates, and oranges: all this produce is brought from Iran and Azerbaijan, and the geography of further transshipments covers the entire country.

For example, Dagestani truckers literally “pick up” and transport the entire harvest of Krasnodar Krai, Stavropol Krai, Astrakhan Region, and Volgograd Region to other parts of the country. They supply the major markets of Moscow and Saint Petersburg with produce.

“We are in the fifth day of our strike. Around three hundred train carloads of persimmons have piled up on the Azerbaijani border, right in the middle of the fruit’s season,” one of the strikers explains to me.

“Three hundred train carloads is nine hundred truckloads that we should have delivered to Russian markets. Instead, the produce is spoiling. Take a look at how much persimmon prices skyrocket now.”

MORE:

**Nationwide Wave Of Protests
Forces Putin's Dictatorship To
Back Off Fining Truck Drivers:
"This Money Didn't Go To Fixing
Roads, And It Won't, Because It's
Going Into Pockets Filled With
Holes"**

**"Truck Drivers Staged Protests In 70
Russian Cities Snarling Traffic By
Driving Slowly On Major
Thoroughfares"**

**"Motorists Have Also Spearheaded
Protests Against The Impunity With
Which Officials, The Wealthy In Russia
Violate The Rules Of The Road"**

State Duma Deputy Yevgeny Fyodorov, a member of Putin's ruling United Russia party, released a November 20 video in which he accused the protesting truck drivers of being manipulated by "national traitors" and a "fifth column" working for the United States.

Attempts to paint Russia's drivers in similarly traitorous tones have proven trickier for officials.

December 01, 2015 By Carl Schreck, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

The Russian government has walked back a controversial new levy on long-haul trucks after protests by their drivers in and around dozens of cities, the latest example of the grassroots political sway wielded by the country's motorists.

The Transport Ministry said in a November 20 statement that it has drafted legislation that would cancel fines for drivers of 12-ton trucks who fail to pay the federal road tax and lower fines for truck owners, though the tax itself appears set to remain in place.

The concession followed a nationwide wave of protests by truck drivers against the levy, which took effect on November 15 and charges 1.5 rubles (\$0.02) for each kilometer that large trucks traverse on Russia's roads.

Officials say the initiative is necessary to collect funds to repair damage to roads inflicted by trucks transporting heavy loads, while opponents of the new tax say it threatens to bankrupt small- and mid-sized companies and drive up inflation.

Some truckers and their supporters have also voiced outrage that the levy's electronic collection system -- called Platon -- is operated by a company controlled by the son of construction magnate Arkady Rotenberg, a former judo sparring partner of Russian President Vladimir Putin who has landed billions of dollars in state contracts.

Truckers have flashed placards denouncing what they call the "Rotenberg Levy."

Over the past 10 days, truck drivers have staged protests in more than 70 Russian cities, from the country's western borders to Vladivostok in the Far East, snarling traffic in places by driving their trucks at slow speeds on major thoroughfares.

"We pay taxes! Why are they introducing this?" one truck driver protesting on the side of a freeway in the Sverdlovsk region in the Ural Mountains told RFE/RL's Current Time TV.

"This money didn't go to fixing roads, and it won't, because it's going into pockets filled with holes."

The protests have rattled officials in Moscow.

The Federal Roads Agency has asked the Interior Ministry to investigate protest organizers, citing a November 19 incident near the western city of Tver in which a truck veered off the side of the road and struck a group of demonstrating truck drivers, killing one and injuring three.

Meanwhile, State Duma Deputy Yevgeny Fyodorov, a member of Putin's ruling United Russia party, released a November 20 video in which he accused the protesting truck drivers of being manipulated by "national traitors" and a "fifth column" working for the United States.

The Kremlin and state-controlled media under Putin have consistently portrayed the marginalized liberal opposition as nefarious instruments of Western governments seeking to undermine Russia's stability and autonomy.

Attempts to paint Russia's drivers in similarly traitorous tones have proven trickier for officials.

Over the past decade, motorists in Russia -- who number tens of millions across virtually all social strata -- have repeatedly forced the hand of a government that has tightened the screws on political opponents and is notoriously reluctant to bend to public pressure.

In 2006, car owners nationwide protested after Siberian railway worker Oleg Shcherbinsky was sentenced to four years in prison for failing to avoid the speeding car of Altai Governor Mikhail Yevdokimov, who was killed in the ensuing crash. Shcherbinsky's conviction was ultimately overturned.

Tariffs on imported cars also sparked widespread protests by motorists in 2008-09, most notably in Vladivostok, where Japanese imports are popular.

Riot police dispatched all the way from Moscow violently dispersed protesters in the Far Eastern city, while Putin continued to stand behind the tariffs.

Motorists have also spearheaded protests against the impunity with which officials, the wealthy, and the well-connected in Russia violate the rules of the road, often with the help of flashing blue sirens called "migalki" atop their vehicles.

Aleksandr Kotov, a leader of this month's protests by truck drivers, said the demonstrations will continue until the Platon payment system is scrapped but that they will be moved farther away from the road to avoid incidents like the deadly accident near Tver, Russia's Kommersant newspaper reported on November 20.

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, was quoted by the Russian news agency RBC as saying on November 19 that the Kremlin is aware of protests over the new levy on 12-ton trucks, but that all questions about the initiative "are an issue for the government," not the president.

He added that "minor hiccups" in the system would be fixed, RBC reported.

Thousands Protest Against Government In Moldova: "\$1.5 Billion Went Missing From Three Banks Before 2014 Parliamentary Elections"

Nov 29, 2015 Associated Press

Thousands of anti-government protesters have gathered in Moldova's capital and other towns demanding better governance and an end to widespread corruption.

Protesters massed in Chisinau on Sunday, with smaller protests in six other towns. There was a heavy police presence.

Interim Prime Minister Gheorghe Brega on Sunday called for increased security saying there were threats to Moldova's national security.

The Truth and Dignity non-governmental group has staged rallies since September, to protest against up to \$1.5 billion that went missing from three banks before 2014 parliamentary elections.

DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK

“Obamacare Is Dedicated To Corporate Profit At Any Cost”

“The Lower Tier Insurance Has Co-Pays And Deductibles So High That Many Working Class People Can't Afford To Use It”

“About 33,000 People Die Each Year In The USA For A Lack Of Healthcare Coverage”

“Democrats Pretend To Care About The Public Interest, While Taking Millions Of Dollars From The ‘Healthcare Industry’ To Fund Their Election Campaigns”

November 23rd, 2015 by Jack Balkwill, Dissident Voice [Excerpts]

“A threat by the nation's largest health insurer to pull out of ObamaCare is a sign of the industry's growing angst about the viability of the federal exchanges, sources close to the industry say,” begins a piece at The Hill this week.

You read that correctly.

Obamacare is so weak and dedicated to corporate profit at any cost to actual health care, that participating corporations, who run it, may withdraw whenever they like, if they don't get the massive profit they seek.

Anyone actually paying attention may see that Obamacare came out of Nixoncare when Dick Nixon was president and under pressure from the Democrats, who ran Congress at the time, to create a system of Medicare for all. Nixon instead designed a system run by the corporations, and the Democrats, then standing for a bit more than they do today, soundly rejected it.

Nixoncare was redesigned by the Heritage Foundation, and Governor Romney of Massachusetts liked the concept of a medical system which benefits capitalists like himself, so much that he adopted it into law.

When running against President Obama for the White House, Romney attacked ObamaCare in appealing to Republican voters, who tend to oppose anything Obama. President Obama soundly berated Romney during the debates, pointing out that ObamaCare came from Romneycare and is the same thing.

The brilliant part of the program's propaganda is to ignore actual health care and emphasize the number of people "insured," which has increased.

What's not pointed out by the Obama regime and its supporters is that the lower tier insurance has co-pays and deductibles so high that many working class people can't afford to use it.

Many working class people buy the insurance because they are forced to buy it or get fined by the government. I know people who pay the fine rather than buy the insurance, because it is less expensive to do so. These people obviously cannot afford to pay the fine, and do without necessities to be cruelly fined in this manner.

That a system should be so bankrupt as to attempt to fool the masses in this way, while moving tax dollars to corporations which annually make billions of dollars and pay their CEOs millions in annual salary, is despicable.

Dr. Margaret Flowers, who is running for a Senate seat in Maryland as a Green, told me about 33,000 people die each year in the USA for a lack of healthcare coverage.

This does not count those who die because they take prescription drugs known to be harmful by Big Pharma, or do without life-saving drugs because of the exorbitant costs, or those who die from complications resulting from unnecessary operations in privatized hospitals performed to increase profits.

In most of the industrialized world, health care is considered to be a human right, not a luxury doled out according to how much a person can afford.

That the Democrats should pretend to care about the public interest, while taking millions of dollars from the “healthcare industry” to fund their election campaigns shows how cowardly and subservient they have become.

When I was a boy I lived in British Columbia for a few years, when my father found employment there and we moved from Washington State. After my mother was hospitalized, the family gathered at a hospital in Prince George. Upon her release my father went to a window set up to provide information.

We assumed the worst, that the family would be left in ruin as the medical cost put us under, like happens in the Land of the Free. My father had a troubled look on his face upon approaching the window, asking,

“How much do I owe you?” The woman behind the counter smiled, saying: “You don’t owe us anything Mr. Balkwill. It’s our job.”

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Security Officer Attacked By Occupation Troops For Driving While Palestinian: “The Officer Was Shot In His Face, Below His Eye, As He Was In A Car, Heading Home From Work”

November 30, 2015 by IMEMC & Agencies

Palestinian medical sources have reported that a security officer suffered a serious injury in his face, after Israeli soldiers opened fire on a car near Bet El settlement, in the central West Bank district of Ramallah.

The sources said the wounded officer Abdullah Rostom Issa, 27, is from Burin town, south of Nablus.

They added that the officer was shot in his face, below his eye, as he was in a car, heading home from work.

The officer was shot approximately 700 meters way from an area of clashes between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian youths.

In related news, three young Palestinian men were shot with live Israeli army fire in Silwad town, east of Ramallah.

Media sources said the soldiers invaded the town, and clashed with local youths, who hurled stones, empty bottles and Molotov cocktails on their vehicles.

13-Year Old Palestinian Boy Tortured In Hospital: “The Israeli Government’s Claims That The Boy Stabbed An Israeli” “Video Footage Of The Stabbing Of The Israeli Being Stabbed Does Not Show The Assailant”

November 30, 2015 by Celine Hagbard - IMEMC News

A 13-year old Palestinian boy accused of stabbing and wounding a 13-year old Israeli boy had a court appearance Thursday.

On October 11th, Ahmad Manasra was run over by a car and beaten nearly to death by a group of Israelis, then subjected to brutal interrogation with no lawyer or parent present.

Ahmad Manasra’s lawyer presented evidence contradicting the Israeli government’s claims that the boy stabbed an Israeli.

The boy himself has no memory of carrying out the attack, and no eyewitnesses have linked him directly to the attack. Video footage of the stabbing of the 13-year old Israeli boy being stabbed on his bicycle does not show the assailant.

A 20-year old Israeli was also wounded in the attack.

A video of Ahmad lying injured and bloody on the ground after being hit by the car was uploaded to social media and went viral. In the footage, a settler onlooker can clearly be heard saying: “Die, you son of a whore! Die!”, while another tells the police officer to shoot the boy until he dies.

During an earlier court hearing, on November 10th, Ahmad’s lawyer testified that “Ahmed admits he took part in the event but does not admit the stabbings. He did not intend to murder anyone, only to scare. He even tried to dissuade his cousin from stabbing the boy.”

Ahmad's 15-year-old cousin, Hassan, was with Ahmad near the site of the stabbing attack when the two boys were assaulted by Israeli soldiers and settlers. Hassan was shot dead on site by Israeli occupation forces, while Ahmad was run over by an Israeli settler car and seriously wounded.

Ahmad says he has no memory of the attack, saying he woke up next to find himself tied to a hospital bed, under police guard, who reportedly abused him physically and verbally throughout his stay at the hospital.

He said the guards kicked him and allowed an Israeli civilian to verbally assault him.

Manasra said he couldn't eat because his right hand was tied to the bed, adding that he was not allowed to use the bathroom and was forced to urinate in a bottle.

He said that he was subjected to long hours of interrogation - with investigators assaulting him - while on his hospital bed, which further aggravated his excruciating pain.

On October 20, Manasra was transferred to jail, where he was also subjected to long hours of interrogation and verbal assault, while being strapped down to a chair by his hands and feet.

In a ten-minute video showing a part of Manasra's interrogation, the boy is shown crying while interrogators yell at him.

Again and again the 13-year old repeats that he does not know about the attack, that he does not remember anything. He begs the men to "take me to a doctor to see if I remember."

The video was widely criticized by human rights organizations, but the Israeli Shin Bet service defended their use of harsh interrogation against the boy.

Following the court appearance this week, the Israeli court decided to delay the proceeding until January, when Ahmad turns 14 and will be allowed to be charged as an adult under the Israeli court system.

Zionists Soldiers Kill An Unarmed Palestinian Teen In Occupied Jerusalem, As Usual: "Soldiers Invaded Ein Al-Louza Specialized Medical Center"

“They Attempted To Snatch The Body”



Ayman Al-Abbasi alive. Silwanic



Ayman Al-Abbasi dead. Silwanic

November 30, 2015 by IMEMC News

Israeli soldiers fatally shot, on Sunday at night, a Palestinian teen in Ein al-Louza neighborhood, in Silwan town, south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem.

Medical sources said the slain Palestinian has been identified as Ayman Sameeh al-Abbasi, 17 years of age, and that he was shot with a live round in his chest.



Ayman Al-Abbassi to his grave. – Silwanic

Clashes took place in different parts of the town, including Ras al-Amoud and Ein al-Louza, while the soldiers fired rounds of live ammunition, rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs. Many Palestinians suffered the effects of tear gas inhalation.

The soldiers also invaded Ein al-Louza Specialized Medical Center, and detained the medical staff in addition to inspecting the ID cards of many residents in the center.

They attempted to snatch the body of the slain Palestinian from the center, but the residents prevented them, and took him to his family home.

The army also invaded the residential building of Sami Rajabi, and searched several apartments, in addition to surrounding the al-Makassed and Augusta Victoria Hospitals, before searching all cars entering or leaving them.

Despite Israeli military restrictions, the funeral of al-'Abbassi was held at midnight, with the participation of hundreds of Palestinians.

The residents marched from his home towards the graveyard in Sweih neighborhood, while carrying Palestinian flags and chanting for the liberation of Palestine, and the release of all detainees.

To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation commanded by foreign terrorists, go to:

**<http://www.maannews.net/eng/Default.aspx> and
<http://www.palestinemonitor.org/list.php?id=ej898ra7yff0ukmf16>**

The occupied nation is Palestine.

The foreign terrorists call themselves "Israeli."

Military Resistance In PDF Format?

If you prefer PDF to Word format, email: contact@militaryproject.org

VIETNAM GI: REPRINTS AVAILABLE

Vietnam GI

January, 1969

Free to Servicemen

"... he threw his rifle at his Commanding Officer.."



WHEN HAWKS RETIRE

All of us who've had our "free" trips to Sunny Nam and South Korea shouldn't feel guilty about accepting such "gifts" from the Government. Lots of hawk politicians are taking Government trips too. Of course, their trips are a little bit different.

Take Senator Edward V. Long (D-Mo.), the Senate Judiciary Committee highest whose retirement in January was speeded up by graft scandals. The good Senator decided that as a last sacrifice to his country he would give himself TDY to Europe. The states was to "get firsthand information on foreign aid and military assistance programs." Doubtless, that's why he took his wife along.

Of special interest was his visit to

Switzerland, which neither gets US aid nor wants any. It doesn't easily make any difference, since as soon as Senator Long returned from his "fact-finding mission" he retired from the Senate, thus depriving our Congress of all his "facts" (mostly on airplanes and crop harvest).

Going to and from Europe Long traveled on Senate funds, but while on TDY there, he economized by using US military aircraft, cars and chauffeurs to get around. The Pentagon ordered the red carpet rolled out around the world. Nothing too good for a retiring hawk politician. As the saying goes, in America we're all equal — only some are more equal than others!

As we go to press we learn that the government has finally agreed on the shape of the cease and desist arrangements for the Paris talks. How that everyone is so good and comfortable, maybe we can expect further "breakthroughs."

The grim fact is that while the government hawks are jiving in Paris, thousands of our buddies are still dying in Nam. In fact, since they began talking last May, 7,000 GIs have been killed in action.

Talks or no talks, the only solution is to get the hell out of Nam, immediately. Stop talking and start shipping us home.

The next issue of VGI will discuss the Paris talks in greater detail. By that

Below is an interview with a Marine who didn't like the war and figured out why. This guy is a Platoon SGT with the years in the Green Machine, and over a year in Nam, mostly in low range combat with Charlie Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion. VGI speaks to him while he was on leave awaiting his second Nam tour. Since he doesn't ETS until 1973 we've left out his name.

VGI: How did you feel about the war when you went over there. Did your feelings change?

A: When I first went over there, I thought it would be a great thing to do, and a great new experience of being in war. I really thought it was going to be something different. But then I got out on some of those patrols and I got to see the people and get to talk to the people. This was the big thing that finally changed me. I finally saw that it wasn't worth while, and that they actually don't want our help because it actually isn't help.

VGI: Did you have any contact with the Vietnamese, with the people?

A: There was a place called Ben Son and for a while it was stashed down at the bridge there. This is where I lived, ate, slept, drank, everything. There were houses right next to my bunker, we had an address for ours and we gave everybody else addresses. We explained to the people what the addresses were and they got all shook up about the whole thing, wow, they got addresses too.

VGI: What was it like, being there?

A: We lived with them, we shared our food with them. They used to really go for the little treats in the canteen racks, the gum and the canteen capricious and everything, and in fact they'd bring back bananas. There was this one girl, her name was—I can't think of her name now—I had her picture but I lost it. This one girl, she really stands out in my mind because she used to come over and bring us beer every day and in turn, all she expected from us was the empty boxes of canteens, that's all she wanted, the empty boxes. But then we started putting little things in the empty boxes and told her we wanted her to have them.

VGI: What would she want with the empty boxes?

A: I don't know, the Vietnamese people, they could take an empty can of nothing and make something out of it. She made me a soapdish which she had made out of a canteen tin. She had pounded it out with a nail and a hammer. It had a little handle on it and I used it all the time. I actually got to feel naked after I lost it.

But yet, later on, during the Tet holidays, the Viet Cong came in and razed out half of the village, and the manner nastily went in pursuit. In order to stop them, the VC took this girl and they cut off her breast. She was brought up to the hospital and later she died.

VGI: Did the brass give you any stink about living with the Vietnamese?

A: The incident when I almost got into trouble was, there was a convoy of about 12 to 14 trucks. I think it was. We had a whole bunch of plywood on it and we took the plywood over to a village, which in Ben Son, he was one of

the platoons. We dropped off something like 14 sheets of plywood. Naturally, when we got back, there was one truckload of plywood missing, and they asked where it was. They later found out that I had given it to this village chief, not for my own good relations with him, but because there was times when we didn't get resupplied at our observation point, and they brought us food, so we gave them something else in return.

interview

VGI: What are some of the things you saw and did that led you into deciding in the middle of Nam not to fight anymore?

A: Well, I saw them when COL Bill Fisher, when he would call his men to dismantle their personnel-carrying flame-throwers, take them out on a company sleep and put them back together once they got out. He went into a village and told them, "Are there any Viet Cong here?" The village chief normally said "No," because to know that if he said yes, he didn't know what'd happen to him. Then COL Fisher said, "Well, if there are any Viet Cong in this village, we'll show you what's going to happen." He got one of his men up to the house, he didn't check to see if there was anybody in it or not. Later we found out there was a woman in there who was real nice, she couldn't move or anything. She was burned to death. It was terrible. And seeing guys being carried in on stretchers. A full-grown man weighed about two pounds after he was brought in as a sack of raw flesh or something like that.

VGI: Did you see any other incidents like this?

A: There was this little village just out of Ben Son where we brought out rice and got out rice. It's not pretty, it's really true. It was just this small village, maybe 16 or 17 houses. It was a "gray to white" village, off and on there'd be Viet Cong raiding the area. No hospitals at all, they'd just go in there to be resupplied. Yet one day, they found out that VC were coming into that village and they called "Pull!" "Pull!" came over and leveled the whole village down. I think maybe three people lived out of the whole thing. One was a little baby about two years old whose mother and father was gone.

One of the guys sort of adopted this kid, this little two year old. He took this kid real close. When we went to and he brought him back toys and cranks and things like that. It was really something, because they don't get too many trucks over there. We'd come up a few dump trucks and stuff like that from Hong Kong. They were really surprised to see the new toys. I mean, the boys they play with, old canteen cans and stuff like that are their toys. They're a fascinating people. If you just have an opportunity to see them, to get to know them, they're really great.

VGI: How do you think they feel about us?

A: This one incident—I know of the letter one north Vietnamese who was down south wrote to his brother up north who was intent on coming down

Continued on page 8

Edited by Vietnam Veteran Jeff Sharlet from 1968 until his death, this newspaper rocked the world, attracting attention even from Time Magazine, and extremely hostile attention from the chain of command.

The pages and pages of letters in the paper from troops in Vietnam condemning the war are lost to history, but you can find them here.

Military Resistance has copied complete sets of Vietnam GI. The originals were a bit rough, but every page is there. Over 100 pages, full 11x17 size.

Free on request to active duty members of the armed forces.

Cost for others: \$15 if picked up in New York City. For mailing inside USA add \$5 for bubble bag and postage. For outside USA, include extra for mailing 2.5 pounds to wherever you are.

Checks, money orders payable to: The Military Project

Orders to:
Military Resistance
Box 126
2576 Broadway
New York, N.Y.
10025-5657

All proceeds are used for projects giving aid and comfort to members of the armed forces organizing to resist today's Imperial wars.



Military Resistance Looks Even Better Printed Out
Military Resistance/GI Special are archived at website
<http://www.militaryproject.org> .

Military Resistance distributes and posts to our website copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available in an effort to advance understanding of the invasion and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan. We believe this constitutes a "fair use" of any such copyrighted material as provided for in section 107 of the US Copyright Law since it is being distributed **without charge or profit** for educational purposes to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving the included information for educational purposes, in accordance with Title 17 U.S.C. Section 107. **Military Resistance has no affiliation whatsoever with the originator of these articles nor is Military Resistance endorsed or sponsored by the originators. This attributed work is provided a non-profit basis to facilitate understanding, research, education, and the advancement of human rights and social justice.** Go to: law.cornell.edu/uscode/17/107.shtml for more information. If you wish to use copyrighted material from this site for purposes of your own that go beyond 'fair use', you must obtain permission from the copyright owner.

If printed out, a copy of this newsletter is your personal property and cannot legally be confiscated from you. "Possession of unauthorized material may not be prohibited." DoD Directive 1325.6 Section 3.5.1.2.