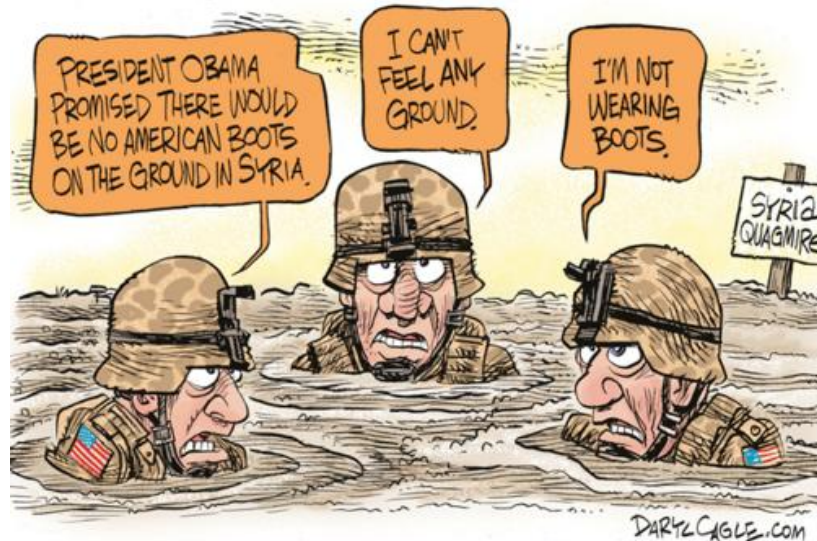


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To Many Burn To Death, Too Much Corruption: Romanians Go To The Streets; Force Prime Minister To Get Out; “The First Time In 26 Years That Such A Political Change Has Been Determined In Romania By Peaceful Protests”

04 Nov 15 by Marian Chiriac, BIRN

Bucharest

Romanian Prime Minister Victor Ponta on Wednesday said he was stepping down after widespread discontent over corruption in the country was intensified by last week's deadly nightclub blaze in Bucharest.

"I'm handing in my mandate, I'm resigning, and implicitly my government is, too," Ponta said in a statement.

The announcement came after more than 20,000 people marched on government headquarters in Bucharest on Tuesday, demanding resignations of senior officials including Ponta because of the nightclub fire.

Ponta is already facing trial on corruption charges.



Victor Ponta

"I have the obligation to see the legitimate grief in society. People feel the need for more and it would be a mistake from my part to ignore this," Ponta said, referring to the thousands of people who asked for his resignation after the tragedy on Friday.

Ponta added that he and his ministers would continue to perform their duties until a new government is formed.

In a related development, Cristian Popescu Piedone, the mayor of the district where the nightclub was located, has also resigned following criticism that he allowed the club to function despite not respecting the safety regulations.

The government's resignation came as a surprise, as it is for the first time in 26 years that such a political change has been determined in Romania by peaceful protests.

"I see Ponta's decision to resign, whether voluntary or determined by the pressure from his own party, as a gesture that empowers the people who protested following the tragedy at Colectiv nightclub. This is something new for Romania and should mark a change in how politics is made here," political analyst Cristian Tudor Popescu said.

President Klaus Iohannis is to name a prime minister to form a new government, which needs to be approved by parliament. If this fails twice, snap elections will be called. Regular parliamentary elections are due in December 2016.

The fire in the nightclub claimed 32 lives and 130 people are still in hospital.

**In Macedonia, The Next
Generation Leading The
Resistance:
“It Turns Out Now That They Are
Braver Than We Are”
One Agent Of The Ruling Class
Regime Says Some Of The Most
Frightening Words An Oppressor
Can Hear:
“Each Kid Carries A Cell Phone These
Days”**

04 Nov 15 Sinisa Jakov Marusic, BIRN

Skopje

As we enter the apartment of Milica and Goran, parents of a 16-year-old pupil who is attending Zdravko Cvetkovski High School in Skopje, we set the terms of our conversation.

We agree to use the first names of the parents without mentioning surnames. Another condition is not to reveal the identity of the pupil.

“I don’t want them (the school) connecting the dots. They (the school) have their own ways - lowering grades, penalties... It turns out now that they (the pupils) are braver than we are,” Goran remarks ironically.

The reason for BIRN’s visit are allegations that several high schools used radical measures to prevent their pupils from attending a protest march on October 21 in Skopje.

The march that ended against the Education Ministry was a continuation of a series of protests and boycotts that took place during the last school year.

United in an informal movement called the High School Plenum, the pupils demand a halt to what they see as bad reforms in education.

They are particularly against the new externally controlled, state-run graduation exams, which are intended to check high school pupils' skills and evaluate whether teachers have done their jobs.

Pupils and teachers who support the boycott see these exams as an extra burden that will not improve the quality of tuition and will likely lower the poor standard of education in Macedonia.

Some teachers also complain that the exams are intended also to stop them from raising their voice against the reforms in education.

"I could not believe my eyes. When I got to the school, (after a phone call from her son) I could not get to him. The main door was locked so I spent 30 minutes just trying to find someone to let me in. My boy told me the teachers kept them locked in classrooms or under surveillance the entire day," Milica says.

"Teachers stayed in classrooms during the whole time," the 16-year-old interjects. "We were not allowed even to go to the bathroom or switch classrooms during the recess. It was a total curfew... to prevent us from joining the protest."

The boy explains that some teachers clearly felt uncomfortable in assuming the role of policemen and explained that this was an order "from above" that they simply had to obey.

Others, he says, took their roles more seriously.

"One teacher spent an entire class telling us how we have nothing to seek at the protest and how we should be 'loyal' citizens because it is for our own good..."

"She banned us from taking footage with our cell phones, saying she would have to report that to the principal... and also told us not to count on going to an excursion if we are caught at the protest."

According to a complaint submitted last week to the Ombudsman's office, the practice of principals and teachers applying threats to pupils happened in several high schools in Skopje.

Pressures allegedly involved involuntary detention, confiscating cell phones and threatening to penalize pupils in some way if they joined the protest.

Marija Lazarova, spokesperson for the Ombudsman, said the complaint was well supported with evidence. "It clearly alleges which schools there have been pressures in and backs the claims with photographs.

"Chief Ombudsman Izet Mexhiti has formed a case and is processing it," Lazarova told BIRN, adding that they will soon reveal their next steps.

BIRN could not reach the principal of Zdravko Cvetkovski High School, Dragica Kostadinovska, for a comment.

“She is away on a trip. Anyway, she says she has nothing to comment on in the first place because there were no protests in the school,” the school’s management said. **[A classic of stupid. T]**

Others at the school denied the allegations.

“This is all being blown out of proportion. It is not true that there was a tension in the school... Each kid carries a cell phone these days so if they wanted they could have proven this (claim) very easily,” a source from the Zdravko Cvetkovski management told BIRN under condition of anonymity.

The protests that have been happening since the year started are another headache for the embattled government of Nikola Gruevski as it fends off accusations of corruption and illegal surveillance.

The revelations have come in form of tapes of conversations held by senior figures in government.

The opposition Social Democrats began releasing them in February. The government claims the tapes were passed to the opposition by foreign intelligence services with a view to destabilising Macedonia.

Education Minister Abdilqim Ademi has supported Prime Minister Gruevski’s claim that the protests of students and high school pupils were politically manipulated by the opposition.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Kalamazoo Community Mourning Loss Of Local Airman Killed In Afghanistan

Oct 13 2015 NEWSCHANNEL 3

KALAMAZOO COUNTY, Mich. - The Kalamazoo community is mourning the loss of a local airman killed in Afghanistan.

The Department of Defense confirms Master Sergeant Greg Kuhse died Sunday when the helicopter he was riding in crashed in Kabul.

Kuhse's former baseball coach at Comstock High School says he was a natural born leader--something that shone through out on the baseball field -- and later as he pursued a career in the U.S. Air Force.

The senior photo says it all. This four-sport athlete had the world at his fingertips when he graduated in 1995.

At the time, he wrote he planned to become an architect.

"Just one of the good guys," said friend Sarah Claxton.

Instead, he went on to serve his country, enlisting in the U.S. Air Force the following year.

"I was very emotional yesterday and i just cried. It just seemed unreal," Claxton said.

After nearly 20 years in the service, Kuhse died doing the job he loved.

According to a witness, the British helicopter he was riding in struck a security balloon near US Headquarters in Afghanistan.

Viewers can see the balloon falling from the sky in this video from British media source, Skynews.

"His leadership and his willingness to go into harms way says a lot about him as a person," said Comstock Public Schools Superintendent Todd Mora.

Master Sergeant Kuhse leaves behind a wife and two daughters. We're told his family is in shock, and is asking for privacy as they wrap their minds around this heartbreaking loss.

"I just really pray for strength and comfort for the families. I'm sure everyone has said it-- he was a really good person and I know they're probably proud of him," Claxton said.

The Department of Defense says the cause of the crash is still under investigation. But it is being called a "non-hostile incident."

We're told funeral arrangements for Master Sergeant Kuhse have not yet been made.

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE
BLOODSHED
THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE
WAR**

Collapse Of Parts Of Marjah And Haji Haidar Areas To The Insurgents

06 November 2015 by Tamim Hamid, TOLONews

Taliban insurgents have moved towards Marjah district and seized control of some areas.

Embedded with security forces, TOLONews correspondent Tamim Hamid said heavy clashes broke out Friday between security forces and Taliban militants, which resulted in collapse of parts of Marjah and Haji Haidar areas to the insurgents.

"Nearly 800 Taliban fighters took part in the attack on Marjah over the past 24 hours," he quoted a security official as saying.

According to him, several families have evacuated Marjah after the insurgents started using their homes as shields.

"Only one person has left at our home while the rest have fled to safe areas," a resident of Marjah told TOLONews

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Payback: Insurgents Attack Mogadishu Hotel Popular With High Government Officials: 15 Dead Including General Who Led 2011 Offensive That Drove Insurgents Out Of Mogadishu

1 November 2015 BBC & By Robyn Kriel and Omar Nor, CNN

Al-Shabab Islamist militants have attacked a hotel in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, killing at least 15 people.

Militants used two car bombs to blast their way into the Sahafi hotel compound before storming the building, police said.

Victims included at least one MP and the general who led the 2011 offensive that drove al-Shabab out of Mogadishu.

African Union troops and government forces say they have regained control of the hotel after a fierce gun battle.

The hotel is popular with Somalia's members of parliament.



A vehicle burns after a car bomb exploded in front of the Sahafi Hotel in Mogadishu, Somalia, Nov. 1, 2015. (EPA/SAID YUSUF WARSAME)

A website associated with al-Shabab said it was responsible for the attack, which it said was carried out early in the morning to avoid civilian casualties.

This is a clear change in strategy, says BBC World Service Africa editor Mary Harper. Until now, attacks in Mogadishu have been carried out during the day and evening, killing civilians who happen to be in the targeted area.

The owner of the hotel and Gen Abdikarim Dhagabadan, who commanded the operation against al-Shabab in 2011, were among the victims.

The attack comes a day after deadly clashes between jihadist fighters and African Union (AU) troops in the Bakool region near the border with Ethiopia.

The attack kicked off when a car bomb exploded at the gates of the hotel, which government officials use as a residence, Osman said.

An intelligence service official, who did not want to be named, said that two more explosions detonated during the attack -- one believed to be a bomb remotely targeting first responders.

Intelligence services are still investigating the attack.

MILITARY NEWS

“Islamic State Jihadists Gained Control Of Some Areas West Of Samarra After Iraqi Forces Withdrew”

“Several Photos Show The Dead Bodies Of Dozens Of Iraqi Policemen And Shia Militiamen”

“The Official Called On The Iraqi Security Forces To Send Reinforcements To The Government’s Elements In The Area”

November 1, 2015 By Bill Roggio and Caleb Weiss, The Long War Journal.

Bill Roggio is a Senior Fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and the Editor of The Long War Journal. Caleb Weiss is an intern at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and a contributor to The Long War Journal.

The Islamic State and Iraqi Shiite militias have engaged in heavy fighting near the historic city of Samarra in central Iraq. Islamic State jihadists gained control of some areas west of Samarra after Iraqi forces withdrew, claimed a Shiite militia loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al Sadr.

The Islamic State’s provinces, or wilayats, of Salahadin and Shamal Baghdad (North Baghdad) have put out large photo releases detailing the fighting for several Iraqi positions west of Samarra.

The images show the jihadist forces attacking the positions with heavy machine guns, rockets, mortars, rocket-propelled grenades (RPG’s), technicals (heavily armed pick up trucks), and small arms. The Islamic State also displays several checkpoints being overrun, with the jihadist group removing Iraqi and Shiite flags from the compounds.

Several photos show the dead bodies of dozens of Iraqi policemen and Shia militiamen. Many of these are too graphic to be published by The Long War Journal.

Additional images highlight the “spoils” gained by the jihadist group, including small arms, RPGs, ammunition, and several vehicles. The Islamic State also showcased its

usage of several foreign suicide bombers, including jihadists from Tajikistan, Tunisia, Egypt, and Bahrain.

The fighting in Samarra has been confirmed by Iraqi officials to have been concentrated west of the city. An Iraqi official from Salahadin said that “Daesh (a derogatory Arabic acronym for the Islamic State) was able to sneak into those areas.”

Additionally, the official called on the Iraqi Security Forces to send reinforcements to the government’s elements in the area. The suicide bombings west of the city are said to have happened on Oct. 28 and Oct. 29, however, fighting is ongoing.

Saraya al Salam (Peace Brigades), a Shiite militia led by Muqtada al Sadr and supported by Iran, reported today that its forces have liberated several areas that the Islamic State captured in recent days.

In the same statement, the militia said that the Islamic State was able to capture these positions because of the “withdrawal of security forces.” Saraya al Salam also released videos showing its forces clearing terrain near the city and targeting the Islamic State in various areas west of the city.

The Samarra Operations Command also reported that the Iraqi Security Forces have killed 146 Islamic State fighters in the recent fighting, but this number cannot be confirmed by The Long War Journal. The Peace Brigades is the main Shiite militia tasked with protecting the city of Samarra, but other militias are also present, including Jund al Imam.

In one photo released by the Islamic State, the jihadist group shows its forces targeting Jund al Imam near an Iraqi checkpoint.

The Islamic State seeks to control Samarra and towns and cities to its south in order to secure the northern Baghdad belt.

Jihadist control of this area would make it difficult for Iraqi forces to resupply and reinforce military units to the north in Tikrit and Baiji. Additionally, the Islamic State seeks use this area to disrupt security in Baghdad.

The Iraqi government has allowed Shiite militias, including the Badr Brigade, Hezbollah Brigade, Asaib al Haq (League of the Righteous), and Sadr’s Promised Day Brigade, all of which are supported by Iran’s Qods Force, to reinforce beleaguered and demoralized Iraqi forces in and around Samarra. These militias have remained on the front line and have secured cities and towns, many of which are predominantly Sunni communities, along the road from Samarra to Baghdad.

Islamic State Maintains Major Supply Route Into Ramadi:

Efforts To Cut Route Fail: “Several Weeks Ago, Warren Told Reporters That It Was Time For The Iraqis To Mount A Direct Assault On The City”

**“Iraqi Forces Have Encountered
Roadside Bombs, Snipers And Other
Lethal Obstacles, Resulting In Only
Incremental Progress”**



Iraqis Flee Ramadi Oct. 21, 2015 (Photo: Sabah Arar/AFP via Getty)

November 4, 2015 By Andrew Tilghman, Staff writer; Army Times [Excerpts]

American-backed Iraqi forces have been unable to cut off the Islamic State's use of the Euphrates River as a major supply line into Ramadi, allowing the militants to continue bringing weapons and people into the city on boats and barges, a defense official said.

"We have not been able to cut the Euphrates River yet," Army Col. Steve Warren, a Defense Department spokesman in Baghdad, said Wednesday.

The river connects the Islamic State militants to their stronghold in Syria and is emerging as a focus of the Iraqis' nearly six-month effort to retake the city.

Iraqi forces have surrounded most of the city, but have not yet seized the Palestine Bridge, a primary crossing over the Euphrates on the city's northwestern side.

"When our friendly forces are able to seize that bridge, they will be able to then cut the Euphrates River, which will substantially, significantly constrict ISIL's ability to resupply itself," Warren said, using an alternative acronym to refer to the militant group.

"ISIL, of course, knows that. That's the primary line of communication. And so they're defending it fiercely. So this fight is going to continue and it's going to continue as long as it takes to get it done," Warren said.

Islamic State militants seized control of Ramadi in May and the Iraqi security forces' counter-assault has been slow.

The Iraqis spent months conducting "shaping" operations followed by several months in the "isolation" phase.

Several weeks ago, Warren told reporters that it was time for the Iraqis to mount a direct assault on the city.

"Iraqi ground forces recently trained and equipped by the coalition have been deployed around Ramadi in time for the decisive phase of this operation. We now believe that battlefield conditions are set for the ISF to push into the city," Warren said Oct. 13.

But Iraqi forces have encountered roadside bombs, snipers and other lethal obstacles, resulting in only incremental progress.

"The enemy here has had months to prepare complex defenses inside the urban center of the city. And that is going to be a difficult, hot, dangerous, scary fight. And it will take — it will take a while," Warren said Wednesday

The river is a hub of civilian and commercial maritime traffic, making it difficult for the U.S. to clearly identify the boats or barges moving military supplies into the city, Warren said.

U.S. airstrikes sometimes target Islamic State barges along the river, but the U.S. is also cautious to prevent civilian casualties, he said.

"It's a water-borne highway. So you can't, obviously, you're not going to strike every single vessel that we see," Warren said.

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FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.

“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.

“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”

Frederick Douglass, 1852

All our lives we fought against exalting the individual, against the elevation of the single person, and long ago we were over and done with the business of a hero, and here it comes up again: the glorification of the personality. .This is not good at all. I am just like everybody else.”

-- V. I. Lenin

“Even In Constituencies Where There Is No Prospect Of Our Candidate Being Elected, The Workers Must Nevertheless Put Up Candidates In Order To Maintain Their Independence”

“They Must Not Allow Themselves To Be Diverted From This Work By The Stock Argument That To Split The Vote Of The Democrats Means Assisting The Reactionary Parties”

The gist of the matter is this: In case of an attack on a common adversary no special union is necessary; in the fight with such an enemy the interests of both parties, the middle-class democrats and the working-class party, coincide for the moment ...

This was so in the past, and will be so in the future.

March 1850 By Karl Marx, Address of the Central Committee to the Communist League [Excerpts]

With a view to checking the power and the growth of big capital, the democratic party demands a reform of the laws of inheritance and legacies, likewise the transfer of the public services and as many industrial undertakings as possible to the state and municipal authorities.

As for the workingmen – well, they should remain wage workers: for whom, however, the democratic party would procure higher wages, better labor conditions, and a secure existence.

The democrats hope to achieve that partly through state and municipal management and through welfare institutions. In short, they hope to bribe the working class into quiescence and thus to weaken their revolutionary spirit by momentary concessions and comforts.

The democratic demands can never satisfy the party of the proletariat.

While the democratic petty bourgeoisie would like to bring the revolution to a close as soon as their demands are more or less complied with, it is our and our task to make the revolution permanent, to keep it going until all the ruling and possessing classes are deprived of power, the governmental machinery occupied by the proletariat, and the organization of the working classes of all lands is so far advanced that all rivalry and competition among themselves has ceased until the more important forces of production are concentrated in the hands of the proletarians

With us it is not a matter of reforming private property, but of abolishing it; not of hushing up class antagonism, but of abolishing the classes; not of ameliorating the existing society, but of establishing a new one.

Even in constituencies where there is no prospect of our candidate being elected, the workers must nevertheless put up candidates in order to maintain their independence, to steel their forces, to gauge their own strength and to bring their revolutionary position and party views before the public

They must not allow themselves to be diverted from this work by the stock argument that to split the vote of the democrats means assisting the reactionary parties.

All such talk is but calculated to cheat the proletariat.

The advance which the Proletarian Party will make through its independent political attitude is infinitely more important than the disadvantages of having a few more reactionaries in the national representation.

The gist of the matter is this: In case of an attack on a common adversary no special union is necessary; in the fight with such an enemy the interests of both parties, the middle-class democrats and the working-class party, coincide for the moment, and both parties will carry it on by a temporary understanding.

This was so in the past, and will be so in the future.

It is a matter of course that in the future sanguinary conflicts, as in all previous ones, the workingmen by their courage, resolution, and self-sacrifice, will form the main force in the attainment of victory.

As hitherto, so in the coming struggle, the petty bourgeoisie as a whole will maintain an attitude of delay, irresolution, and inactivity as long as possible, in order that, as soon as victory is assured, they may arrogate it to themselves and call upon the workers to remain quiet, return to work, avoid so-called excesses, and thus to shut off the workers from the fruits of victory.

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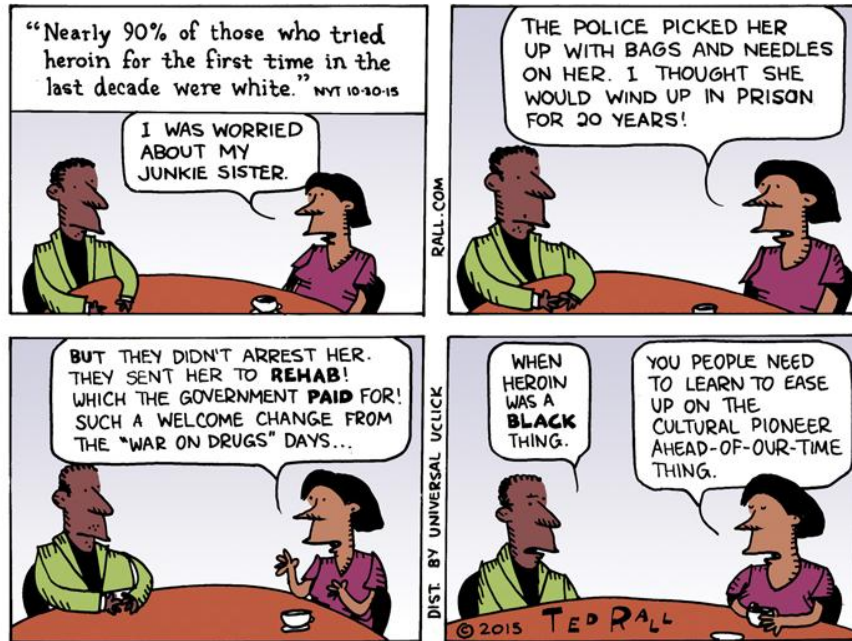
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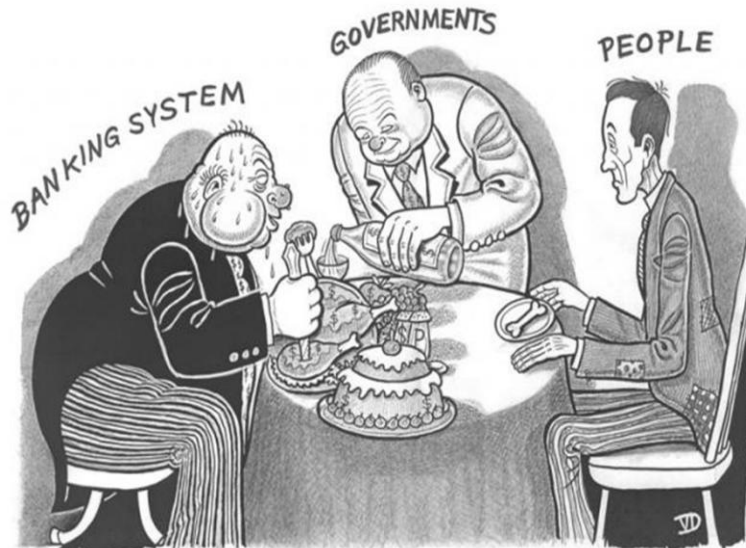
Genocide

**Take a bar of soap
and stick it up his anus
but it doesn't do any good
as he defecates on the
world
So take a hand grenade
stick it up his anus
stand aside and watch
him blow up like
a suicide bomber
the people think he is
a terrorist and he is
but that is one less
of them
to kill so many people
It's time to scrub
the world
do some Elite Cleansing.
Take the tide of raging men
hang them from a rope
a clothes line
then take a broom
called a 45
cleanse both their ears
from one side to the other
it's called Elite Cleansing.
It's been done by them
many times to the poor
or unwanted people
so they can have it all
like the Palestinian
genocide in Israel today
or the genocide of Indians
in the past in the USA.
But now the new name
is Elite Cleansing
take a brush that is
a machinegun
line them up in Time's square
in front of everyone**

with the cameras on
do some Elite Cleansing
leave not one standing
if they start to pray
tell them there is no god.



CLASS WAR REPORTS



[Thanks to Sandy Kelson, Veteran & Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

Teargas Fired To Disperse Thousands Demonstrating Against The Government In Montenegro:

**“Đukanović, Has Robbed Us,
There Are No Jobs, He Destroyed
This Country”**

**“More Than 25 Years In Power Would
Be Too Much Even If He Was
Mahatma Gandhi And Not This Thief”**

**“Montenegro Has Been Destroyed By
Corruption, Crime And The Dictatorship”**



Anti-government protesters carry a banner, reading: 'Our future, our right'. Photograph: Savo Prelević/AFP/Getty Images



Riot police ride on an armoured vehicle during clashes with protesters in front of the parliament building in Podgorica, Montenegro, on 24 October. Photograph: Stevo Vasiljević/Reuters

24 October 2015 Agence France-Presse

Police in Montenegro's capital Podgorica have fired teargas to disperse several thousand people who rallied demanding the resignation of prime minister Milo Đukanović, the third such clash in a week.

Protesters threw torches and firecrackers at anti-riot police guarding the parliament, in a bid to break the cordon and enter the building, when police fired teargas to stop them.

Earlier on Saturday, thousands chanted in front of the parliament building, demanding free and fair elections organised by a transitional government in place of Đukanović, who has been in power since 1990.

"More than 25 years in power would be too much even if he was Mahatma Gandhi and not this thief," said Raso, a 30-year-old protester.

Đukanović has previously rejected demands to resign, offering to call early elections after December's NATO meeting when the Balkan country is expected to be invited to join the alliance.

The prime minister has accused the opposition of trying to prevent the country's NATO membership, saying he is convinced Russia is behind the protests. "Never to NATO," read a placard carried by one protester.

But others, like one pensioner named Goran, said the protest was "not about NATO or Russia, but about poor life".

"Đukanović, has robbed us, there are no jobs, he destroyed this country," said Goran .

Nebojša Medojević of the Democratic Front, the main opposition bloc, said: “Montenegro has been destroyed by corruption, crime and the dictatorship of one person.”

Several hundred anti-riot officers were around the parliament in downtown Podgorica.

A week ago police used teargas to disperse several hundred opposition activists trying to protest outside parliament despite a protest ban, and on Sunday protesters hurled stones and used pepper spray against police, who retaliated with teargas.

Đukanović, 53, won re-election as premier in 2012, marking the third time he has held the post since Montenegro gained independence from neighbouring Serbia in 2006. He has been at the centre of power since 1990, and was president of Montenegro between 1998 and 2002.

The next parliamentary polls in the country – which has a population of around 630,000 – are due early next year.

**Dhi Qar, Iraq:
Use Of Satire Attracting Attention
In Ongoing Anti-Government
Demonstrations;
Jokes Are Crossing Political,
Religious And Cultural Red Lines:
“There Is A Coffin For The Iraqi
Parliament, One For The Government
And One For The Judiciary”**

10.5.2015 by Ahmad Thamer, Niqash

“We want a Chinese leader.”

“This shoe is more useful than Parliament.”

“I lost my love because of you. She is Sunni and I am Shia!”

These were just some of the satirical slogans carried by demonstrators at ongoing popular protests against the Iraqi government in Nasiriya, in the southern province of Dhi Qar.

Others included this: "Whoever strives shall succeed. Whoever graduates will sit at home. Whoever has wasta, shall harvest. This is Iraq, my son" - with wasta being the local name for who you know, not what you know.

Wasta is so important in Iraq that it means you can get a job even if you have not graduated or been doing some other kind of striving.

Another banner had "Iraqi Parliament" written on it in white on black, in a similar way to the flags flown by the extremist group known as the Islamic State.

Some of the jokes were also being made at the expense of religion in Iraq, normally a very sensitive subject.

People even used the language of clerics to protest. For example: "I seek refuge with God against the evil of the Parliament", or "in the name of religion, the looters came".

The strong satirical language is the only way protestors can express outrage at the indifference of government officials and at the delays in promised reforms, says Haider Mahdi, one of the activists participating in the demonstrations.

"As the government keeps breaking its promises, the demonstrators' imaginations go wild," he says.

"Sarcasm and ridicule are the best ways to mobilize people and to protest against the speed at which the al-Abadi government is implementing the promised reforms," says Maytham al-Saadi, another activist. In doing this, the protesters show they are aware of what's going on. "They will make the government review its policies," he says optimistically.

There are also several symbols that are being widely used.

The coffin is one – there is a coffin for the Iraqi Parliament, one for the government and one for the judiciary.

A heater has also become a strange symbol for demonstrators right around the country. It is used to poke fun at a statement made by the Minister of Electricity, Qassim al-Fahdawi, when he suggested that Iraqis could solve their own power problems by "turning off their heaters".

This, in the middle of a summer where temperatures were higher than 50 degrees Celsius. [140 Fahrenheit]

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Another Unarmed Palestinian Teen Girl Executed By Zionists: Dania Ersheid, 17, From Hebron; “The Teen Raised Her Arms And Stated ‘I Don’t Have A Knife’” “She Was Shot With ‘Eight To 10 Bullets’”



October 26, 2015 by Annie Robbins Mondoweiss

Israeli forces executed another teenage girl at a checkpoint in Hebron on Sunday.

Her name was Dania Ersheid, she was 17 and a student at Al-Rayyan Girls' High School.

A witness at the scene, standing in back of Ersheid in line at the checkpoint adjacent the Ibrahim Mosque, said the teen raised her arms and stated "I don't have a knife" before she was shot with "eight to 10 bullets" before she fell to the ground.

Police spokesperson Micky Rosenfeld tweeted Ersheid was a "Female Arab terrorist" who attempted to stab a police officer with knife. The police responded, "and neutralized her".

Youth Against Settlements requested the military release video of the killing because the entire area is under surveillance by CCTV cameras. -

CNN reports: Palestinian woman shot dead; Israelis say she was armed, witness disputes it.

'I don't have a knife' A Hebron resident, who asked not to be identified, told CNN he was next in line at the checkpoint — some 4 meters away — when the incident occurred.

“There were seven or eight soldiers around her. The soldiers checked her belongings in a school bag. She looked like she was around 14 years old,” he said.

“She went through a metal detector. In the school bag they found nothing and asked her, ‘Where’s the knife?’ She said, ‘I don’t have a knife.’

Then they fired between her legs. She was terrified and moved back half a meter or a meter.

“She raised her arms in the air saying ‘I don’t have a knife.’

“Then they shot eight to 10 bullets, but I don’t know exactly who was shooting.

“Then she fell on the ground.”

The official Palestinian news agency Wafa also described the woman as a schoolgirl, quoting witnesses as saying Israeli soldiers had prevented medics from reaching her.

Issa Amer, director of Youth Against Settlements, a Palestinian nonprofit that monitors and documents settler violence and military activity in Hebron, said the group had no information on this specific incident, but “the woman had to go through two metal detectors and revolving doors. This means that her belongings were checked.

“Also, we call on the military to release video of the incident because there are several CCTV surveillance cameras that record everything in that area.”

The International Solidarity Movement reports:

“While she (Ersheid) lay on the ground bleeding from her neck, no first aid was given, not even the Israeli ambulance that arrived after about twenty minutes gave any medical help. A Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance was denied entry to the scene and ordered by soldiers to leave.”

Dania is already the third girl killed by Israeli soldiers in al-Khalil within a month.

The circumstances sound eerily similar to the extrajudicial killing of Hadil al-Hashlamoun in Hebron on September 22. Hashlamoun was left on the ground for 45 minutes, she bled to death.

New Video Confirms Palestinian Youth Unarmed When Executed By Zionists:

“Voices Are Heard Demanding His Death And Then Scolding Police For Not Executing Him Quickly Enough”

“Officers ‘Did Not Even Yell At Alloun To Throw Down The Knife – That’s Because There Was No Knife And Alloun Posed No Threat’”

“They Shot Him Down In Cold Blood To Celebratory Cheers”



Fadi Samir Alloun in an undated image posted on Facebook.

11 October 2015 by Ali Abunimah, electronicIntifada.net

Hundreds of Palestinians took part in the funeral, Sunday, of Fadi Alloun in the occupied East Jerusalem village of Issawiyeh.

It had been delayed for a week as Israel had refused to hand over the youth's body.

The 19-year-old was shot dead in cold blood by Israeli police one week ago in Jerusalem as he was chased by an Israeli mob.

Video of the incident shows Israeli youths inciting police to shoot Alloun and then celebrating with such chants as "Death to the Arabs!" when he is killed.

Israeli reports claimed that Alloun was armed with a knife and had earlier injured an Israeli teenager.

No evidence was ever presented linking Alloun with any stabbing.

A new video of Alloun's killing confirms he presented no danger when Israel killed him. No knife is visible as the teenager attempts to avoid the mob but finds all directions blocked.

Before and after he is shot dead, more voices are heard demanding his death and then scolding police for not executing him quickly enough.

The video at the top includes both earlier footage and the new footage side by side. The new footage is on the right-hand side of the screen.

The videos were synchronized and subtitled by Israeli activist Ronnie Barkan.

An Israeli academic who uses the pseudonym John Brown wrote about the new video on the Hebrew website Local Call.

His post was translated by +972 Magazine.

Israeli media claimed that Alloun was shot while "trying to escape from the security forces that began chasing him. After refusing to release his grip on the knife, the forces shot and killed him."

"However, a new video that captures the scene from a different angle shows that Alloun wasn't holding a knife when he was shot, and therefore did not pose a threat," John Brown writes.

He adds: "this was the reason an officer who stood near the person filming the incident chose not to shoot Alloun. He chose neither to shoot nor (threaten him with his weapon) as Alloun walked by him. He didn't shoot when the teenagers nearby yelled 'Shoot him, bitch!' or 'Pepper spray? What kind of policemen are you?' while warning Alloun that he was 'about to die.'"

After Alloun was gunned down, the police officer who refused to shoot was targeted by harsh verbal abuse from members of the mob.

Fadi Alloun, a talented singer, photographer and athlete, had been forced to live apart from his mother since he was aged two.

His mother and Fadi's brother were forcibly exiled in Jordan as Israel refused to allow them to return home after a visit to Amman to see Fadi's dying grandfather.

For nearly 18 years, Fadi was unable to see his mother and brother. He could only talk to them on the phone or online.

Alloun's killing happened in East Jerusalem. Israel claims Jerusalem as its capital, and therefore applies its civilian laws, despite the fact that all other countries consider the city militarily occupied.

According to the Local Call writer, Alloun's killers should be put on trial for murder, even by Israeli law.

"Obviously this will not happen," John Brown states, "since the killing was in line with the instructions that permit the shooting of Arabs suspected of terrorist attacks. 'This is how these events must end,' say the police chiefs and government officials. This is exactly what the officer did. But they conveniently forget to mention that this order only applies to Arabs."

In other words, not only are Israeli forces granted impunity, they are actively encouraged to kill Palestinians.

One of Israel's most prominent clerics last week added his voice to the calls for extrajudicial executions.

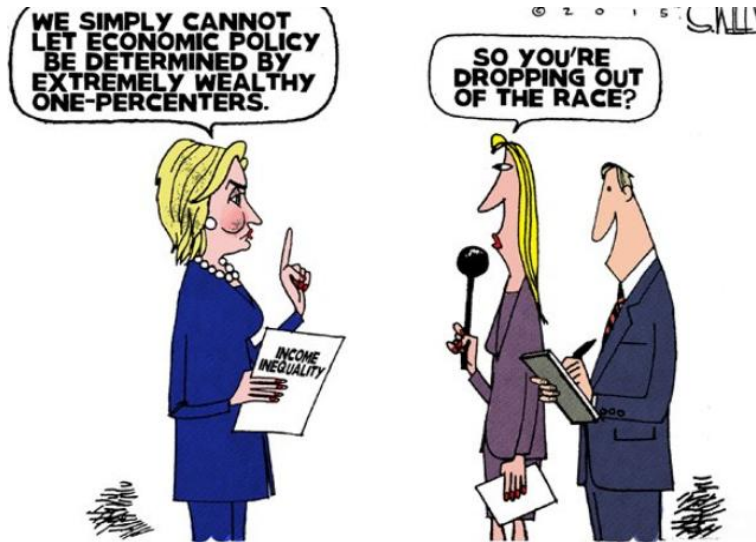
Shmuel Eliyahu, the chief rabbi of Safad, whose salary is paid by the government, demanded that police officers who do not summarily execute Palestinians after they have been arrested should themselves be put on trial, according to Israel's Haaretz newspaper.

The government-backed rabbi has a long history of genocidal incitement, including his call in 2007 for a million Palestinians to be slaughtered.

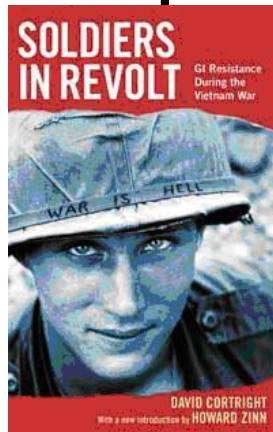


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