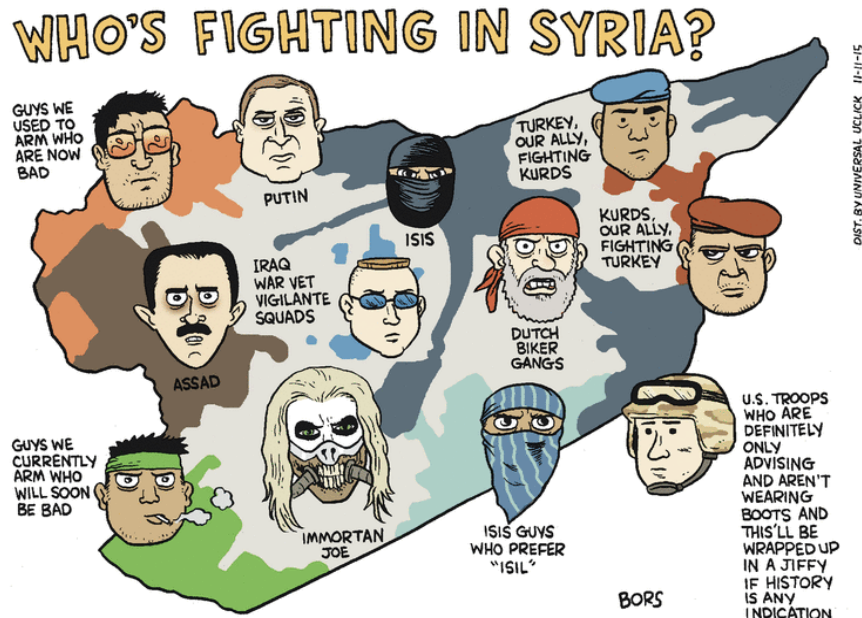


## Military Resistance 13K8



[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: "Looks like a bunch of presidential candidates."]

**“Japanese Police On Thursday  
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## Move By Okinawa's Governor To Stop Work On The US Base Relocation Site"



Police officers remove protesters from a gate of the US Marine base as they staged a sit-in protest at Nago on Japan's southern island of Okinawa on ... (Photo: Getty via AFP/Jiji Press)

October 29, 2015 Agence France-Presse

TOKYO — Japanese police on Thursday dragged away a group of protesters trying to block construction of a US military base in Okinawa, the latest flare-up in tensions over the bitterly opposed project.

Hundreds of local Okinawans were staging a sit-in protest with their arms linked in a bid to block trucks and other construction vehicles.

In response, police dragged away some demonstrators including physically picking up frail activists, television images showed.

“Okinawa doesn't belong to the United States or the central government,” a visibly angry Hiroshi Ashitomi, 69, told the Jiji Press news agency.

The clash comes days after the Japanese government overturned a move by Okinawa's governor to stop work on the US base relocation site.

The proposal to move the Futenma air base, first mooted in 1996, has become the focus of anger among locals, who insist it should be shut and a replacement built elsewhere in Japan or overseas.

**Earlier this month, outspoken Okinawa governor Takeshi Onaga revoked approval for work on the base in Japan's southernmost island chain, which Tokyo later reversed.**

**"I am furious that this construction work has been forced to resume," Onaga said Thursday.**

Many Okinawans insist the base should be shut and a replacement built elsewhere in Japan or overseas.

Residents have long complained that the rest of Japan must share the burden of hosting US military facilities, along with accidents and crimes committed by US service members.

**Okinawa, which was controlled by the United States for nearly 30 years after World War II, now reluctantly hosts more than half of the 47,000 American military personnel stationed in Japan.**

Tokyo and Washington have repeatedly backed the plan, with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe insisting it was "the only solution".

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## Okinawa: Sit-In Protests Against US Military Base



Photo: From PopularResistance.org.

November 11th, 2015 PopularResistance.org. [Excerpts]

76.1% of Okinawans and the current Okinawa Governor, Takeshi Onaga, are opposed to the construction of a new U.S. military base off Henoko in Nago as a replacement for the Futenma U.S. military base.


U.S. military bases occupy 17% of the total land area of Okinawa.

Ohata joins Okinawa residents, mainly the elderly, in a nonviolent sit-in protest at the Henoko Gate, in blocking the entry of construction vehicles into the Henoko site.

Ordinary Japanese and the people of the world have woken up to the haughty, high-handed ways of their governments who no longer heed the wishes of their citizens.

#Enough! It's time to nonviolently abolish the method of war, including the war-making and war preparations of U.S. and other military bases.

**DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?**



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## POLICE WAR REPORTS

### **“Savage Assault By Police” Of Man In San Francisco’s Mission District:**

**“Both Deputies Using Batons On The  
Man As He Struggled On His Knees  
And Screamed For Help”**

**“He Didn’t Pose Any Threat At That  
Point, And They Are Clearly Using  
Excessive Force And Trying To  
Seriously Hurt Him When He Was On The  
Ground And Subdued”**

November 14, 2015 By Matt Agorist, The Free Thought Project

An investigation into the brutal beating of man in San Francisco’s Mission District has been launched by the Alameda County Sheriff after video showing the savage assault by police went public.

The video was released by the San Francisco Public Defender’s Office on Friday night, after being contacted by witnesses to the vicious attack.

Pulling no punches, Public Defender Jeff Adachi said the encounter was “reminiscent of Rodney King,” and excessive force was clearly used by the two deputies.

According to a report by The San Francisco Chronicle:

“The video shows the deputies chasing after a man at the corner of Clinton Park and Stevenson Street at about 2:05 a.m. Thursday. One deputy jumps on the man, knocking him down, and goes on to punch him twice while he was still on the ground.

“He gets off as the second deputy pulls out his baton, and uses it to strike the man on the head. The video jumps 10 seconds to both deputies using their batons on the man as he struggled on his knees and screamed for help.

“The video jumps once more to show the man on his knees with his hands on his head, and one deputy pushing him to the ground so he and the other deputy could continue hitting him with their batons.”

**A spokesman for the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office, Sgt. J.D. Nelson, attempted to excuse the vile behavior of the cops caught on video by claiming that the beating with police batons was the result of a 38-minute car chase; as if that would justify the cops’ actions.**

Forwarding the police narrative, Nelson said deputies approached a man sitting in a stolen car at 1:30 a.m. on Thursday, at which time the man knocked down and injured one deputy while attempting to ram two police cruisers, disabling one. At this point the second officer was able to give chase in a damaged patrol car, Nelson said.

“Then we start on a 38-minute chase that went from San Leandro, to Oakland, through the streets of Oakland, onto the freeway, over the Bay Bridge and through downtown San Francisco and finally onto Stevenson Street, where the man crashes his car and gets out and starts running,” Nelson said.

To further attempt to justify the beat down, Nelson said that police believed the man was armed and that police recovered a gun, but didn’t know where the gun was found.

It must be noted that a common police tactic, used as a means of providing legitimacy for violent actions, is to carry “throw away” weapons.

These weapons have their serial numbers removed, are concealable, and are often used in circumstances where disciplinary action would result. In essence, they’re a “get out of jail free” card for cops.

In addition to all the other excuses for beating the man with batons, the deputies claimed that they believed the man to be on drugs and that they were unsure what he was capable of doing, according to Nelson.

**Adachi was clear about what he saw transpire in the video, regardless of the plethora of excuses forwarded by the police to potentially justify this Rodney King-like beating.**

**“From what you can see on the video, he’s turning the corner and they’re able to subdue him. They clearly had him on the ground. He didn’t pose any threat at that point, and they are clearly using excessive force and trying to seriously hurt him when he was on the ground and subdued.”**

**The beaten man was transported to San Francisco General Hospital, and was subsequently released and booked into the Santa Rita Jail.**

**“I don’t see any reason why he couldn’t be handcuffed and taken into custody. The blows, after they took him to the ground, were excessive by any measure, any standard. It’s shocking to see,” said Adachi.**

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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**

**But out of this complicated web of material and psychic forces one conclusion emerges with irrefutable clarity: the more the soldiers in their mass are convinced that the rebels are really rebelling – that this is not a demonstration after which they will have to go back to the barracks and report, that this is a struggle to the death, that the people may win if they join them, and that this winning will not only guarantee impunity, but alleviate the lot of all – the more they realize this, the more willing they are to turn aside their bayonets, or go over with them to the people.**

**And the highest determination never can, or will, remain unarmed.  
-- Leon Trotsky; The History of the Russian Revolution**

# **Syria Revolutionary Armed Forces Denounce IS Attack On Paris: “Most Rebel Groups In Syria Fiercely Oppose Both The Regime Of President Bashar Al-Assad And IS” “The Real Victim Of The Continuation Of The Assad Regime And Its Terrorist Organisations Is The Whole World”**

11.15.15 AFP

Beirut (Lebanon) - Dozens of Syrian rebel groups on Saturday strongly denounced the Islamic State jihadist group's attacks on Paris as "against human values" in a joint online statement.

And Syrian activists, refugees, and civilians in the war-torn country expressed their solidarity with France in posts on social media.

Forty-nine armed factions in Syria, including the powerful Jaish al-Islam rebel groups, condemned "in the strongest terms" IS's coordinated assault in Paris that killed at least 129 people.

"We learned today, with great shock and condemnation, about the terrorist attacks against civilians in the city of Paris," the joint statement said.

It called IS's actions "criminal attacks that are against (Islamic) laws and human values".

Most rebel groups in Syria fiercely oppose both the regime of President Bashar al-Assad and IS, which has declared a self-styled "caliphate" in parts of Syria and Iraq.

"This terrorism does not differ from the terrorism that the Syrian people have suffered from every day for the past five years," the groups said.

They pledged to continue to "fight terrorism" and urged the international community to address the root cause of extremism in Syria.

"The real victim of the continuation of the Assad regime and its terrorist organisations is the whole world, not just the Syrian people," the statement said.

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# **Syria Revolutionary Organizations Joint Statement About The Terrorist Attack On France: “The Revolutionary Brigades And Factions In Syria Condemn In The Strongest Terms These Criminal Attacks”**

“In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful”

We have received with great shock and condemnation the news about the terrorist attacks that have targeted civilians in the city of Paris and that have led to the death and injury of tens of Innocent civilians, while the consequences and details of this crime have not been revealed yet.

The revolutionary brigades and factions in Syria condemn in the strongest terms these criminal attacks that are against the teaching of all religions and human values.

We consider these terrorist acts not to be different from what the Syrian people have been enduring and suffering every day for the past five years, both originated from the same source the Assad regime and his affiliate Da'esh (ISIS).

The Assad regime has threatened two years ago to export terrorism to Europe (France in particular) and the US, and has declared his intention to do so publicly. The regime foreign minister and his Mufti have issued such threats on public media; the regime relationship with ISIS has been proven to be symbiotic and organic.

As we condemn this terrorist act, we affirm our continuous commitment to fight terrorism in the region represented by the regime of Assad and his made group of terrorists (ISIS).

Finally, we ask the international community to reconsider its handling of the Syrian crisis and to tackle the real and root cause of the Syrian crisis and terrorism, as the real victims of the Syrian regime is not only the Syrian people but also the world in general.

The signatory Syrian factions:

101 Brigade – Division - Ground Forces

Al-Sham Corps

Islam Army

16 Brigade – Ground Forces  
Forsan Al-Haq Brigade  
The Islamic Coalition Of Sham Soldiers  
Furkan Brigades  
Al-Rahmaan Corps  
13 Brigade - Division  
Al-Sham Front  
Amood Horan Brigade  
The Coalition Of Istakim Kama Omert  
Al-Hak Brigade  
The Forty Battalions  
312 Brigade  
Middle Region Brigade  
Yarmouk Army  
The Proponent Of Islam Front  
Homs Corps  
Al-Shamia Front  
Al-Nasr Army  
The Asala And Tanmia Front  
Sham Revolutionaries  
Sultan Muhammad Al-Fateh Brigade  
Sukoor Jabal-Alzawia Brigade  
Harakat Nour Al-Din Al-Zenki  
Talbesah Brigade  
Coalition Of Suyouf Al-Haq – Homs  
Homs Liberation

The Tawheed Army

Coalition Of Ahrar-Horan

Al-Siddeek Brigade

Sultan Murad Brigade - Division

The Costal First Brigade

The Free Syrian Army Brigades In Hasakah

Coalition Of Aleppo Revolutionaries

Al-Mujahedeen Army

The Coalition Of Aleppo Revolutionaries

Ahbab Omar Brigade

The Brigade Of Tribes

Sham Revolutionaries Battalions

Salah Al-Deen Brigade

The Ten Brigade In The Coast

Tafas Brigade

Nedaa Syria Brigade - Division

Al-Fateh Brigade

Ibn Alwaleed Descendent Brigade

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[Thanks to Sandy Kelson, Veteran & Military Initiative Organizing Committee, who sent this in.]

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## **CLASS WAR REPORTS**

**“Hundreds Of Thousands Of Greeks Walked Off Their Jobs On Thursday To Protest Austerity”**  
**“The General Confederation Of Greek Workers Accused Government Of ‘Policies Of Punishing Austerity, Poverty And Wretchedness’”**

## “It Also Called For ‘The Mother Of All Battles’ Against A New Wave Of Austerity”



Green Left Weekly

NOV. 12, 2015 By NIKI KITSANTONIS, New York Times

ATHENS — Hundreds of thousands of Greeks walked off their jobs on Thursday to protest austerity economics as officials of the leftist-led government wrangled with the country’s international creditors over the terms of Greece’s third bailout. At least one Athens protest turned violent.

The 24-hour walkout shut down public services, forced the cancellation of flights and disrupted public transportation across the country. Ferries remained moored in ports, hospitals were operating with reduced staff, and museums and archaeological sites were closed.

An estimated 20,000 people joined three demonstrations in Athens, one organized by the country’s two main labor unions, another by the Communist Party, and the third drawing students and leftists, according to a police spokesman.

Though the protests were mostly peaceful, a gathering near the Parliament building in the early afternoon turned into a clash between riot police officers and roughly 100 masked youths, who hurled stones and firebombs. The riot police responded with tear gas, as a police helicopter circled over the city center and crowds fled the acrid smoke.

A police spokesman said a few hours later that calm had been restored in the city, although several bank branches had been damaged.

General strikes have been common in Greece in recent years as the country has struggled with the privations of recession, high unemployment and the belt-tightening that the country's foreign creditors have demanded.

But Thursday's general strike was the first under the Syriza-led government of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras.

Mr. Tsipras came to power in January on a promise of ending years of austerity, but by summer he had agreed to an international bailout program of 86 billion euros, or \$92 billion — the country's third rescue package since 2010 — as the government was running out of money and Greece was on the brink of leaving the euro currency union. To secure the public's reluctant support for the program, Mr. Tsipras called for new elections and was returned to power by a wide margin in September on a pledge to enforce the new bailout while easing its impact on poorer Greeks.

**Though Mr. Tsipras succeeded in purging Syriza of radicals who had resisted a compromise with creditors during his initial term, divisions remain in his party over the issue.**

**An indication of that deep rift was evident this week as Syriza's labor policy department called for "mass participation" in Thursday's strike and in the protest rallies planned for Athens and other major cities.**

On Thursday, a government spokeswoman, Olga Gerovasili, said she understood why many Greeks were protesting, though she did not endorse Syriza's support for the strike. In a statement, she acknowledged that the government was "enforcing an agreement that includes measures we regard as unfair," adding that "citizens have been hit, and they react."

The country's two main labor unions, which called the walkout, object to a recent barrage of economic overhauls, including further cuts to pensions and tax increases, and further budget-cutting measures that are in the works.

The General Confederation of Greek Workers, which represents private sector employees, accused the government of pursuing "policies of punishing austerity, poverty and wretchedness."

It also called for "the mother of all battles" against a new wave of austerity "that will further downgrade the living standards of Greek society."

Social discontent has been growing as the government remains locked in talks with the country's international creditors over the economic changes that must be enforced to unlock rescue loans.

On Monday, eurozone finance ministers said that Greek authorities must do more before the creditors can disburse a €2 billion loan payout and release an additional €10 billion that has been earmarked in the bailout program for the recapitalization of Greece's struggling banks.

The eurozone ministers gave Greece a week to bridge its differences with lenders on a series of contentious measures.

A big sticking point is the level of protection that should be granted to Greek mortgage holders who have fallen behind on payments. Athens, fearing social turmoil, wants to ensure that thousands of Greeks do not lose their homes.

But because nonperforming loans are one of the biggest problems undermining Greek banks, the creditors want to give the banks more flexibility on when they can foreclose on mortgages or declare business borrowers to be in default.

Other snags in the creditor negotiations include disagreement over a repayment program for Greek taxpayers who are in arrears; lenders want stricter criteria for eligibility. Another dispute involves how the government will make up for a budget shortfall after a public outcry forced it to abandon a planned value-added tax on private education.

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## **Eastern Ukraine: Bosses Tighten The Screw But Eventually The Screw's Thread Will Break; “The Situation At The Moment Is Such That It Is Easy To Mobilise All Workers Whose Rights Are Being Violated” “They're Simply Going Hungry”**

**And the employers in this environment are like drug addicts. They see that they can tighten the screws a bit more, so they keep tightening to see how far they can go. But this junkie-employer forgets that the thread in the screw will eventually break, the intoxication from the drug will pass, and then he will soberly shudder. But it will be too late.**

November 9th, 2015. Posted by Gabriel Levy at [peopleandnature.wordpress.com/](http://peopleandnature.wordpress.com/)

**In this interview, PAVEL LISYANSKY of the Eastern Human Rights Group gives an update on efforts to defend workplace rights in eastern Ukraine, as military conflict continues between the government and Russian-backed separatists.**

Pavel is a trade union activist and humanitarian rights campaigner in towns near the front line with the separatist-controlled territory, which runs through the industrial areas of Donetsk and Lugansk.

The interview was published on 2 November in Russian on Nihilist.li, an anarchist web site based in Kyiv. Thanks to Hryčko Čornyj for this translation.

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*Question. (Please update us) on two labour disputes: the hospital in Svetlodarsk that landed in a bureaucratic “black hole”, and the shopping centre in Severodonetsk that is trying to force workers to leave their jobs without severance pay. Is there any news about these two episodes? Are you aware of other instances of labour rights violations in recent months?*

Pavel Lisjansky. Regarding the hospital at Svetlodarsk:

(After a major battle at Debaltsevo in February, the hospital, on the Ukrainian side of the front line, was cut off from the local government administration, which was on the other side. Despite the urgency of the life-saving work of more than 100 staff, they have not been paid for ten months because local authorities failed to resolve the bureaucratic “black hole” into which the payments had fallen.)

The government did not hear the voices of the workers. The salaries have not been paid and hospital funding has not been restored. The problems are the same: winter, cold. But the medical staff do not give up. At a meeting of the trade union committee the members decided to hold protests and organise a walk from the (military – HČ) front line to the regional state administration in Kramatorsk.

Regarding Amstor (supermarket – HČ): the employer has adopted harsher tactics and forbade the use of heating in empty premises. (Managers want to dismiss workers, who are refusing to leave until they receive months’ worth of back pay they are owed, and severance to which they are legally entitled.)

People have taken sick leave en masse. I also began to receive phone threats. The situation in this instance is more difficult, because in order to fight against such an unscrupulous employer one must set in motion all sorts of workers’ rights mechanisms and levers of influence. Frankly, it’s difficult to get through a brick wall of labour lawlessness, even together with the whole workplace collective.

Regarding the Elektropribor (Electric appliance) factory in Privol’ie: that was a case of non-payment of wages, but we actively worked there and were able to solve the problem quickly.

There are massive problems for the mineworkers in Ukraine. At each mine there is a different case of workers’ rights being violated. The same thing among public sector employees: at almost every workplace there are violations of workers’ rights.

The schools in Svetlodarsk were also affected by the nonpayment of wages, but we were able to help them. There’s a whole list of violations of labour rights, and the instances of these are growing exponentially!



*Q. What is the situation at your mine in Lisichansk?*

PL. The situation is very near to critical: the wages are being paid, but with delays. We have managed to establish a dialogue with the employer. But here we have to fight with the traditional trade unions, who see me as a competitor, because they use workers as a cash cow to make money.

They began an aggressive campaign against me, which is absurd: one group of trade unionists is fighting another, in the meantime neglecting the rights of the workers. I had to leave my job at the mine and settle for an elected post of chairman of the local trade union organisation, virtually as a volunteer – this was the only way I could save the local organisation to fight for the rights of workers. I actively support all workers employed by the company (i.e. the mine), irrespective of which trade union they belong to. Rights activists, like doctors, offer treatment without asking about political convictions or affiliation to other unions.

**But this is difficult to understand for the old guard of the Ukrainian unions; they are used to make money from miners. I know what I am talking about: already at my age I have been employed at nine mines in different regions of Donbas. They (the old guard at traditional unions – HČ) already smell of earth; they have forgotten what workers' struggle is, and maybe they never even knew it.**

They do not give way to young, active workers. For them the concept of “young” is someone who is 50-57. This, they think, is the right age to start leading a trade union organisation. There are, sometimes, good people who want to help the young, but they, unfortunately, are unable to go against this system.

This is why I decided to become a workers' rights advocate – a lawyer for the workers. After all, there are lawyers serving the mafia, corporations, oligarchs – so there should be for the workers. I want to dedicate my strength and energy to defending and protecting workers' rights, not to fight inside trade union structures about god-knows-what.

*Q. Tell us about the case of the illegal dismissal of an employee (at the mine), who was later branded a “drug addict”. How did this situation come about? How was this “addict” treated by his colleagues?*

PL. He simply came to be disliked by his boss, so the latter found a reason to do away with him and said he was a drug addict.

Then the machine of administrative lawlessness went into motion: the personnel department issued the dismissal order; the security guards, like an unleashed pack of dogs, were set upon him.

But the boss did not take account of one thing: this was a member of our union, and we can respond to the administrative tyranny, even by resorting to similar tactics, if necessary.

As a result, the worker was reinstated. We consulted and decided to get him transferred to another mine in the same production association, in order to protect this worker from further attacks. Now we are actively working to remove that manager from his post.

### **“People Feel They Have Nothing To Lose”**

*Q. Whose situation is worse in the Donbas: the public sector workers (medical staff, teachers, etc) or those who work in the private sector? Who is more likely to be mobilised to stage a protest; who is more motivated? Do the two groups differ in terms of their respective arsenals of methods of struggle?*

PL. It's diverse. If, for example, we are closer to the (military – HČ) front line – it's the public sector workers; if it's a bit further from the line – it's the private sector workers.

**The situation at the moment is such that it is easy to mobilise all workers whose rights are being violated. They're simply going hungry.**

**All financial reserves have run out. The prices have risen; the wages are unpaid; the war has instilled a greater sense of indifference toward death, and therefore people feel they have nothing to lose.**

They need to feed their children – but with what money? This is one of the main factors that helps to mobilise at the moment.

And the employers in this environment are like drug addicts. They see that they can tighten the screws a bit more, so they keep tightening to see how far they can go.

But this junkie-employer forgets that the thread in the screw will eventually break, the intoxication from the drug will pass, and then he will soberly shudder.

But it will be too late.

The arsenal of action is the same for all: protests, letters, lawyers, trade unions, etc. But the people of Ukraine have been entrapped. They have been divided into different unions pitted against one another.

Some union leaders have been bought by the state or the oligarchs, and, when necessary, pitted against one another in a different way. The workers do not have their own political representation or lobbyists.

**And serious human rights advocates are not especially interested in the problems affecting the workers (such work does not receive grants from major donors).**

So it is, that Ukraine's workers today are acting like a group of disorganised deserters, tearing in every direction without any sense of what to do.

*Q. How much has the situation with labour rights worsened because of the military action? Are there any improvements now, during ceasefire?*

PL. In short: no. It has not changed. The situation is still severe.

*Q. Tell us a few words about yourself, the Eastern Workers Rights Group, and your plans of action for the near future. Thank you!*

PL. What can I say?

I come from a family of workers. I'm a fourth generation miner.

At the age of 19 I lost my father – the main authority in my life. I have barely recovered from this shock.

After my father's death, the company where I worked with him started to denigrate me, pay back "debts" owed to my father through me. (My dad was a true workers' leader in Anratsit; this is a well known fact.

(Note: Anratsit, which is in the separatist-controlled territory, was the site of worker protests last year.) My dad had, as I now have, many enemies.

It was then that I realised that there is nobody else in this life who will ever stand up for me. I went through a moral turning point; I started to fight for my own rights, and to defend other vulnerable people like myself.

Then I was involved in trade union work at the university and, later, at workplaces. I saw with my own eyes the shortcomings of the traditional unions and the lack of any defence of the workers' rights in Ukraine.

I was hugely disappointed in the actions of one of the leaders of the trade union movement in Ukraine (I won't mention his name) and had a great desire to protect the rights of people in the war zone.

That was how in 2014 the Eastern Workers' Rights Group was set up, in the sadly infamous city of Debaltsevo.

The founders of this group are displaced persons and refugees who have been active near the front line in helping to restore and protect workers' rights, fighting against injustice in the context of war.

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## DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK



## OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**Zionists Disguised As Palestinians  
Attack Hospital:  
Execute Unarmed Palestinian Man  
Coming Out Of A Bathroom;  
“When Abdallah Came Out Of The  
Bathroom Where He Was Washing His  
Hands In Preparation For Morning  
Prayers They Shot Him And Left Him To  
Bleed On The Floor”**

12 November by Peter Beaumont in Hebron, Guardian News and Media Limited & By Ori Lewis, Ali Sawafta and Nidal al-Mughrabi, Reuters

Israeli forces disguised in Palestinian clothes – including one impersonating a pregnant woman in a wheelchair – have raided a hospital in the flashpoint city of Hebron, shooting dead a relative of a man suspected of carrying out a stabbing attack.

**Palestinian Health Minister Jawad Awad accused Israeli security forces of “executing” Abdallah al-Shalalda, who he said was escorting a relative inside the hospital.**

**“The international community must intervene to protect our people from the Israeli killing machine,” he said.**

The operation, involving two dozen undercover soldiers and Shin Bet agents – some wearing fake beards – took place in the early hours of Thursday morning.



Israeli undercover forces are seen in this still image taken from Al-Ahli hospital CCTV and obtained by Reuters TV, during their raid of the hospital in the West Bank city of Hebron November 12, 2015. (photo: Hebron Al-Ahli Hospital)

During the raid, patients on the third floor of the al-Ahly hospital were confined to their wards.

**Hospitals are customarily regarded in conflicts as protected locations, even for enemy combatants.**

The armed swoop – the second by Israeli forces on a Palestinian hospital this year – saw 27-year-old Abdallah Shalaldeh killed as he emerged from a bathroom in the ward where his cousin, Azzam, a Hamas member, was being treated for gunshot wounds.

The Israeli army confirmed the raid and shooting. It said Azzam Shalaldeh was suspected of stabbing an Israeli settler two weeks ago in the West Bank.

Hospital staff and eyewitnesses – including another relative of the two men – said troops had entered the hospital with guns hidden beneath the person pretending to be pregnant.

Jihad Shawar, the hospital’s director, said: “The undercover forces arrived at about 2.50 in the morning. There were 20-30 of them. They came to the main door pretending to be relatives of a woman going into labour and wanted to take her to surgery.

“When they got into the reception area the woman stood up and they produced guns, including some hidden underneath her on the wheel chair. They went straight to the room on the third floor where Azzam Shalaldeh, who had been treated here since 25 October, was staying.

**“They handcuffed his brother (Bilal Shalaldeh) with a belt.**

**“But when his cousin Abdallah came out of a bathroom on the ward they shot him five times before taking Azzam in the wheelchair they had brought. This is an outright crime. No one should violate hospitals.”**

According to the Israeli authorities, Azzam Shalaldeh was being treated at the hospital for gunshot wounds, which the military said were sustained when the Israeli he allegedly stabbed last month shot him.

It said he was about 20 and from a family of “known Hamas operatives”.

Israel said Abdallah Shalaldeh was shot dead after grappling with soldiers – a claim denied by some Palestinian witnesses, who said he was shot as he left the bathroom.

Video footage of the incident shows about a dozen men walking down a hospital corridor, pushing someone covered in a blanket in a wheelchair. The person in the wheelchair flings the blanket off, stands up and, with the others, draws a gun and continues walking.

On the ward where Abdallah Shalaldeh was shot, a large pool of blood was visible on Thursday.

Mohammad Mayata was in a neighbouring room when he heard the shots. “I looked out the door and saw two people, one had a pistol and the other an M16,” he said.

“When he saw me he said get inside or I’ll shoot you. When they had gone I came out and found a man lying in a pool of blood.”

Nidal Abdul Mutalib, 48, was also on the third floor when the soldiers entered. “I heard terrifying shots and panicked. I went outside. There was a man with a white beard and prayer cap shouting ‘Army! Army! Go back inside!’. The whole thing took eight to 10 minutes. I peeked out again and saw them taking away an injured man in a wheelchair with something covering his head.”

The footage also show the Israeli forces pushing a man in a wheelchair, apparently the suspect, back down the hall, as perplexed nurses look on.

Speaking at Abdallah Shalaldeh’s funeral in the village of Sair outside Hebron later in the day, his cousin Bilal Shalaldeh described the raid. “It was around 3am and I was asleep when a large number of undercover soldiers arrived. They put the other patients in the corner and tied my hands with a belt.

**“When Abdallah came out of the bathroom where he was washing his hands in preparation for morning prayers they shot him and left him to bleed on the floor”**

Last month, a group of men posing as Palestinian protesters and mingling with rock throwers in the West Bank were filmed suddenly drawing their weapons and arresting a protester.

The raid came amid ongoing violence that has lasted nearly two months. Twelve Israelis have been killed in a spate of attacks by Palestinians, while 78 Palestinians – 50 of them said by Israel to be attackers – have been killed.

The recent violence first erupted in Jerusalem over tensions surrounding a holy site sacred to both Jews and Muslims and quickly spread throughout Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Hebron, the largest West Bank city, has been a particular flashpoint. Several hundred Jewish settlers live in fortified enclaves in the city, amid tens of thousands of Palestinians.

In a statement defending, Shin Bet said it would “not permit terror operatives to hide in any places of refuge”.

**Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, a non-profit rights group, accused Israeli forces of repeatedly violating the special protection afforded to hospital and medical facilities.**

**“By doing so they are putting patients, hospital staff and visitors at risk,” it added.**

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## **Palestinian Children Aged 7, 8 Arrested By Enemy Forces in Occupied Jerusalem: “It Is Unclear Why They Were Arrested”**

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Israeli forces detained two Palestinian children, aged eight and seven-years-old, on Tuesday in front of their homes in East Jerusalem, a local committee said.

Amjad Abu Asab, head of local group representing the families of Palestinian prisoners, said Israeli forces arrested Muhammad Abdullah Yaqoub Shweiki, seven, and Amir Muhammad Abbasi, eight, outside of their home in the Silwan neighborhood.

They were both taken to the notorious Oz police station in Jabal al-Mukabbir.

It is unclear why they were arrested.

Defense for Children International - Palestine says around 500-700 Palestinian children are detained and prosecuted each year in Israel's military court system, usually on the charge of stone-throwing.

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## **Occupation Troops Kill Woman For Driving While Palestinian: “Al-Sharawi’s Son Ayoub Told Media His Mother Had Been On Her Way To Lunch At Her Sister’s House”**



Tharwat al-Sharawi

10 November, 2015 By Ali Abunimah, [Electronicintifada.net](http://Electronicintifada.net)

Tharwat al-Sharawi, a 72-year-old Palestinian woman, was driving her car normally when Israeli forces opened fire and killed her on Friday, video and an eyewitness confirm.



Israel said its forces fired at Tharwat al-Sharawi's car in Hebron on Friday after she tried to run over soldiers in the city.

The 11-second video above, circulated online on Saturday, appears to show the incident from the perspective of one of the Israeli soldiers.

As blogger Richard Silverstein notes, Israeli media reported that military officials were disturbed that the video leaked out.

**Al-Sharawi's car can be seen coming down the street at moderate speed. The camera appears to be attached to the helmet of a soldier who gestures at al-Sharawi, though it is not clear whether he intends her to pull over to the side of the road or to pass.**

**The video does not show that the soldiers had set up any clearly visible roadblock and it is possible that the elderly driver could have been impaired by tear gas media reported had been fired heavily in the area.**

**The video reveals that there are Israeli soldiers both to al-Sharawi's right and to her left, on a median in the middle of the road.**

**Several Israeli soldiers standing in the street have no trouble moving out of the way. No one is hit by the vehicle.**

**But Israeli soldiers, including those on the median, immediately begin firing on the car.**

A spokesperson for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem told Ma'an News Agency that al-Sharawi was dead on arrival.

**The Israeli army said it found a commando knife in al-Sharawi's car, a claim treated with skepticism even by Jerusalem Post editor Seth Frantzman.**

**Al-Sharawi's son Ayoub told media his mother had been on her way to lunch at her sister's house.**

Speaking to Israeli media, he ridiculed Israeli claims and asked what his mother could possibly have done to a large group of heavily armed Israeli soldiers even if she had had a knife.

Israeli media identified the soldiers who killed al-Sharawi as belonging to the army's Kfir brigade.

Al-Sharawi, a mother of seven, was the widow of Fuad al-Sharawi, a Palestinian killed by Israeli forces in 1988 during the first intifada.

An eyewitness who was injured by the Israeli gunfire works at a gas station near the scene of the incident.

He was interviewed by the publication Donia Al-Watan at Hebron's al-Ahli hospital on Friday, before the video had emerged.

He said that there were confrontations in the area between Israeli occupation forces and youths.

When they came close to the gas station, the staff closed the station and went up to the second floor of the building.

The Israeli soldiers broke into the station and took its fire extinguishers in order to put out a fire that had been lit outside, the eyewitness said.

**He said that the soldiers then went outside and at that moment al-Sharawi's car approached towards the gas station from the direction of the Ras al-Jora area in what he called a normal manner.**

**The Israeli soldiers opened fire on it with volleys of bullets.**

**The eyewitness said al-Sharawi was likely trying to escape towards the gas station from the large amount of tear gas in the Ras al-Jora neighborhood when the soldiers riddled her car with bullets.**

Occupation forces then barred medics from reaching her, he said.

**More than half of the Palestinians killed since violence escalated at the start of October were killed during alleged, suspected and actual attacks that have killed 11 Israelis.**

**But videos of many of the incidents show that Palestinians were killed when they posed no immediate danger.**

**On 18 October an Eritrean man died after being shot and beaten by Israelis who mistakenly believed him to be an attacker at a bus station in Bir al-Saba.**

Human rights groups have slammed Israel for executing Palestinians as part of a shoot-to-kill policy encouraged by its top leadership.

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**Protesting Against Israel, Youth In  
Gaza Also Defy Hamas:  
“Hundreds Of Youths Have Staged A  
Demonstration Of Defiance Against  
Israel By Rushing The Gaza Security**

# **Fence En Masse, And Sometimes Crossing It”**

## **“We Want To Send A Message To The Israelis That We Exist”**

November 6, 2015 By DIAA HADID and MAJD AL WAHEIDI, New York Times

El BUREIJ, Gaza Strip —

The Palestinian youths huddled in the prohibited zone along the fence separating Gaza from Israel on Friday, cloaked by thick smoke pluming from flaming tires as they hurled rocks at Israeli jeeps. A tear gas canister came thudding down over their heads, and one teenager dashed over to pick it up and throw it into a puddle on a rainy afternoon.

This is the new normal in Gaza, where nearly every day since early October hundreds of youths have staged a demonstration of defiance against Israel by rushing the Gaza security fence en masse, and sometimes crossing it, to show solidarity with Palestinians under fire in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

**“We want to send a message to the Israelis that we exist,” said Suheil, 24, who like most of the demonstrators requested that his family name be kept secret to avoid reprisal. “I feel like I’m in solidarity with our brothers in Jerusalem and the West Bank.”**

**But the demonstrations are also in defiance of the Islamist group Hamas, which governs Gaza and is trying to keep the battered territory out of trouble with Israel, even as the group’s leaders urge Palestinians in the West Bank to rise up.**

**At least 15 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza fence demonstrations, including a 23-year-old killed on Friday, according to Ashraf al-Qidra, a spokesman for the Hamas-run Health Ministry in Gaza.**

At two separate demonstrations on Friday, one on the outskirts of Gaza City, another on the outskirts of El Bureij, a refugee camp in central Gaza, a few demonstrators tried to dash across the fence into Israel.

Most others, though, hurled rocks in the direction of military jeeps, or just sat on nearby mounds to watch. One was Muhanad, an 18-year-old who said he was staying put after he tried to rush the fence at an earlier demonstration, but ran away when an Israeli jeep opened fire in his direction. “I even forgot my flip-flops there,” he said.

Nearby, the rat-a-tat of live fire echoed, and an ambulance siren blared as a wounded demonstrator was rushed out. A small boy pretended that he, too, was injured. He collapsed on the ground and two others carried him away, giggling. Within minutes though, dozens of boys rushed away for real as Israel forces peppered the area with tear gas.

In all, 72 Palestinians have been killed since a spate of protests, stabbings and vehicular attacks erupted in October in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Palestinians have killed 10 Israelis in that period, and some of the Palestinian deaths have come during such attacks or attempted attacks. Many Palestinians, however, question whether some of the reported attacks actually occurred, and say Israel has used excessive force.

So far, Hamas is gambling on hopes that Palestinians in the West Bank will keep the uprising going without active support from Gaza. They expect that a continuing conflict will fray support for the security coordination conducted between Israel and the West Bank security forces of the Palestinian Authority, used chiefly to crack down on Hamas loyalists in that territory.

Akram Attallah, a writer with the Palestinian newspaper Al Ayyam, said Hamas was in a difficult position. The group looks as if it is betraying its own militant words by trying to stop protests, but if it participated, it would invite a harsh Israeli response.

“They know that Gaza needs reconstruction, not destruction. Gaza is still emerging from a war,” he said, referring to last summer’s war, the third in 10 years.

Adding to their misery, most of Gaza’s Palestinians are effectively locked into the tiny coastal territory, since few are allowed to leave through Israel, and Egypt has only briefly opened its border crossing this year.

**The United Nations estimated that some 80 percent of Gaza’s 1.8 million Palestinians relied on international assistance to survive.**

Hamas’ cautious approach, so far, appears supported by most of Gaza’s residents, like Hamada Isdoudi, a car parts salesman, and his customer Ahmad. “Of course I care about what’s happening,” Ahmad, 21, said on a recent day, as he checked out parts of a rusty yellow car in a dusty spare parts shop just a few hundred feet where the demonstrations took place. “I watch it on television.” “All of the West Bank can burn!” shouted Mr. Isdoudi, 25, in response.

“We gave the cause our martyrs,” Ahmad said. “They should fight now too,” he said of Palestinians in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

“They are part of us; we are the same people,” said a shopkeeper, Hani Hilis, 39, standing nearby. “We share the same destiny,” he added. But what could he do? His home was damaged in the last war and still was not repaired. He barely eked out a living for his six children, he said.

“We have swallowed so much suffering,” he said, sighing.

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# DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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