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### **In Memoriam: Soldiers For The Cause**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwSZgLLqPy8>

**Two More U.S. Troops Wounded  
During ISIS Attacks In Iraq, Syria:  
“The Troops’ Injuries Were Severe  
Enough To Prevent Them From Being  
Returned To Duty”  
“Obama Acknowledged For The First  
Time That U.S. Troops There Are In  
‘Combat’”**

May 31, 2016 by Andrew Tilghman, Military Times [Excerpts]

Two American troops were injured over the weekend in separate attacks by Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria, a defense official said, marking the first time the U.S. military has publicly disclosed a casualty among troops deployed to Syria.

The injuries occurred during the Memorial Day weekend, when President Obama acknowledged for the first time that U.S. troops there are in “combat.”

Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Jeff Davis said both troops were injured by indirect fire while conducting train-advise-and-assist missions.

In Iraq, the injury occurred in the north in the vicinity of the Kurdish capital and U.S. military base in Irbil, Davis said.

There are currently about 4,000 U.S. troops authorized for deployment to Iraq.

In Syria, the service member was injured in the area north of Raqqa, where teams of U.S. special operations troops are supporting several rebel groups advancing toward the Islamic State's self-declared capital, Davis said.

A small team of about 50 U.S. special operations troops deployed to Syria for the first time in December, and in April the White House authorized a total of 300 troops for Syria.

Both incidents involved indirect fire from Islamic State militants, also known as ISIS or ISIL.

The troops' injuries were severe enough to prevent them from being returned to duty, Davis said. Otherwise, he declined to offer details about the incidents. "We don't talk in detail about our wounded because we don't want to telegraph battle-damage assessments to our enemy," he said.

The question of whether the U.S. military mission in Iraq and Syria involves "combat" has been a politically sensitive issue, with the Pentagon preferring to describe it as an "advise-and-assist mission," and White House often avoiding the term combat altogether.

That changed on Memorial Day. Speaking at Arlington Cemetery, Obama acknowledged for the first time that the three U.S. troops killed by ISIS fighters during the past year in fact died conducting combat operations.

In total, three troops have been killed in action and 15 others have been wounded since the start of Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Syria in 2014, military data shows.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

# **With New Tactics, Taliban Gain Ground In South Afghanistan: "A War For Control Of Key Stretches Of Main Roads And Highways"**

# **“Every Day Our Forces Are Stepping Back, And Every Day The Taliban Are Controlling More And More Area”**

## **“The Day Is Not Far Off When Security Forces Will Try To Control The Area, And Find That The Civilians Are Fighting On The Side Of The Taliban”**

Jun 3, 2016 By MIRWAIS KHAN AND LYNNE O'DONNELL, ASSOCIATED PRESS  
[Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan

In the rugged terrain of the Taliban heartland in southern Afghanistan, the fight against the Kabul government has become a war for control of key stretches of main roads and highways as the insurgents use a new tactic to gain ground.

First they storm a checkpoint, kill all the police, seize their weapons and equipment and effectively cut off the main road to a remote village. They raise the white Taliban flag and plant roadside bombs to prevent cars from coming through the checkpoint. Any vehicle that tries to pass through is either blown up or attacked, residents and local leaders say.

Then they wait.

Food supplies soon dwindle and prices rise, forcing villagers to abandon their homes and move to where they can afford to eat and live. Most sneak out on foot or on donkeys via backroads and mountain paths, leaving many of their belongings behind.

The new tactic has helped the Taliban gain ground, albeit at a slower pace than a deadly, surprise raid on an entire village. For the insurgents, starving a population out is less costly than forcing them out at gunpoint and risking armed resistance. The Taliban are seeking to expand their footprint at any cost — even if that means raising their flag over an empty village.

The tactic demonstrates a significant shift in emphasis. In the past, fighters would first try to attack high-profile government targets, such as district administration buildings and police headquarters. Now, by focusing their firepower on checkpoints at the edges of towns and villages, they can gain ground more cheaply.

Checkpoints are easier to overpower and police often surrender, handing over weaponry and vehicles.

The Taliban are refocusing their attention mostly on the southern provinces of Helmand, Kandahar and Uruzgan, according to U.S. and Afghan military officials, although the insurgents also have struck elsewhere, such as in Kunduz province in the north, where they overran and held the provincial capital for a few days last fall.

In the south, one of the worst-hit areas is Uruzgan province, where the Taliban have been putting pressure in recent weeks on Afghan forces around the provincial capital of Tirin Kot, said Brig. Gen. Charles Cleveland, the U.S. military spokesman in Kabul.

“The Taliban’s main focus in the south is now Uruzgan,” and U.S. forces have been providing assistance and air support as needed, he said.

**The director of Uruzgan’s provincial council, Abdul Hakeem Khadimzai, described the situation there as the “worst in 15 years.” In May alone, he said, about 200 security forces were killed and more than 300 were wounded in Uruzgan.**

“Every day our forces are stepping back, and every day the Taliban are controlling more and more area,” he said. “Our security forces are trying their best to control the area, but they can’t because logistics supplies are not delivered on time.”

Uruzgan residents and community leaders say the highway connecting Tirin Kot to the city of Kandahar, 163 kilometers (101 miles) away, has been closed since March. And the road linking the Khas Uruzgan district with the rest of the province has been blocked for about a year.

With the Taliban gaining ground, areas under government control have shrunk.

**Khadimzai describes Tirin Kot now as an “island of government control disconnected from the rest of the province.”**

The closures have more than doubled the prices for basic goods in some areas, he said.

In Khas Uruzgan, Dihrawud and Charchino districts, wheat now costs 3,200 afghanis (\$47) for a sack of 45 kilograms (99 pounds), compared with 1,900 afghanis elsewhere in the country. Cooking oil is 540 afghanis for a container of 3 kilograms (6 pounds, 9 ounces), compared with the national average of 260 afghanis.

Most fresh produce is grown locally but farmers in cutoff areas cannot get to markets to sell their goods, said Aminullah Hotaqi, a tribal elder and former Uruzgan council chief.

Earlier this year, Noor Muhammad Noori had to close shop in his hometown in Khas Uruzgan and moved with his family to Tirin Kot, where he runs a general store. He said he just couldn’t afford the dwindling supplies that were making it through the blocked highway — nor could his customers.

“After the road was cut off for a year ... I couldn’t get food through for my family, and couldn’t afford to pay the prices in Khas Uruzgan,” he said.

Between Jan. 1 and April 30, “117,976 people fled their homes due to conflict” in 24 of Afghanistan’s 34 provinces, the U.N. mission in Kabul said. Amnesty International said

this week the number of internally displaced people has doubled in three years, to 1.2 million.

A Tirin Kot taxi driver says the road closures have hit him hard: He no longer has any business taking people outside the city, but nor do any other taxi drivers, so competition in the city is fierce and his earnings have plummeted.

“Now I can’t afford to buy fuel. How am I going to feed my children?” he said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he feared for his safety. Like other residents in the area, he spoke to The Associated Press over the telephone.

For Uruzgan residents, Kabul seems both far away and unwilling to help.

“It’s time the government realized the day is not far off when its security forces will try to control the area, and they’ll find that the civilians are fighting on the side of the Taliban,” Khadimzai said.

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## Resistance Action



[Graphic: flickr.com/photos]

Jun 02, 2016 By Storai Karimi & Nasim Hotak, Pajhwok

Zabul deputy police chief, Ghulam Jilani Farahi, told Pajhwok Afghan News the operations against militants began five days ago and were still underway in Arghandab, Baghbaz, Saykacha districts of the southern province.

However, the Taliban said the Afghan forces operation was unsuccessful as a large number of security personnel suffered casualties.

**The group’s spokesman, Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, said the militants had surrounded policemen in Arghandab district.**

**He said 12 Afghan security personnel including commander Shamshad who were sent as reinforcement to the area had been killed while the siege was yet to be broken.**

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May 31 2016 by KHAAMA PRESS

**The Taliban insurgents have reportedly captured dozens of passengers near Kunduz city, the provincial capital of northern Kunduz province.**

A local official said the passengers were captured in the early hours of Tuesday after the Taliban insurgents established a post to stop the passenger buses and vehicles.

The official speaking on the condition of anonymity said at least 3 buses and 3 vans were stopped by the Taliban militants along with some other cars.

According to the official, the Taliban militants initially took around 230 passengers prisoner but later released majority of them, keeping around 45 with them.

However, a spokesman for Kunduz police, Hejratullah Akbari, said at least 185 people were taken and the Taliban later released 150 of them.

**The Taliban militants launched coordinated attacks in Nad-e-Ali and Nahr-e-Saraj districts, erupting heavy clashes and at least 11 policemen lost their lives during the gun battle.**

Meanwhile, latest reports emerging from the area suggest that nearly 50 policemen have lost their lives during the clashes with the Taliban insurgents.

Provincial governor Hayatullah Hayat said more forces have been deployed to Helmand and clearance operations are underway as the gun battle ended.

According to Hayat, at least 40 members of police and army lost their lives or sustained injuries during the clashes in the past two days.

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## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

**Insurgent Attack On Hotel In Somalia Kills Over A Dozen:  
“The Hotel Attacked On Wednesday, Is Popular With Government Officials”  
“A Fiery Scene Of Wrecked Cars, Crumbled Buildings, Panic And**

# Smoke That Stretched For Blocks In The Heart Of Mogadishu”

## “A Growing Number Of United States Special Operations Troops Are Based In Somalia”



The Ambassador Hotel in Mogadishu, Somalia, on Wednesday. Credit Mohamed Abdiwahab/Agence France-Presse — Getty Images

JUNE 1, 2016 By JEFFREY GETTLEMAN and MOHAMED IBRAHIM, New York Times & Al Jazeera and agencies [Excerpts]

NAIROBI, Kenya — Militants detonated a deafening car bomb at the gates of a popular hotel in Somalia on Wednesday evening, and gunmen then stormed the hotel, leaving at least 16 dead and creating a fiery scene of wrecked cars, crumbled buildings, panic and smoke that stretched for blocks in the heart of Mogadishu, the capital.

The Hotel Ambassador, a five-story building, has been extensively damaged.

“So far we have confirmed that 16 people, mostly civilians, died and 55 others were injured,” Major Nur Mohamed, a police officer, told Reuters news agency on Thursday.

Two legislators were among the dead.

The Somali authorities said government forces were battling room to room in the hotel, the Ambassador, against a few heavily armed men. Relatives were gathering at hospitals and at the hotel searching for loved ones, with some people believed trapped inside.

A Reuters witness heard one man on the fifth floor crying out: "Please rescue me."

The attack happened shortly before the arrival of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Mogadishu.

Al Jazeera's Mohammed Adow, reporting from Nairobi in neighbouring Kenya, said the Ambassador Hotel is located along the road that Erdogan "was supposed to take from the airport to the presidential palace".

The Shabab, a Somali militant organization that has attacked several other hotels in similar fashion, claimed responsibility for the assault. The group has killed hundreds of people this year.

A growing number of United States Special Operations troops are based in Somalia; American officials have said the troops' primary role is to train and assist the African Union and Somali forces fighting the Shabab.

The Ambassador, the hotel attacked on Wednesday, is popular with government officials and is on a busy street lined with sidewalk cafes, a relatively new phenomenon in Mogadishu. Two Somali lawmakers have been confirmed dead, and the authorities said the death toll could rise.

"I am scared," said Abdulkadir Hassan, who owns a printing shop nearby and witnessed the attack. "Just in minutes, the area was overwhelmed by heavy smoke, flying shrapnel and a firefight."

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## MILITARY NEWS



[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: "There will be more."]



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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**

**The development of civilization and of industry in general has ever shown itself so active in the destruction of forests, that everything done by it for their preservation, compared to its destructive effect, appears infinitesimal.  
-- Karl Marx; Capital: A Critique Of Political Economy; Volume II; The Process Of The Circulation Of Capital**

# Agent Orange Children Vietnam 2016



Photograph by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: May 13, 2016  
Subject: Agent Orange Children Vietnam 2016

## Full Disclosure

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

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

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

## “There Is Now More Than A Theoretical Chance That Hillary

# **Clinton May Not Be The Democratic Nominee”**

## **A Sanders Win In California Would Turbocharge The Mounting Democratic Unease About Her Viability**

May 31, 2016 by DOUGLAS E. SCHOEN, The Wall Street Journal. Mr. Schoen served as a political adviser and pollster for President Bill Clinton, 1994-2000.

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There is now more than a theoretical chance that Hillary Clinton may not be the Democratic nominee for president.

How could that happen, given that her nomination has been considered a sure thing by virtually everyone in the media and in the party itself?

Consider the possibilities.

The inevitability behind Mrs. Clinton's nomination will be in large measure eviscerated if she loses the June 7 California primary to Bernie Sanders. That could well happen.

A recent PPIC poll shows Mrs. Clinton with a 2% lead over Mr. Sanders, and a Fox News survey found the same result. Even a narrow win would give him 250 pledged delegates or more—a significant boost. California is clearly trending to Mr. Sanders, and the experience in recent open primaries has been that the Vermont senator tends to underperform in pre-election surveys and over-perform on primary and caucus days, thanks to the participation of new registrants and young voters.

To this end, data from mid-May show that there were nearly 1.5 million newly registered Democratic voters in California since Jan. 1. That's a 218% increase in Democratic voter registrations compared with the same period in 2012, a strongly encouraging sign for Mr. Sanders.

A Sanders win in California would powerfully underscore Mrs. Clinton's weakness as a candidate in the general election.

Democratic superdelegates—chosen by the party establishment and overwhelmingly backing Mrs. Clinton, 543-44—would seriously question whether they should continue to stand behind her candidacy.

There is every reason to believe that at the convention Mr. Sanders will offer a rules change requiring superdelegates to vote for the candidate who won their state's primary or caucus. A vote on that proposed change would almost certainly occur—and it would function as a referendum on the Clinton candidacy.

If Mr. Sanders wins California, Montana and North Dakota on Tuesday and stays competitive in New Jersey, he could well be within 200 pledged delegates of Mrs. Clinton, making a vote in favor of the rules change on superdelegates more likely.

**Another problem: In recent weeks the perception that Mrs. Clinton would be the strongest candidate against Donald Trump has evaporated.**

The Real Clear Politics polling average has Mrs. Clinton in a statistical tie with Mr. Trump, and recent surveys from ABC News/Washington Post and Fox News show her two and three points behind him, respectively.

Then there is that other crack in the argument for Mrs. Clinton's inevitability: Bernie Sanders consistently runs stronger than she does against Mr. Trump nationally, beating him by about 10 points in a number of recent surveys.

The worries about Mr. Sanders's strength have stirred the beginnings of a capitulation to him—by the Clinton camp, in league with the Democratic National Committee—at the convention.

To placate him, they have already granted Mr. Sanders greater influence over the party platform. Two divisive figures, Cornel West and Rep. Keith Ellison, have been added to the platform committee, ensuring that the party will be pulled further left. In addition to putting Mr. Sanders's socialist nostrums on display, the platform negotiations are likely to spur an ugly fight over the U.S. relationship with Israel.

Mrs. Clinton also faces growing legal problems. The State Department inspector general's recent report on Mrs. Clinton's use of a private email server while she was secretary of state made it abundantly clear that she broke rules and has been far from forthright in her public statements. The damning findings buttressed concerns within the party that Mrs. Clinton and her aides may not get through the government's investigation without a finding of culpability somewhere.

With Mrs. Clinton reportedly soon to be interviewed by the FBI, suggesting that the investigation is winding up, a definitive ruling by the attorney general could be issued before the July 25 Democratic convention in Philadelphia. Given the inspector general's report, a clean bill of health from the Justice Department is unlikely.

Finally, with Mrs. Clinton's negative rating nearly as high as Donald Trump's, and with voters not trusting her by a ratio of 4 to 1, Democrats face an unnerving possibility. Only a month or two ago, they were relishing the prospect of a chaotic Republican convention, with a floor fight and antiestablishment rebellion in the air. Now the messy, disastrous convention could be their own.

There are increasing rumblings within the party about how a new candidate could emerge at the convention.

John Kerry, the 2004 nominee, is one possibility. But the most likely scenario is that Vice President Joe Biden—who has said that he regrets “every day” his decision not to run—enters the race.

Mr. Biden would be cast as the white knight rescuing the party, and the nation, from a possible Trump presidency.

To win over Sanders supporters, he would likely choose as his running mate someone like Sen. Elizabeth Warren who is respected by the party's left wing.

Where is President Obama in all this?

So far he has largely stayed out of the campaign, other than to say that he doesn't believe Mrs. Clinton compromised national security with her home-brew email server.

But with her poll numbers dropping, her legal headaches increasing, the Sanders candidacy showing renewed vigor, and Donald Trump looming as a wrecking ball for the president's legacy, Mr. Obama and adviser Valerie Jarrett might begin sending signals to the Democratic National Committee and to the vice president that a Biden rescue operation wouldn't displease the White House.

All of these remain merely possibilities. But it is easier now than ever to imagine a scenario in which Hillary Clinton—whether by dint of legal or political circumstances—is not the Democratic presidential nominee.

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## Love, Dad

[From GI Special, March 2009]

From: Dennis Serdel  
To: GI Special  
Sent: March 03, 2009  
Subject: Love, Dad

By Dennis Serdel, Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour) Light Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade, purple heart, Veterans For Peace 50 Michigan, Vietnam Veterans Against The War, United Auto Workers GM Retiree.

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**Love, Dad**

**Son, we can't send you  
any packages  
like we have sent you before  
because the shop  
that I worked for for 27 years  
has just went bankrupt  
my pension money is gone  
didn't get severance pay  
after all those years  
and I would have to pay**

Cobra for health care but  
I don't have money for that  
they didn't even give me  
my vacation pay  
they gave me nothing  
nothing at all  
I took our savings and paid off  
our home but now all I get is  
unemployment checks  
and food stamps  
that will stop in months  
I don't know what I will do then,  
I'm old and nobody will hire me  
but even the young  
can't find any jobs  
Soon they will take our car  
turn off electricity  
and turn off the heat  
Son, I know you have troubles  
of your own in Iraq  
but I think you are fighting  
the wrong enemy over there  
I think all of you should come home  
fight the government  
the corporations  
and defend us from  
the bill collectors  
kill the white shirt bank criminals  
the oil company criminals  
kill all the Madoof's  
that have taken over our country  
because nothing works  
over here anymore.  
Love, Dad

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**“I Have A Neighbor Who Insists On  
Working On The Sabbath”  
“Am I Morally Obligated To Kill Him  
Myself, Or Should I Ask The Police To Do  
It?”**

[Thanks to Ward Reilly, Veterans For Peace, for passing this one along.]

Thank you for doing so much to educate people regarding God's Law.

I have learned a great deal from you and understand why you would be for banning same sex marriage.

As you said "in the eyes of God marriage is based between a man a woman." I try to share that knowledge with as many people as I can.

When someone tries to defend the homosexual lifestyle, for example, I simply remind them that Leviticus 18:22 clearly states it to be an abomination... End of debate.

I do need some advice from you, however, regarding some other elements of God's Laws and how to follow them.

1. Leviticus 25:44 states that I may possess slaves, both male and female, provided they are purchased from neighboring nations.

A friend of mine claims that this applies to Mexicans, but not Canadians. Can you

Why can't I own Canadians?

2. I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as sanctioned in Exodus 21:7. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her?

3. I know that I am allowed no contact with a woman while she is in her period of menstrual uncleanness - Lev.15: 19-24. The problem is how do I tell? I have tried asking, but most women take offense.

4. When I burn a bull on the altar as a sacrifice, I know it creates a pleasing odor for the Lord - Lev.1:9. The problem is, my neighbors. They claim the odor is not pleasing to them. Should I smite them?

5. I have a neighbor who insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2. clearly states he should be put to death. Am I morally obligated to kill him myself, or should I ask the police to do it?

6. A friend of mine feels that even though eating shellfish is an abomination - Lev. 11:10, it is a lesser abomination than homosexuality. I don't agree. Can you settle this? Are there 'degrees' of abomination?

7. Lev.21:20 states that I may not approach the altar of God if I have a defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear reading glasses. Does my vision have to be 20/20, or is there some wiggle-room here?

8. Most of my male friends get their hair trimmed, including the hair around their temples, even though this is expressly forbidden by Lev.19:27. How should they die?

9. I know from Lev. 11:6-8 that touching the skin of a dead pig makes me unclean, but may I still play football if I wear gloves?

10. My uncle has a farm. He violates Lev.19:19 by planting two different crops in the same field, as does his wife by wearing garments made of two different kinds of thread (cotton/polyester blend). He also tends to curse and blaspheme a lot.

Is it really necessary that we go to all the trouble of getting the whole town together to stone them? Lev.24:10-16.

Couldn't we just burn them to death at a private family affair, like we do with people who sleep with their in-laws? (Lev. 20:14)

11. And one of my real concerns is that gay lobsterman who wears clothes made of two or more fabrics and hauls lobsters on the Sabbath....Four abominations in one day....Wow.....

I know you have studied these things extensively and thus enjoy considerable expertise in such matters, so I am confident you can help.

Thank you again for reminding us that God's word is eternal and unchanging.

Bible Readers of America

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

### ***June 3, 1863: Glorious Anniversary: “Col. Montgomery And His Gallant Band Of 300 Black Soldiers, Under The Guidance Of A Black Woman, Dashed Into The Enemy’s Country, Struck A Bold And Effective Blow, Striking Terror Into The Heart Of Rebeldom”***

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Carl Bunin Peace History May 28-June 3



June 2, 1863

Abolitionist and former slave James Montgomery led 300 African-American troops of the Union's 2nd South Carolina Volunteers on a raid of plantations along the Combahee River. Meanwhile, backed by three gunboats, Harriet Tubman's forces set fire to the plantations and freed 750 slaves.

The following dispatch, quoted in part, appeared on the front page of The Commonwealth, a Boston newspaper, on Friday, July 10, 1863:

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**HARRIET TUBMAN**

July 10, 1863:

**Col. Montgomery and his gallant band of 300 black soldiers, under the guidance of a black woman, dashed into the enemy's country, struck a bold and effective blow, destroying millions of dollars worth of commissary stores, cotton and lordly dwellings, and striking terror into the heart of rebeldom, brought off near 800 slaves and thousands of dollars worth of property, without losing a man or receiving a scratch.**

**It was a glorious consummation.**

After they were all fairly well disposed of in the Beaufort charge, they were addressed in strains of thrilling eloquence by their gallant deliverer, to which they responded in a song. "There is a white robe for thee," a song so appropriate and so heartfelt and cordial as to bring unbidden tears.

**The Colonel was followed by a speech from the black woman, who led the raid and under whose inspiration it was originated and conducted.**

For sound sense and real native eloquence, her address would do honor to any man, and it created a great sensation.

Since the rebellion she had devoted herself to her great work of delivering the bondman, with an energy and sagacity that cannot be exceeded. Many and many times she has

penetrated the enemy's lines and discovered their situation and condition, and escaped without injury, but not without extreme hazard.

The Combahee River, in South Carolina, was the first one visited by the Spaniards in the year 1520. Vasque de Ayllon, having discovered it, gave it the name "River Jordan."

Although subsequently renamed the Combahee, the stream now became a River Jordan literally for more than seven hundred and fifty Negroes who, under the leadership of Harriet Tubman and the auxiliary command of Colonel James Montgomery, delivered this number of blacks into the free lines.

The River Jordan has been in biblical history a reality, and in modern Negro allusion a symbol of the barrier between bondage and freedom, and it is an interesting coincidence, therefore, that the Combahee campaign should so parallel the ancient situation.

**It is significant as the only military engagement in American history wherein a woman black or white, "led the raid and under whose inspiration it was originated and conducted".**

The N.Y. Tribune " says that the Negro troops at Hilton Head, S.C. will soon start an expedition, under the command of Colonel Montgomery, differing in many respects from any heretofore projected.

**The Combahee strategy was formulated by Harriet Tubman as an outcome of her penetrations of the enemy lines and her belief that the Combahee River countryside was ripe for a successful invasion.**

She was asked by General Hunter "if she would go with several gunboats up the Combahee River, the object of the expedition being to take up the torpedoes placed by the rebels in the river, to destroy railroads and bridges, and to cut off supplies from the rebel troops.

She said she would go if Col. Montgomery was to be appointed commander of the expedition...

Accordingly, Col. Montgomery was appointed to the command, and Harriet, with several men under her, the principal of whom was J. Plowden...accompanied the expedition".

**Actually in this raid it was Montgomery who was the auxiliary leader. The whole venture owed its success to the complete preliminary survey made by Harriet Tubman's espionage troops.**

Captain John F. Lay, the Confederate investigating officer, discussing the movement afterwards, said, "The enemy seems to have been well posted as to the character and capacity of our troops and their small chance of encountering opposition, and to have been well guided by persons thoroughly acquainted with the river and country.

It was a commentary, however indirect, on Harriet's work and the labor of her subordinates.

About ten miles north of Port Royal Island, Harriet's station, was St. Helena Island, and between this island and the mainland of South Carolina was the water known as St. Helena Sound. The Combahee River, a narrow, jagged stream that ran about fifty miles into the interior of the State, began at the Sound: and on its banks were rice fields and marshes.

During the night of June 2, 1863, Harriet and Colonel Montgomery, with a party of about 150 Negro troops in three gunboats, started up the Combahee River. Pickets located at stations near the mouth of the stream spotted the oncoming boats and dispatched word to the Confederate commander, Major Emanuel, located deeper inland at Green Pond...

Every plantation on both sides of the river was aroused; the Union soldiers, in small detachments, raced from one to another, creating a general devastation of the zone.

In the Combahee Ferry region the Blake, Lowndes, Middleton and Heyward plantations were in ruins. The Negroes fled to the gunboats and the slavemasters skedaddled inland. The bridge at Combahee Ferry was burning too "but not badly.

As the gunboats passed up the river, the Negroes left their work and took to the woods, for at first they were frightened.

Then they came out to peer, "like startled deer." But scudding away like the wind at the sound of the steam-whistle.

**The word was passed along that these were "Lincoln's gunboats come to set them free." From that moment on, the overseers used their whips in vain, for they failed to drive the slaves back to the quarters.**

They turned and ran for the gun-boats; they came down every road, across every field, dressed just as they were when they left their work and their cabins.

There were women with children clinging around their necks, hanging onto their dresses, or running behind, but all rushed at full speed for "Lincoln's gun-boats."

Hundreds crowded the banks, with their hands extended toward their deliverers, and most of them were taken aboard the gun-boats to be carried to Beaufort.

This is about what happened all through the night and morning of June 2 when Harriet, Montgomery and the colored soldiers overran the Combahee.

### **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](mailto:contact@militaryproject.org): Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Same address to unsubscribe.**

## **CLASS WAR REPORTS**

### **“National Railway Workers In France Began An Indefinite Strike Tuesday”**

01 June 16 By teleSUR

National railway workers in France began an indefinite strike Tuesday continuing their protests over a controversial labor reform law, throwing the country's transportation system into chaos only days before the Euro 2016 soccer tournament slated for June 10.

Approximately 60 percent of national high-speed TGV trains and 30 to 40 percent of regional trains are expected to be grounded, according to the French state rail company SNCF. The SNCF railway workers began the strike at 7 p.m. Tuesday, making it their eighth strike in three months.

The majority of trains to Spain and Italy were likely to be cancelled, while services to the U.K. and Germany were to most likely remain unaffected.

More workers are expected to go out on strike in the coming days, “This week will see the strongest mobilization in three months,” General Confederation of Labor head Philippe Martinez said Tuesday, according to the Straits Times.

Metro and rail workers in Paris are expected to start an indefinite strike Thursday. French Civil Aviation Authority workers are also expected to participate in walkouts from Friday to Sunday. Air France Pilots threatened to strike while Euro 2016 is underway, which will bring millions of visitors to France for the major tournament.

Since March, hundreds of thousands of people have taken to the streets in protests around the country against labor reforms.

The strikes are part of increasing unrest over the government's unpopular labor reform law which gives greater power and flexibility to companies.

Until now, President Francois Hollande has insisted that the law would not be withdrawn.

While the ongoing actions have continually caused disruptions, 46 percent of French people support the unions' calls, according to a poll in the Journal du Dimanche Sunday.

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### **“Letter Of Support - Release Zdravko And Vladimir!”**

# Two Left Organizers Of Demonstrations Against Macedonian “Authoritarian And Corrupt Regime” Held In House Arrest: “They Face Imprisonment And Significant Financial Fines” “Massive Protests All Around The Country”



29 May, 2016 in соопштенија

Zdravko Saveski and Vladimir Kunovski, members of Levica, the recently-formed left-wing party in the Republic of Macedonia, are kept in house arrest for more than 30 days for their participation in the ongoing protests against the authoritarian and corrupt regime.

Their detentions have been extended for additional 30 days and they face imprisonment and significant financial fines.

Republic of Macedonia is currently facing total abolition of democracy.

**Top ranking politicians of the Government are suspected for corruption and other criminal acts but were pardoned by the President, effectively neutralizing the efforts of the institutions to bring them in front of the face of the justice.**

This has caused massive protests all around the country, protests that last for more than a month and a half already.

In order to frighten people not to protest, the regime has started to charge protesters of breaking the laws during the protests.

Authorities unlawfully follow, identify and document activists after protests, and call them to police stations for questioning and issuing fines.

Five protesters were detained, including Zdravko and Vladimir. They are victims of the regime's continuous application of selective justice.

While top ranking politicians, suspected for corruption and other criminal acts walk free, our comrades are kept in house arrest, accused of participation in a mob demolishing one of the offices of the President during the protests.

There were huge political pressures on the judiciary to place Zdravko and Vladimir in prison and Public Prosecutor has repeatedly appealed to the court to replace the house arrests with prison arrests.

**The beginning of their trial was purposely postponed twice, in order to keep them as long as possible in detention and as long as possible away from the protests. In such way they are effectively sentenced without trial and their freedom of movement is limited for political reasons, rather than legal.**

We ask you to acquaint your public with the grave situation in Republic of Macedonia. Erdogan-like/Orban-like/Putin-like regime is installed in the country.

**We call upon you as left-wing parties, organizations or movements to sign this letter of support which demands release of Zdravko and Vladimir and cease of further prosecutions of protesters.**

**If you would like to do that, please send us an e-mail at [contact@levica.mk](mailto:contact@levica.mk), with the following subject: Support for Zdravko and Vladimir.**



Zdravko Saveski

Zdravko Saveski is a long-term social activist. He is one of the founders of the organised Left movement in Macedonia back in 2007. Ever since, he has actively participated in many protests against social injustice and violations of human rights. He is one of the most prominent members of Levica and member of its collective Presidency.

He is also a trade unionist, and, until recently, he had been Secretary General of the Multiethnic Union of Education. He has a PhD in Political Science and is a former university professor.



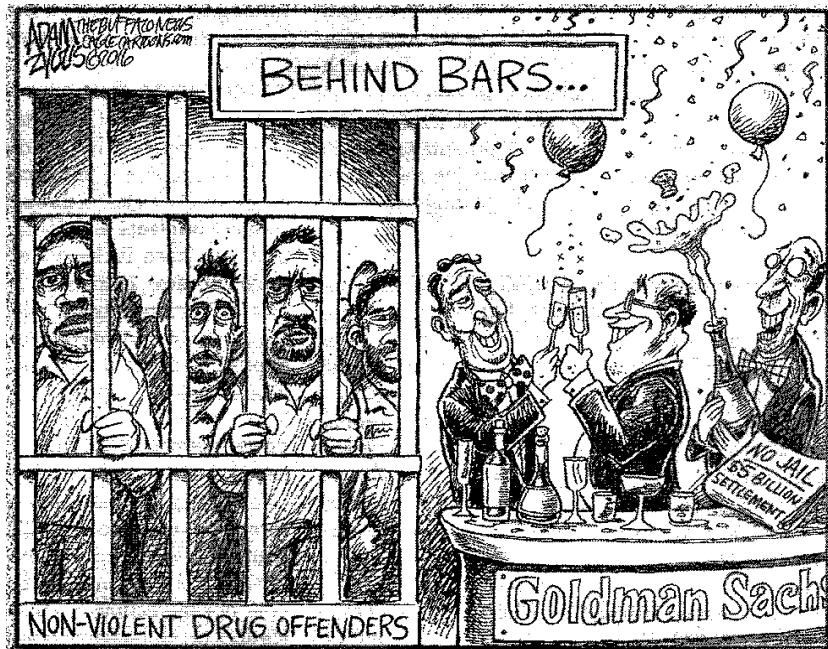
Vladimir Kunovski

Vladimir Kunovski is an active member of Levica. He joined the student protests in 2014 and has ever since regularly participated in all protests for rule of law and social justice. When the formation of Levica was announced, he joined the Initiative Committee, seeing in Levica a force that can make positive changes in the society.

### **Signatories:**

Movement for Social Justice – Lenka, Macedonia  
Youth organization “Mugra”, Macedonia  
Leftist movement “Solidarnost”, Macedonia  
Initiative for Democratic Socialism / Združena Levica, Slovenia (member of the League of the Balkan Left)  
Left Summit of Serbia, Serbia (member of the League of the Balkan Left)  
Freedom Front, Bosnia and Herzegovina (member of the League of the Balkan Left)  
Base for Workers Initiative and Democratization (BRID), Croatia  
Green Istria, Croatia  
LeftEast, web portal  
Solidarity4all, Austria  
Social Justice Movement, Poland  
New Left Perspectives, Bulgaria  
Center for Peace Studies, Croatia  
Student Political Club, Kosovo

## DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK



## OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**Occupation Forces Destroy  
Palestinian Home:  
“Family Given Three Minutes  
Notice To Vacate”  
“Not Allowed To Remove Their  
Furniture And Belongings”**



# **“There Are Sixteen People In The Family, Most Of Them Children”**

18th May 2016 International Solidarity Movement, Al-Qud team

Al-Quds, Occupied Palestine

On Wednesday we sat with Abu Sadam in the rubble of all that remains of his family's house, in Hisbet Wadi Joz, East Jerusalem.

Early Tuesday morning at about 2am occupying forces arrived with a digger to demolish the house.

The Israeli authorities have planned a national park and his home is in the way. Although the house was on Waqf land (The Jerusalem Islamic Waqf is a trust best known for controlling and managing buildings and land on and around Haram Al-Sharif), because it was built after the occupation in 1967 it is not protected.

The family were given three minutes notice to vacate the house and were not allowed to remove their furniture and belongings .

Although some of the larger pieces were removed (thrown) from the house by the Israeli military, much has been broken or lost under the rubble.

There are sixteen people in the family, most of them children.

They are now homeless and all they have to protect them from the elements is a tarpaulin sheet .

The demolition was aggressive and the occupying forces used physical violence against Abu Sadam, one of the children and internationals who were present at the time. The children are now frightened and traumatised.

Today, Abu Sadam's older sons have been searching East Jerusalem for a house that they can afford to rent. However they have so far been unable to find a landlord willing to take on such a large family at a price they can afford. It is also possible that they will be evicted from the land.

As if having your house demolished were not enough, the family also have to pay for the privilege. Based on the bills received for other demolitions, Abu Sadam estimates that his bill will be around 100,000 shekels, (about \$26,000), an enormous sum and impossible for the family to find.

Abu Sadam said that he hadn't been able to sleep for months, worrying about the demolition that was hanging over the heads of his family, but last night he slept well, knowing that he no longer had anything to lose.

The family are calling for solidarity and support in the immediate future and would welcome visitors to join them as they fight the Kafkaesque situation in which they find themselves

If you want to help please contact: palreports@gmail.com

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## **Zionist Ghouls Refuse To Return Bodies Of Dead Palestinians To Their Families**

May 24 2016 PalestineChronicle.com

Palestinian bodies of those killed by Israeli forces will not be returned, announced Gilad Erdan, Israeli Minister of Public Security.

Luba al-Samri, an Israeli police spokeswoman reported on Tuesday that Erdan watched footage of the funeral of Alaa Abu Jamal in occupied East Jerusalem, which caused his “anger, disapproval and condemnation.”

**Abu Jamal, 22, was killed by Israeli police on October.**

**His body was released for burial after more than seven months on Tuesday. His family was required to pay a 40,000 shekel (\$10,353.30) deposit and only 40 people attend the funeral.**

However, Abu Jamal’s body was held back for almost two hours due to the large number of people around the cemetery, despite heavy deployment of Israeli security forces.

Palestinian bystanders chanted “God is great,” and “with our souls, with our blood, we sacrifice ourselves for you, martyr.”

Erdan accused the crowd of “incitement,” calling the scene “inadmissible by all standards and measurements everywhere, the more so in the capital Jerusalem.”

**Israel currently holds the bodies of at least a dozen Palestinians killed by Israeli forces since October.**

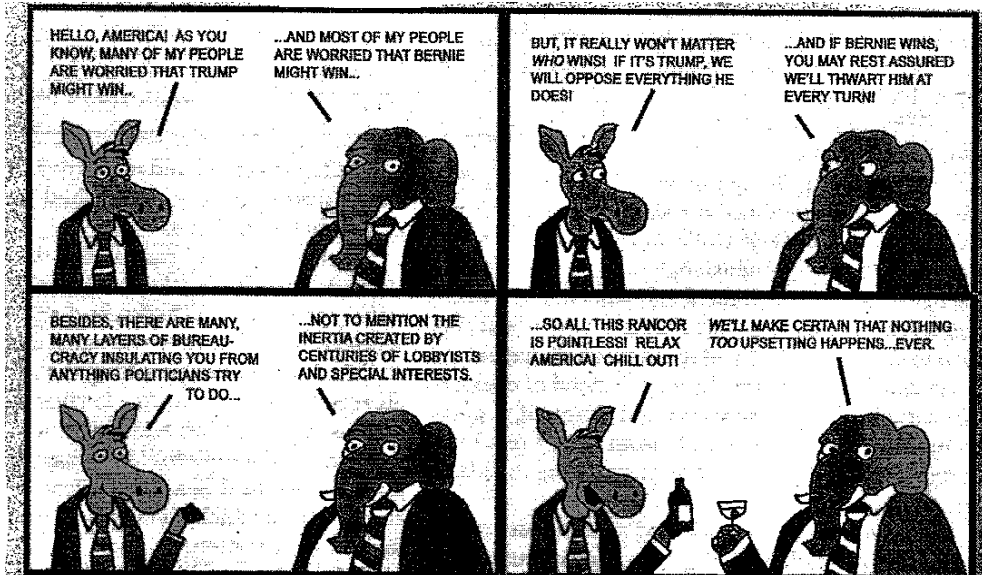
Although Addameer and the Israeli minority rights group, Adalah, condemned Israel’s practice of withholding bodies as “a severe violation of international humanitarian law as well as international human rights law, including violations of the right to dignity, freedom of religion, and the right to practice culture,” Israel continues with this practice.

**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.”**

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