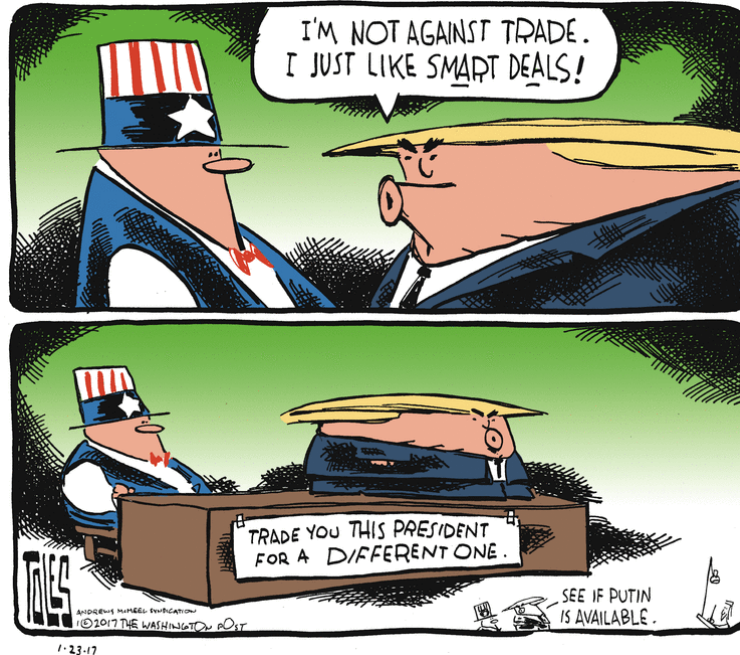


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New York Taxi Drivers Send A Message To The Incompetent Deranged Worthless Piece Of Shit In The White House: Cabbies Halt JFK Airport Pickups For An Hour To Protest Trump Ban On People From Seven Muslim Countries

1.24.17 By Rahul Kalvapalle, National Online Journalist, Global News & by Justin T. Westbrook, <http://jalopnik.com/>

The New York Taxi Workers Alliance is calling on its 19,000 members to observe an hour-long freeze on pickups at John F. Kennedy International Airport on Saturday evening to protest President Donald Trump's move to halt people from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the U.S.

A post on the group's Facebook page implored drivers of New York City's iconic yellow taxis as well as Uber drivers not to pick people up from the airport from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in order to "stand in solidarity with thousands protesting inhumane, unconstitutional ban on Muslim refugees and travelers."

Taxi drivers will be protesting with a banner and signs outside Terminal 4

In a separate post, the union claimed that Muslims and immigrants together make up the vast majority of its workforce, and that Trump's anti-Muslim rhetoric could encourage acts of violence against taxi drivers.

"By sanctioning bigotry with his unconstitutional and inhumane executive order banning Muslim refugees from seven countries, the president is putting professional drivers in more danger than they have been in any time since 9/11 when hate crimes against immigrants skyrocketed," the post read.

The union also slammed the Trump administration for what it called a "rhetoric of hate spewed from the bully pulpit" and an "unconstitutional act of pure bigotry."

The immigration ban prevents people born in predominantly Muslim Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen from entering the U.S., despite many who have been previously vetted, hold green cards with permanent U.S. residence, or even UK politicians. The ban also suspends the Syrian refugee program indefinitely, and prioritizes minority religions, like Christianity, in the seven named countries for entry into the U.S.

Trump's ban has caused widespread confusion and panic, with some travelers turned back from U.S.-bound flights and others unsure about whether they will be able to enter the U.S.

The Department of Justice reports that it was unaware of who in the White House was responsible for writing the immigration ban, which the President forced into action overnight with the executive order.

Two Iraqi men detained at JFK who were granted visas and have working connections with the US military have filed a lawsuit against the President and the US Government, and have also filed to expand and cover all other detained immigrants and travelers.

MORE:

The New York Taxi Workers Alliance Statement In Support Of The Protests:

“A Working-Class Movement That Is Rooted In The Defense Of The Oppressed, We Say No To This Inhumane And Unconstitutional Ban”
“We Stand In Solidarity With All Of Our Peace-Loving Neighbors Against This Inhumane, Cruel, And Unconstitutional Act Of Pure Bigotry”



Crowds at JFK airport in New York on January 28 protesting Trump order to block entry to refugees and migrants from seven nations.

January 29, 2017 via Green Left Weekly

Professional drivers are over 20 times more likely to be murdered on the job than other workers.

By sanctioning bigotry with his unconstitutional and inhumane executive order banning Muslim refugees from seven countries, the president is putting professional drivers in more danger than they have been in any time since 9/11 when hate crimes against immigrants skyrocketed.

Our 19,000-member-strong union stands firmly opposed to Donald Trump's Muslim ban. As an organization whose membership is largely Muslim, a workforce that's almost universally immigrant, and a working-class movement that is rooted in the defense of the oppressed, we say no to this inhumane and unconstitutional ban.

We know all too well that when government programs sanction outright Islamophobia, and the rhetoric of hate is spewed from the bully pulpit, hate crimes increase and drivers suffer gravely.

Our Sikh and other non-Muslim brown and black members also suffer from anti-Muslim violence.

Today, drivers are joining the protest at JFK Airport in support of all those who are currently being detained at the airport because of Trump's unconstitutional executive order.

Drivers stand in solidarity with refugees coming to America in search of peace and safety and with those who are simply trying to return to their homes here in America after traveling abroad.

We stand in solidarity with all of our peace-loving neighbors against this inhumane, cruel, and unconstitutional act of pure bigotry.

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**Stupid Lying Scumbag Official Of
U.S. Customs And Border
Protection “Denied They Were
Holding Any Travelers At SFO”
“Palo Alto Lawyer Susie Hwang Said
She Knew Of Three Visitors From
Iran — A 30-Year-Old Man And An
Elderly Couple — Who Were Detained
Saturday After Their Flights”
“They’re Not Allowed Any Contact And
They’ve Taken (The Man’s) Phone”**

January 28, 2017 By TATIANA SANCHEZ, Mercury News [Excerpts]

In an impassioned response to President Trump's ban on refugees, about 700 outraged Bay Area residents descended on San Francisco International Airport on Saturday to

protest the controversial executive order that left many refugees detained at airports nationwide.

And most stayed late enough into the night to cheer and applaud when, hours after he had landed, one of the detainees was released.



“Safety First Deport Trump” (UL)

300 people protest against the detention of Muslim refugees at San Francisco International Airport in San Francisco, Calif., on Jan. 28, 2017. (Ray Chavez/Bay Area News Group)

Although U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials denied they were holding any travelers at SFO, Palo Alto lawyer Susie Hwang said she knew of three visitors from Iran — a 30-year-old man and an elderly couple — who were detained Saturday after their flights.

“Their families were picking them up” (at SFO), Hwang said. “They’re not allowed any contact and they’ve taken (the man’s) phone.”

The man is here on a legitimate fiancé visa, according to Hwang. The couple is here on tourist visas to visit their children.

Most of the demonstrators had been at SFO for hours, both inside and outside the International Terminal, hoisting red, white and blue signs. One said, “Give us your huddled masses,” while others read, “We will resist Trump’s hate” and “Let them in.”

A protester from San Carlos, Estelle Weyl, held aloft a poster that read, “Ban Trump not Muslims.”

“I cant imagine how degrading it is to be a legal resident of the United States and be put into handcuffs and now allowed to go home,” she said.

MORE:

New York: U.S. District Court Judge Stays Trump Deportations

January 28, 2017 By Jerry Markon, Emma Brown and David Nakamura, By THE WASHINGTON POST [Excerpts]

Judge Ann Donnelly of the U.S. District Court in Brooklyn granted a request from the ACLU to stay deportations of those detained on entry to the United States following President Donald Trump's executive order.

After a brief hearing in front of a small audience that filtered in from a crowd of hundreds outside, Donnelly determined that the risk of injury to those detained by being returned to their home countries necessitated the decision.

She seemed to have little patience for the arguments presented by the government, which focused heavily on the fact that the two defendants named in the suit had already been released.

At one point, she visibly lost patience with a government attorney who was participating by phone.

Donnelly noted that those detained were suffering mostly from the bad fortune of traveling while the ban went into effect. "Our own government presumably approved their entry to the country," she said at one point, noting that, had it been two days prior, those been detained would have been granted admission without question.

In the middle of the hearing ACLU attorney Lee Gelernt informed the court that he'd received word of an imminent deportation to Syria, scheduled within the hour. That prompted Donnelly to ask if the government could assure that the person would not suffer irreparable harm.

Receiving no such assurance, she granted the stay to the broad group included in the ACLU's request.

After the decision was made, Donnelly asked the government if they could provide a list of those being detained to the ACLU. The government's attorneys indicated that they could not. "It is more difficult than it sounds," U.S attorney Susan Riley said.

The ACLU said it had won a stay in federal court preventing implementation of the executive order.

MORE:

Federal Judges In Boston Temporarily Halt Trump's Order Blocking Immigrants From Entering The United States: "On Behalf Of Two University Of Massachusetts Dartmouth Professors, Both Muslim Green Card Holders From Iran"

29 January 17 By Maria Sacchetti, The Boston Globe [Excerpts]

In a rare middle-of-the night decision, two federal judges in Boston temporarily halted President Trump's executive order blocking immigrants from seven Muslim-majority nations from entering the United States.

At 1:51 a.m., Judge Allison Burroughs and Magistrate Judge Judith Dein imposed a seven-day restraining order against Trump's executive order, clearing the way for lawful immigrants from the seven barred nations – Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Somalia, Sudan, Libya and Syria – to enter the US.

"It's a great victory today," said Susan Church, a lawyer who argued the case in court. "What's most important about today is this is what makes America great, the fact that we have the rule of law."

The ruling prohibits federal officials from detaining or deporting immigrants and refugees with valid visas or green cards or forcing them to undergo extra security screenings based solely on Trump's order. The judges also instructed Customs and Border Protection to notify airlines overseas that it is safe to put immigrants on US-bound flights.

The judges issued the ruling in a lawsuit filed by the ACLU, Church and other lawyers initially on behalf of two University of Massachusetts Dartmouth professors, both Muslim green card holders from Iran, who were detained and interrogated for about three hours Saturday at Logan International Airport.

The professors, Mazdak Pourabdollah Tootkaboni and Arghavan Louhghalam, are permanent residents of the United States who left the country for an academic conference, the petition said. They arrived at Logan around 5:30 p.m. Saturday and were held "solely pursuant to an executive order issued" by Trump, the petition said.

Though the professors were released, lawyers rushed to federal court fearing more people could be barred in the days ahead.

The judges agreed, ruling that the lawyers had established a “strong likelihood of success” that Trump’s order would violate immigrants’ constitutional rights and said immigrants are “likely to suffer irreparable harm” as a result of the order.

“The balance of harms favors the issuance of this temporary restraining order and its issuance is in the public interest,” the judges said.

The immigration lawyers, who had conferred with one another for hours in the dimly lit hallways of Boston’s federal court late Saturday night into Sunday morning, cheered the victory and said they hoped to make the restraining order permanent.

“This is an illegal, unconstitutional executive order and if the president continues to go forward with these kinds of plans we’re going to continue to fight him every step of the way,” said Matthew Segal, legal director of the ACLU of Massachusetts, in a press conference after the hearing.

Lawyer Kerry Doyle added, “This is our first victory and our first day in court, or night in court as the case may be, but it won’t be the last one.”

Trump’s executive order, signed on Friday, bars immigrants from the seven predominantly Muslim countries from entering the US, and halts refugees worldwide from entering the US for 120 days and Syrian refugees indefinitely.

In Boston, lawyers, mostly women, rushed to federal court around 10 p.m., some still in fancy dresses from parties and galas or a Saturday night on the town.

Lawyer Sue Finegan left gala to come to the court. Susan Cohen ditched a 60th birthday party. And Laura Rotolo of the ACLU left her husband and two children to clean up at after her 6-year-old’s birthday party. Doyle carried a copy of the Immigration and Nationality Act under her arm, and lawyer Melissa Smith handed out Girl Scout cookies — Thin Mints — for sustenance.

“We all raced over to help,” Finegan said.

Court officers also were called in from home, including one who had been eating chocolate ice cream and watching the news before he got the call. And federal prosecutor Ray Farquhar, acting chief of the civil division, put down his wine glass at an engagement party and rushed into court.

He argued that the lawsuit was moot because the professors had been released, but he said the US Attorney’s office was trying to find a reasonable solution to an issue that had abruptly appeared on their radar.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs said more immigrants from the countries on Trump’s list are expected to arrive in Boston first thing Sunday, which could be the first test of the judges’ ruling.

MORE:

As Judge Stays Trump's Immigration Ban: "Saturday Evening, Federal District Court Judge Ann Donnelly Asked The Government To Explain Itself" "It Could Not. In A Remarkable Display, U.S. Attorneys—Rarely At A Loss For An Argument—Were As Flummoxed As Many Of The Rest Of Us"

01.28.17 by Harry Siegel, The Daily Beast [Excerpts]

At 4:42 p.m. on Friday, President Donald Trump signed an insanely sweeping executive order citing 9/11 to justify a ban on all travel to the United States from citizens of seven mostly Muslim countries. It did include American green-card holders, and dual citizens of allies like Britain.

As planes landed Saturday morning, people already vetted by the United States—with families and lives here—found themselves caught in a nightmare, a world that had changed while they were in the air.

A Clemson professor visiting her family in Tehran posted that she was trapped there, scrambling to find someone here to watch her dog.

A Syrian family of six with visas was placed on a plane back to Doha.

A translator who'd worked with our military in Iraq was put in cuffs, before two New York Congressmen intervened on his behalf.

Others were questioned about their opinion of President Trump and pressed to show their social media accounts to federal officials.

Incredibly, the government won't (or perhaps can't) say how many people have been detained, though an unnamed senior official at the Department of Homeland Security official told the Washington Post Saturday that 109 people had been denied entry upon arrival and 173 had not been allowed to board flights at foreign airports.

That's the same DHS that didn't see the order until hours before Trump signed it, according to CNN, and was unable to offer a legal analysis until after it was in effect.

Saturday evening, Federal District Court Judge Ann Donnelly asked the government to explain itself. It could not. In a remarkable display, U.S. attorneys—rarely at a loss for an argument—were as flummoxed as many of the rest of us.

They briefly tried to argue that since the two named parties in the ACLU's request for a temporary stay on parts of Trump's order had already been released, the group lacked standing.

"What about the others in the class," asked Donnelly, about the possibility they would suffer "irreparable damage" if they were sent home. "If they had come here two days ago, we wouldn't be here, right?"

"This has unfolded with such speed," Eastern District U.S. Attorney Susan Riley replied, on Trump's behalf, "that we haven't had an opportunity to address the issues, the important legal issues."

Or, as some of the hundreds of Brooklynites protesting outside of the courthouse might have put it less formally, "beats the shit out of me."

"These people were caught in transit," American Civil Liberties Union lawyer Lee Gelernt argued, adding that he'd been informed during the hearing, slightly after 8:00 p.m., that "we just got word that the government is threatening to put someone on a plane at 9:20." He added a few minutes later, he'd just then been told that person is a Syrian, who would be sent back to that war-ravaged nation.

Donnelly pressed the government on how it could claim those already vetted and now suddenly rejected by the United States wouldn't suffer "irreparable harm" if they "were sent back to some of the most dangerous places on earth."

Again, the government's lawyers didn't even attempt a real answer, just went on for a bit about how many different people with different circumstances would be affected in many different ways by the order.

Asked how many people had been detained, Riley said: "The government does not have sufficient information to answer."

Donnelly had heard enough.

"That's exactly why I'm going to grant" the ACLU's request, she ruled at about 9 p.m.—with perhaps 20 minutes to spare for the unknown Syrian.

The judge then noted drily that "I don't think the government has really had a chance to think about this," and asked if they could return to court next Friday morning to discuss the issues now that she'd granted the emergency motion, "Is that too soon?"

"Yes it is, your honor."

The parties will meet again in mid-February, with the order ensuring that those now detained will not be deported until the government attorneys have had their chance to think about this, and the court then rules on their arguments.

Meantime, the ACLU's Gelernt noted, that "it sounds like the government is going to keep all these people in detention," adding that "they're not letting us see all the people in the airport." He asked for a list of them.

"We don't know. People are coming in all the time," said Riley.

Donnelly ordered a list be provided, adding "if there is somebody"—like the Syrian—"who is in danger of being removed, I direct you to communicate that we have a stay."

'The whole point of this hearing is to preserve the status quo," she said. "I don't think it's unduly burdensome to identify people we are talking about here."

Trump's Horrifying Executive Order on Refugees and Visas

And with that, the status quo was preserved for at least a few more days — at least if the Trump administration respects the court's order.

In an emergency motion for clarification and enforcement filed early Monday morning, the ACLU warned of "repeated reports of individual members subject to the Order who have been placed on planes, possibly deported, and subject to intimidation to sign removal orders after the issuance of the Court's Order."

These are Trump's new functionaries, wrestling with how to justify the unjustifiable once they're summoned back to court. Beats the shit out of me.

MORE:

Malevolence Tempered By Incompetence: Trump's Horrifying Executive Order On Refugees And Visas; "Mitigated Chiefly—And Perhaps Only— By The Astonishing Incompetence Of Its Drafting And Construction"

January 28, 2017 By Benjamin Wittes, Lawfare. [Excerpts] Benjamin Wittes is editor in chief of Lawfare and a Senior Fellow in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution. He is the author of several books and is co-chair of the Hoover Institution's Working Group on National Security, Technology, and Law.

The malevolence of President Trump's Executive Order on visas and refugees is mitigated chiefly—and perhaps only—by the astonishing incompetence of its drafting and construction.

NBC is reporting that the document was not reviewed by DHS, the Justice Department, the State Department, or the Department of Defense, and that National Security Council lawyers were prevented from evaluating it.

Moreover, the New York Times writes that Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services, the agencies tasked with carrying out the policy, were only given a briefing call while Trump was actually signing the order itself.

Yesterday, the Department of Justice gave a “no comment” when asked whether the Office of Legal Counsel had reviewed Trump's executive orders—including the order at hand. (OLC normally reviews every executive order.)

This order reads to me, frankly, as though it was not reviewed by competent counsel at all.

MORE:

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, in Perry, Michigan

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

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

**“We Do Not Trust The American
Government. It Has Used Our Soil
And People For Its Own Goals”**

**“The Invasion Has Brought Us More
Misery, Deaths, Destruction And
Enriching Of The Warlords”**

January 23 By Pamela Constable and Sayed Salahuddin, Washington Post [Excerpts]

KABUL — Over the past eight years, Afghans have become increasingly disillusioned with the American role in their country.

Despite their eagerness for change, Afghans are ambivalent about whether they want American troops to remain. They have been outraged by incidents of -civilian casualties,

such as a mistaken airstrike on a combat zone hospital that killed 42 people in 2015, and offended by allegations of American troops insulting Islam.



An Afghan man reads a local newspapers carrying front-page news of the inauguration of President Trump. (Jawad Jalali/European Pressphoto Agency)

“We do not trust the American government. It has used our soil and people for its own goals,” said Sahar Gul, a taxi driver in his 30s. “I very much hope Mr. Trump pulls out all the troops from our country, because the invasion has brought us more misery, deaths, destruction and enriching of the warlords.”

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Somalia Insurgents Kill Kenyan Occupation Troops In Raid On Remote Military Base: “We Are Pursuing The Kenyan Soldiers Who Ran Away Into The Woods”

Jan 28, 2017 By Abdi Sheikh and Feisal Omar, Reuters. [Excerpts]

MOGADISHU - Al Shabaab said its fighters killed dozens of Kenyan troops when the Islamist group attacked a remote military base in Somalia on Friday.

Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Paul Njuguna said that al Shabaab's fighters had attempted to attack their base in the southern town of Kulbiyow, near the Kenyan border, but were repulsed.

A spokesman for al Shabaab, which often launches attacks on troops of the African Union's AMISOM force [translation: occupation troops], said its fighters killed at least 66 Kenyans at the base. The group had said earlier it lost fighters but did not give numbers.

Njuguna said the attack was launched around dawn on Friday, when al Shabaab fighters used a vehicle packed with explosives to try to blast their way into the camp of the Kenya Defence Forces.

Al Shabaab gave a similar account of how the attack was launched. Its military operation spokesman, Sheikh Abdiasis Abu Musab, told Reuters fighters rammed two car bombs into the base and seized it.

"We are pursuing the Kenyan soldiers who ran away into the woods," he said.

Al Shabaab typically rams the entrance to a target site with a car or truck bomb so fighters can storm in.

It once ruled much of Somalia and wants to topple the Western-backed government [translation: Washington-controlled government] in Mogadishu and drive out the peacekeeping force made up of soldiers from Kenya, Djibouti, Uganda, Ethiopia and other African countries.

Njuguna said 15 wounded soldiers were airlifted on Friday to Nairobi for treatment, and that Kenyan forces were pursuing the rest of al Shabaab's fighters.

MILITARY NEWS

1,500 US Soldiers Off To Trumps Imperial Slaughterhouse

Jan 23 2017 By Khaama Press

The United States will deploy at least 1,500 soldiers from the Ready First Brigade to Afghanistan, it has been reported.

The soldiers will serve for a period of 9 months as part of the advise, assist, and train mission to help the Afghan army and police.

With 300 already deployed to Afghanistan, the deployment of the remaining soldiers will start this month with the brigade expected to take up the mission in mid-February.

Before their deployment to Afghanistan, the soldiers have gone on three rotations to combat training centers during that time – to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., in June 2015 and October-November 2016 and to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., in January 2016.

The brigade and its battalions also did extensive gated train-ups leading up to all of those rotations.

One Of Trump's First Moves Is Already Hurting Veterans: "The Hiring Freeze Was Particularly Hard On Veterans With Disabilities"

JANUARY 26, 2017 BY VERA BERGENGRUEN, McClatchy DC [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump's temporary hiring freeze on federal jobs is disproportionately affecting: veterans, who receive preference in federal hiring.

Some already have had job interviews canceled or postponed, advocacy groups say.

The hiring freeze also applies to the Department of Veterans Affairs, something that deeply troubles veterans groups and lawmakers, who say the freeze complicates the provision of veterans services by an agency that is chronically understaffed.

"Our nation's veterans should not be made to sacrifice any more than they already have while you review federal hiring," a group of Democratic lawmakers, led by Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., and Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn., wrote in a letter to Trump, urging him to exempt veterans from the freeze, that had 53 signatures as of Thursday morning.

"This freeze raises serious concerns about the president's commitment to veterans and improving the VA," said Paul Rieckhoff, an Iraq War veteran who's the head of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. "Job seekers waiting to hear about a hiring determination just had their hope dashed."

Some veterans took to Twitter this week, tweeting Trump stories of canceled job interviews for frozen positions and urging him to reconsider the order, some pointing out they had voted for him.

Trump's presidential memorandum, issued Monday, ordered "a freeze on the hiring of federal civilian employees to be applied across the board in the executive branch" for 90 days, except for positions in the military or otherwise affecting national security and public safety.

Nearly 3,000 civilian Defense Department positions that are currently listed in federal employment sites, along with almost 2,300 VA posts, cannot be filled until the freeze is lifted.

Some veterans say Trump, like many Americans who cheered his federal freeze, thinks of all federal workers as well-paid bureaucrats in Washington offices.

“The simple reality is that Donald Trump talked a lot about vets and jobs when he was campaigning for president, and this federal hiring freeze is denying vets what they need more than anything after coming home and getting out of the service – not another standing ovation at a football game, but a good job, a good career,” said Will Fischer, executive director of the Union Veterans Council at the AFL-CIO and a Purple Heart recipient who served in Iraq as a Marine.

Fischer pointed out that more than 90 percent of veterans with federal jobs work outside the Washington metro area. “You’re talking about the largest employer of veterans in the world, but they only think of Washington when they say ‘federal employees,’ “ he said.

The national commander of the American Legion, Charles E. Schmidt, said the hiring freeze was particularly hard on veterans with disabilities. About 15 percent of veterans working at the VA and nearly 18 percent of veterans at the Defense Department have disabilities.

In a statement, Schmidt urged private companies to step up their efforts to hire vets with disabilities, to make up for the hiring freeze.

President Barack Obama made it easier for veterans to get federal jobs with a 2009 order known as the Veterans Employment Initiative. More than 623,000 veterans depend on federal paychecks, according to the most recent report from the Office of Personnel Management.

The VA has 41,500 vacancies for doctors, nurses and other medical professionals across its sprawling health care system, according to a 2015 report.

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ANNIVERSARIES

January 30, 1972: Shameful Anniversary; Bloody Sunday: An Occupation Massacre



Carl Bunin Peace History Jan 28 - Feb 3

In Bogside, Derry, British Occupied Ireland, near the Rossville flats, 13 unarmed and peaceful civil rights demonstrators were shot dead by British Army paratroopers from the British Army's 1st Parachute Regiment in an event that became known as "Bloody Sunday."

The protesters, all Catholics, had been marching in protest of the British policy of internment without trial of suspected Irish nationalists. Internment without trial was introduced by the British government on August 9, 1971.

British authorities had ordered the march banned, and sent troops to confront the demonstrators when it went ahead.

The soldiers fired indiscriminately into the crowd of protesters, killing 13 and wounding seventeen. One wounded man later died from illness attributed to that shooting.

By the end of the year 323 civilians and 144 military and paramilitary personnel would be dead.

January 31, 1876: Odious Betrayal



Sitting Bull: One of several chiefs who refused to comply.

Carl Bunin Peace History Jan 28 - Feb 3

The U.S. government ordered that all Native Americans must move to reservations by this date or be declared hostile.

Most Sioux did not even hear of the ultimatum until after the deadline.

Major General Philip Sheridan considered the notification exercise a waste of time.

January 31, 1968: Resistance Anniversary: The Tet Offensive

Peace History: Carl Bunin

The Tet (the lunar new year) Offensive began as North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces launched surprise attacks against major cities, provincial and district capitals in South Vietnam.

The attack had been anticipated but, nonetheless, half of the ARVN troops (Army of the Republic of Vietnam) were on leave because of the holiday.

There were attacks in Saigon (the South's capital) on the Independence Palace (the residence of the president), the radio station, the ARVN's joint General Staff Compound, Tan Son Nhut airfield, and the United States embassy, causing considerable damage

January 31, 1945: Anniversary Of A Murder; The Execution Of Private Eddy Slovik



Pvt. Eddie Slovik

Carl Bunin Peace History Jan 28 - Feb 3

Private Eddie Slovik became the first American soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion.

Supreme Allied Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered Slovik's execution be carried out, he said, to avoid further desertions in the late stages of the war.

[Excerpt from the article by Joe Allen; Death Row At The “Castle”: Inside The U.S. Military’s Judicial System; the International Socialist Review. Joe Allen is a member of Teamsters Local 705 in Chicago and the International Socialist Organization.]

Alvin “Tommy” Bridges, a military policeman during the war and a future police chief, recounted his very bitter memories of “military justice” to Studs Terkel in the Good War: “They shot some of those same guys up there that were—if you’d go to a municipal court, they’d dismiss the case. Depending a lot upon the commanding officer.”

Near the end of his narrative, Bridges makes clear the extent of summary “justice” and who was responsible:

“Eisenhower says that’s the only guy (Eddie Slovik) that was ever executed for it (desertion). That’s what burns me up, when a gross of them that I know were executed for probably more minor things than what Slovik was. They said he was the only one. We had to make a show of it. The son-of-a-bitches.”

Eddie Slovik was a Polish working-class kid from Detroit who had a minor criminal record and spent some years in a youth reformatory.

His draft classification was originally 4-F (unfit for military service) and therefore not eligible to be drafted. He married and got a decent paying job in the auto industry, whereupon he was reclassified 1-A.

The army was then drafting anybody it could get its hands on in preparation for the invasion of Europe. It was also clear that Slovik couldn’t kill a living thing and was terrified of combat. In his “confession” after he deserted he said, “I’ll run away again if I have to go their.” (He misspelled “there,” and by “there” he meant going into combat).

Over 40,000 other deserters tried by lesser courts-martial were punished by confinement to disciplinary centers or dishonorably discharged. Another 2,864 were tried by general courts-martial.

Most were sentenced to long terms in prisons (many left prison soon after the war was over), but forty-nine were sentenced to death. All the sentences for desertion were commuted except Slovik’s.

Slovik’s story is recounted in William Bradford Huie’s book The Execution of Private Slovik.

Why Slovik?

It seems likely that the reason Slovik was singled out was because he deserted at the time of stiffening German resistance in late 1944, when the Allied forces came dangerously close to collapsing on the Western front.

Yet, curiously, the army never publicized his execution beyond his company, never told his wife, and buried him in a secret cemetery.

It would be nearly a decade after Slovik's death before Huie began investigating the strange circumstances surrounding it.

Despite the efforts of many people, Slovik's wife never received the paltry \$10,000 plus interest she asked for in GI life insurance. Slovik's remains were finally returned to the U.S. in 1987, to be buried beside the grave of his deceased wife.

While many people believe that Slovik was the only American soldier executed during the war, that is not true.

Many were executed on charges other than desertion, and African American soldiers once again bore the brunt of these executions.

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STUCK ON STUPID

Latest In Stupid Hysteria Presenting Trump As All-Powerful:

“How Trump Could Make a Deadly Flesh-Eating Bacteria Spread, Again”
[AlterNet]

[Coming soon: “Trump Executive Order: Eat newborn babies every Tuesday night.”]

One More



“Refuse Fascism”

If the regime were indeed fascist, the authors would be hanging by their thumbs, or from meat hooks, in prison.

Not asking you send them your money via the internet.

DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK

“Silicon Valley Billionaires Are Preparing For The Apocalypse With Motorcycles, Guns, And Private Hideaways”

“Leaders Of Industry From Silicon Valley To Wall Street Are Joining The Survivalism Movement”

Jan. 23, 2017 by Melia Robinson, Business Insider Inc.

The Silicon Valley elite may be among the most active — and potentially successful — doomsday preppers, according to a riveting new essay in The New Yorker.

Leaders of industry from Silicon Valley to Wall Street are joining the survivalism movement, The New Yorker’s Evan Osnos writes. That list includes Steve Huffman, cofounder and CEO of Reddit; Marvin Liao, a former Yahoo executive and a partner at

500 Startups; and Robert A. Johnson, a managing director of hedge fund Soros Fund Management.



Vivos xPoint will be the largest private bunker community on earth when it's completed in 2017.
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Reid Hoffman, the cofounder of LinkedIn and a notable venture capitalist, told the New Yorker he estimates more than 50% of Silicon Valley billionaires have bought some level of “apocalypse insurance,” like an underground bunker.

Fortified shelters, built to withstand catastrophic events from viral epidemic to nuclear war, seem to be experiencing a wave of interest in general as hints of a new Cold War ramp up.

But billionaires are channeling their inner Bear Grylls for a number of reasons. Hoffman told The New Yorker that some rich people fear a backlash against Silicon Valley as artificial intelligence takes away an increasing number of jobs from humans. The CEO of

a large tech company cited Russian cyberattacks as evidence of risk that the US might fall into disorder.

Some members of the Silicon Valley elite are wasting no time in preparing for the apocalypse.

Huffman, the Reddit CEO, who lives in San Francisco, bought a couple of motorcycles, guns, and ammo, so that he can “hole up in my house for some amount of time” in case of a disaster.

In 2015, he had laser eye surgery because he thought it would improve his odds of surviving.

Antonio García Martínez, a former Facebook product manager who also lives in San Francisco, shelled out for five wooded acres on an island in the Pacific Northwest where he can ride out Armageddon in peace. His island home features generators, solar panels, and weaponry.

Liao, of 500 Startups, took archery lessons so he could protect his family.

In an interview with The New Yorker, Hoffman, the billionaire LinkedIn cofounder, recalled a time when he thought of visiting New Zealand, and a friend asked him if he planned to buy apocalypse insurance. The small island nation has become a top destination for preppers.

“Saying you’re ‘buying a house in New Zealand’ is kind of a wink, wink, say no more. Once you’ve done the Masonic handshake, they’ll be, like, ‘Oh, you know, I have a broker who sells old ICBM silos, and they’re nuclear-hardened, and they kind of look like they would be interesting to live in,’” Hoffman told The New Yorker.

The New Yorker’s Osnos writes that private Facebook groups serve as forums where wealthy survivalists trade tips on the best equipment to buy and locations to hide out in.

“The tech preppers do not necessarily think a collapse is likely,” Yishan Wong, an early Facebook employee and the former CEO of Reddit, told The New Yorker. “They consider it a remote event, but one with a very severe downside, so, given how much money they have, spending a fraction of their net worth to hedge against this ... is a logical thing to do.”

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Heroic Zionists Uproot And Steal Palestinian Olive Saplings, Grapevines, In Bethlehem: “The Palestinians Living In Ein Al-Qassis Area, Are Subject To Ongoing Violations And Assaults By Soldiers And Colonialist Settlers”

January 27, 2017 IMEMC News

Several extremist Israeli colonists invaded, Friday, Palestinian orchards belonging to residents of the Al-Khader town, south of Bethlehem, before uprooting and stealing hundreds of olive saplings and grapevine seedlings.

Ahmad Salah, the coordinator of the Popular Committee against the Israeli Annexation Wall and Colonies in al-Khader, said the colonists came from Boaz illegal colonialist outpost, and invaded orchards and farmland in Ein al-Qassis area, west of al-Khader.

Salah added that the colonists uprooted 300 grapevine seedlings and 100 olive saplings, and stole them before fleeing the area. The lands are owned by the sons of late Mohammad Abdul-Salam Salah.

He stated that the colonists also stole rolls of barbwire and iron bars that the Palestinians brought to fence their lands to stop the ongoing Israeli vandalism of their orchards.

The colonists also invaded an orchard belonging to Husam Mustafa Salah, and uprooting fifty olive saplings before fleeing the area with them.

Salah said the Palestinians living in Ein al-Qassis area, are subject to ongoing violations and assaults by soldiers and colonialist settlers.

“Abu Rahma Was Held For Two Days When The Soldiers Abducted Him Monday While Attending A Court Hearing For Activists Who Were Abducted Last Friday”



January 26, 2017 IMEMC News

Several Israeli military jeeps invaded, on Thursday at dawn, the village of Bil'in in the central West Bank city of Ramallah, before the soldiers broke into the homes of two main figures of the nonviolent movement against the Annexation Wall and colonies, searched the properties and confiscated a computer.

Approximately 40 soldiers invaded the homes of Abdullah Abu Rama, and his brother Rateb Abu Rahma, and violently searched them.

The Popular Committee in Bil'in said a large military force surrounded the village, before invading it, and initiated violent and extensive searches of Abu Rahma homes.

The soldiers forced each family into a room in their homes, and ransacked their properties, before collecting all mobile phones and computers, and searched their contents.

The Committee stated that the soldiers confiscated a computer, owned by Abdullah Abu Rahma, and withdrew from the village.

It is worth mentioning that Abdullah Abu Rahma, was released from an Israeli detention center, two days ago, following a military court ruling.

Abu Rahma was held for two days when the soldiers abducted him Monday, while attending a court hearing for activists who were abducted last Friday (January 20, 2017), during a nonviolent activity, conducted by Palestinian, Israeli and international peace activists, when they reestablished Bab al-Sham peace village (Gateway to the Sun), near Ma'ale Adumim Israeli colony.

The Zionist War On Palestinian Fishermen:

“Muhammad Al-Hissi Went Missing After The Israeli Navy Sunk The Vessel On Which He Worked”

“Although His Body Has Not Been Recovered, Members Of His Family Have Resigned Themselves To The Probability That Al-Hissi Was Killed”

“The Vessel Carrying Muhammad Was Shot At By Live Ammunition And Flooded By Water Cannons”



A portrait of Muhammad al-Hissi is held up during a protest held in Gaza City three days after his disappearance. Mohammed Asad APA images

“I have no idea why the Israeli authorities designate fishing limits if they are intent on harassing fishermen working within the limits. They know that fishing is the only source of living for us. Our belongings are constantly confiscated and we are expected to stay silent about this treatment and take it.”

26 January 2017 by Nesma Seyam, The Electronic Intifada

Gaza's fishermen have already endured regular Israeli attacks during the first few weeks of 2017.

On 4 January, Muhammad al-Hissi went missing after the Israeli navy sunk the vessel on which he worked.

Although his body has not been recovered, members of his family have resigned themselves to the probability that al-Hissi was killed.

A memorial service was organized for al-Hissi a few days after he went missing, while his family issued a statement describing him as a "martyr for God's reward." Aged 33, he was the father of three children.

"He is an excellent swimmer – like all fishermen," said Muhammad's brother Wael. "He would have made it to the shore if he was alive."

The incident occurred off Sudaniya Beach in northern Gaza. An Israeli navy gunboat rammed directly into the fishing vessel, which belongs to Rashad al-Hissi, Muhammad's cousin, causing it to capsize.

No warning was issued before the attack.

An Israeli army spokesperson told the Ma'an News Agency that "naval forces were escorting a Palestinian fishing boat which had deviated from the Israeli-designated fishing zone to a port ... when 'the Israeli vessel collided with another Palestinian vessel which was not visible.'"

Jamal al-Hissi, also a cousin of Muhammad, was in another vessel a few hundred meters away at the time.

He said that the vessel carrying Muhammad was shot at by live ammunition and flooded by water cannons.

"We were fishing around five nautical miles offshore, which is supposed to be a safe area," Jamal said. "In the blink of an eye, the vessel vanished and Muhammad disappeared."

Nizar Ayyash, head of the Gaza fishing union, accused the Israeli authorities of deception.

"The Israeli gunboat drowned the vessel," he said. "Then the Israelis lit flares, claiming to look for the missing fisherman."

A number of other attacks against fishermen have taken place since then.

On 12 January, Israeli naval ships opened fire at fishermen working off Khan Younis in southern Gaza.

Four days later, Israel shot at fishermen in the northern Gaza area. Five fishermen were taken into detention.

Anas Siyam and his father, Imad, were among those arrested. They were held until the following day.

“We were operating within the permitted fishing area,” Anas said. “Yet they still arrested us and confiscated our net, power generator and the boat itself.”

On 17 January, a fisherman was injured after the Israeli navy fired rubber-coated steel bullets at him. That incident, too, occurred in the northern Gaza area.

Another fisherman was shot in the head with a rubber-coated steel bullet six days later. The fisherman in question, Auranus al-Sultan, was one of those who had been detained by Israel the previous week.

Under the 1993 Oslo accords signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, Israel is supposed to allow fishermen to work freely within 20 nautical miles of the Gaza coastline.

Israel has, however, used the tightened siege it imposed on Gaza in 2007 as a pretext to launch frequent – sometimes daily – attacks on the 4,000 fishermen living and working in the strip. Over the past decade, Israel has only allowed fishing within three to six nautical miles and has repeatedly changed the official limits.

On many occasions, Israel has attacked fishermen working inside the limits it has set.

The Palestinian Center for Human Rights recorded a total of 126 incidents in which fishing vessels were fired upon by Israel during 2016.

More than 130 people were detained by Israeli forces while they were on fishing vessels last year, five of whom were children.

Twelve of Gaza’s fishermen were injured as a result of Israeli attacks.

Fayez al-Amoudi, a resident of Beach refugee camp in Gaza City, began his fishing career in the 1990s.

“I still remember the sudden drop in our earnings after the limit was shrunk to six nautical miles,” he said. “Besides the physical harassment, we are continuously subjected to verbal and psychological harassment. The Israeli navy has flooded us with sewage water while we are on board our vessels.”

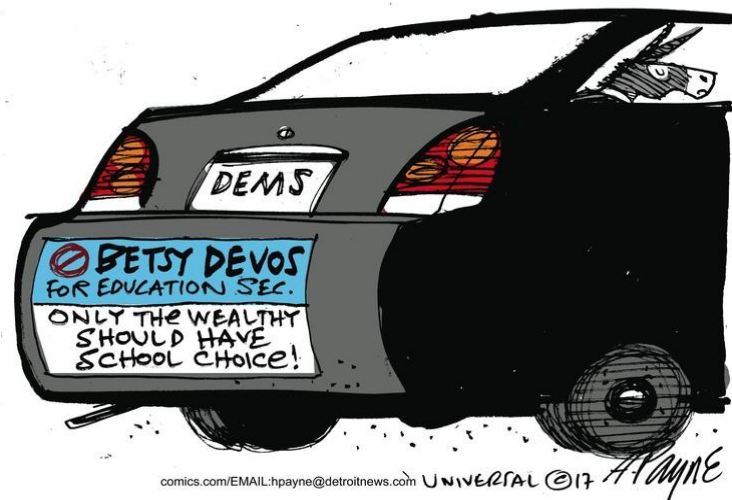
Marwan al-Saidi has been working as a fisherman for more than four decades.

“The last 10 years have been the worst,” he said.

“I have no idea why the Israeli authorities designate fishing limits if they are intent on harassing fishermen working within the limits. They know that fishing is the only source of living for us. Our belongings are constantly confiscated and we are expected to stay silent about this treatment and take it.”

To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation commanded by foreign terrorists, go to:
<http://www.palestinechronicle.com/>
The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves "Israeli."

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



“The Same Corporate Money Game That Takes Place Every Inauguration Weekend Happened Again During Trump’s, Too--Even More So”
“Trump’s Donors Given Greater Access And Facing Fewer Limits

On Donations Than Those In Other Recent Inaugurations”

““This Is Nothing Short Of Selling Access To The President, The Vice President And The Cabinet’

“It Certainly Runs Counter To Draining The Swamp””

January 23, 2017 Elizabeth Schulte, Socialist Worker [Excerpts]

“TODAY, WE are not merely transferring power from one administration to another, or from one party to another, but we are transferring power from Washington, D.C., and giving it back to you, the people.”

Sure...if by “the people,” you mean “the people” who own UPS, “the people” who run Verizon, “the people” who call the shots at ExxonMobil and stand to rake in obscene profits during a Trump presidency.

There was a lot of populist grandstanding in Donald Trump’s inauguration speech, but the same corporate money game that takes place every inauguration weekend happened again during Trump’s, too--even more so.

In the run-up to the November election, many corporate contributors held back from supporting Trump, because of differences with his policies, but also the conventional wisdom that Hillary Clinton would win easily.

Come the inauguration, though, big business pulled out all the stops.

Corporate sponsors footed the bill for lavish parties all over Washington, D.C., last week.

At the Garden State Inaugural Gala, donors could party with New Jersey lawmakers at a party built around the theme of classic boardwalk amusement games, and funded by drug companies Bristol-Myers Squibb, Novo Nordisk and Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals, along with insurance giant Prudential.

Texas’ Black Tie & Boots Inaugural Ball at the Gaylord National Resort was paid for by Chevron, ExxonMobil, Koch Industries, Anadarko, Phillips 66, Valero and BP--and if you didn’t get the theme in that list, the American Petroleum Institute, the lobby group for the oil industry, kicked in, too.

This kind of legalized bribery--where corporations make enormous donations for inauguration weekend in exchange for access--was common enough under George W. Bush or Barack Obama, but Trump's big day went even further.

As the New York Times reported:

"No matter which party controls the White House, corporations and wealthy individuals open their checkbooks every four years, and administrations reward their donors with private events and other incentives.

"But ethics experts say Mr. Trump's donors are being given greater access and facing fewer limits on donations than those in other recent inaugurations, despite his vow to 'drain the swamp' of special interests in Washington.

"This is nothing short of selling access to the president, the vice president and the cabinet,' said Craig Holman, a registered lobbyist for Public Citizen, a nonpartisan ethics group in Washington. 'This is very unfettered, brazen selling of access. It certainly runs counter to any presidential candidate who was talking about draining the swamp.'"

The president-not-elect was so unpopular that he couldn't get decent entertainment to show up.

But Trump did inspire Corporate America to show up.

Big donors could choose between five different packages offered by the Presidential Inaugural Committee, with big spenders committing more than a million dollars getting four tickets to an "intimate" dinner with Mike Pence and his wife, as well as a "leadership luncheon" with cabinet appointees and members of the congressional leadership.

Donors also got private access to the Smithsonian museums and other national treasures.

In addition to three official inauguration balls--which included the robber baron-era themed Great Gatsby Presidential Inaugural Ball--there were special parties this year that weren't part of the typical black tie fare.

One was the "DeploraBall," held at the National Press Club--seriously?--which showcased "a new type of Republican Party" and its social media presence.

And a day before the inauguration, Trump attended a party thrown by right-wing British nationalist and former UK Independence Party leader Nigel Farage.

Like Trump, Farage used fake populism and whipped up fear and racism against immigrants and Muslims in an attempt to divert people's anger away from the real causes of their economic insecurity.

So it's telling that the celebration of mutual admiration was held at the five-star Hay-Adams Hotel, a few hundred yards from the White House, with fish and chips, champagne and an extra-enormous helping of nationalism.

Trump isn't putting power in the hands of the people--he's selling it to those who can afford it. Or as a certain billionaire businessman, last name Trump, once put it: "When you give, they do whatever the hell you want them to do."

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