

## GI SPECIAL 3B91:



# “Just Keep Walking”

By Sgt. Zachary Scott-Singley, Iraq:  
[<http://www.misoldierthoughts.blogspot.com/>]

June 26, 2005:

## Why?

Why?

The question I ask of you.

Where were they?

Those weapons of horrible death and destruction?

Are they smiling at you?

Do they still love you?

Can you sleep at night?

Do you even know a single one of their faces?

I hope your nightmares are as bad as mine.

The food is nicer,

but the blood is just as red.  
I wonder if you know how to remove that stain?

You can tell me.  
When you find a way.  
We can both wash our hands.  
Too bad the scars will still remain.

June 23, 2005:

## The Grizzly That Is America

I believe more and more each day that things like freedom can't be given. They must be fought for and earned to have value. Perhaps that is one of the reasons that the Iraqi people don't rise up against the insurgency themselves.

That isn't the only way that things could have been better. We could have come here initially with ENOUGH troops. Troops to close the borders (which are still mostly left open) from foreign fighters, and enough troops to have brought security and stability to the cities.

**At the same time right now we have a Grizzly bear we call America. Unfortunately it is a Grizzly which is asleep and is kept that way by being fed its daily dose of FOX "Fair and Balanced" medicine.**

**This medicine is fortified with essentials which keep most Americans happily oblivious to what is happening in Iraq and to news stories like the Downing Street Memo...**

**It won't be long however, until this Grizzly wakes up and when it does it is going to be pissed that it has been lied to and so many have been killed because of those lies.**

June 21, 2005:

## To Walk Away....

**I will not be what you make of me. I won't fit into your box, and I am not a conscientious objector. I have killed and I never hesitated when it came time to pull the trigger.**

**There are things that I will not forget. At the top of that list is my family. When they are lawful I follow my orders, and I accept responsibility for my actions.**

**I will remember the things I have done. Make no mistake about that point. I will remember. Sorrow is not something I ask for. Please don't spare it on me, there are many others more deserving, the Iraqis come to mind.**

**To quit, to walk away is to not see my family. That is a choice I am not willing to make.**

**June 17, 2005:**

## **Sticks and Stones...But Words Can Never Hurt**

I can't stop thinking about what a Major said to me the other day. "The whole country of Iraq, every man, woman, and child... Kill every one of them and it still won't be worth one American's life."

**Perhaps this is why we won't win here, because so many feel that the life of an Iraqi doesn't even register when compared to that of an American. This kind of mindset permeates the thoughts of many of the soldiers here in Iraq.**

So often I hear, "I gotta go fuc\*\*\* guard Hajji!" By the soldiers assigned the duty of watching over the Iraqi workers who are working on our base. Another thing I hear so very often is, "I'm gonna go shoot me some Hajji." The soldiers who say these things speak as if the Iraqi people were some kind of animal to be hunted. You might tell me that terrorists are nothing more than animals to be hunted but if you look at the statistics most of those killed are civilians not foreign fighters.

**It is time to wake up and realize that there are more important things than the Michael Jackson trial. There are things like the value of a human life or the value of an entire nation that has been kicked so many times by tyrants that it may look downtrodden and useless but under it all there is the beauty of LIFE**

**June 14, 2005:**

**A poem I wrote about my thoughts on going to war, my family, and the back door draft...**

Cry for me, for my eyes have gone dry.  
My tears tread no path through the dust on my cheeks  
Life means so little to many back home  
But let your son go, just let your son go

Tell him you promise to come back with Godspeed  
Kiss your daughter in the dead of the night  
Tell them goodbye with no tears in your eye  
You must be a better man than me

Pick up your bag and walk out that door  
It's the hardest walk you will ever make  
To leave all you love for your honor and pride  
Praying that you won't be lied to this time

Get on that plane and try not to look back  
Now try to do it all over again  
This time knowing what you have seen  
With blood on your hands that will never come clean.

June 13, 2005:

## Just Keep Walking

Was walking outside  
Another suicide bomb  
I just kept walking

It is hard not to get complacent with all the death dealing going on here in Tikrit Iraq.

Do you have a friend or relative in the service? Forward this E-MAIL along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the war, at home and inside the armed services. Send requests to address up top.

## IRAQ WAR REPORTS

### Local Soldier Wounded In Iraq Dies



July 15, 2005 IBS, CINCINNATI

A local soldier wounded by a land mine in Iraq has died.

Timothy Hines, 21, lost his leg on Father's Day when his convoy hit a land mine. Hines was a gunner on a tank.

Hines died Thursday after emergency surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

**He leaves behind his wife, Katy, and a 2-year-old daughter. His wife is expecting the couple's second child next month.**

Hines was a native of Fairfield. He and his wife made their home in Deer Park.

**A vigil to pray for his recovery had been scheduled for this Sunday night. The service will go on at 8 p.m. at Cincinnati Christian Academy on Dixie Highway.**

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## **TWO MARINES KILLED NEAR TREBIL**

July 15, 2005 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND NEWS  
Release Number: 05-07-09C

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq -- **Two Marines assigned to Regimental Combat Team 2, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), were killed in action July 14 when their vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations near Trebil, Iraq.**

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## **Car Bombs Wound Five U.S. Soldiers**

7.15.05 AFP & By BASSEM MROUE (AP)

**One Iraqi was killed and nine people injured, including four US soldiers, by another car bomber in the western district of Amariyah,** according to local firemen and US First Lieutenant Shawn Joyce.

**Another car bomb exploded in eastern Baghdad, wounding six people, including a U.S. soldier, police said.**

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# **Car Bomb Wounds Two U.S. Soldiers In Baghdad; Tank & Patrol Also Attacked; Casualties Not Announced**

7.15.05 Agence France Presse & By BASSEM MROUE (AP)

**Two US soldiers were injured after a car bomber drove at their Humvee military vehicle in the southeast of the capital shortly after 9:00 am, US forces said.**

In Rustamiyah, eyewitness Basim Mohammed said he saw a car bomber ram an armoured US convoy at high speed.

**A U.S. tank was hit in New Baghdad district to the east of the capital, an Interior ministry source said.**

**Also, a U.S. patrol was hit by a car bomb near Amana garage in eastern Baghdad.**

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## **City Man Among Hurt In Baghdad**



Arnett:

Jul. 15, 2005 By Rob Joesbury, News-Sentinel

A 2004 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School was among three U.S. soldiers wounded in Wednesday morning's blast in Baghdad that also left 18 children and teenagers dead, his mother confirmed.

Marianne Arnett of New Haven said Thursday night that her son, 20-year-old Army Pfc. Andrew Arnett, a member of the 3rd Infantry Division and a Humvee driver, suffered a broken leg and expected to be taken to Germany for medical treatment. She talked to him Wednesday night by phone, and he assured her he was OK.

"I'm hoping to hear from him again when he gets to Germany," she said.

**"AJ," as he is known to his family and friends, was among the soldiers giving candy to children and teenagers when the bomb went off about 1:30 a.m. Fort Wayne time Wednesday, his mother said.** She disputed, however, media accounts that reported the car carrying the bomber drove into the soldiers' parked Humvee.

"They were doing their job," she said. "Andrew told me the vehicle was behind a wall, and that was why they couldn't see it. The media is over-hyping them giving out candy."

Arnett, who celebrated his last birthday in Iraq, ran cross country for four years at Concordia, and made the All-SAC team as a senior.

Arnett's father, Larry, works for Project Design & Piping in Fort Wayne.

**MORE:**

## **“Why Were They Handing Out Candy To Kids When They Hadn't Secured The Area?”**

13 July 2005 By Charles, Veterans For Common Sense.

**A couple of news outlets are now reporting some disturbing news.**

**Witnesses apparently say that when the troops arrived, they called out on a loudspeaker to clear the area, because there was a report of a bomb.**

**After that, some of the soldiers gave candy to some children, attracting a crowd to one of the humvees. Then a car burst out of an alley and detonated.**

**It very much raises the question -- why were they handing out candy to kids when they hadn't secured the area even to the extent of looking down alleyways?**

At a minimum, some new procedures need to be in place to prevent children from being exposed to this level of danger -- particularly since this isn't the first time. Last September, 35 children were killed in a similar incident.

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## **Resistance Launches New Coordinated Car Bomb Offensive:**

# Silly Occupation Generals Had Boasted About Success Of “Anti-Insurgency Sweeps”



**Car bomb attacks on two Iraqi military patrols in different parts of Baghdad within minutes of each other, a police source said. (7.15.05 REUTERS/Ceerwan Aziz)**

7.15.05 AFP & Reuters

**Twelve bombers blew themselves up in separate attacks in Baghdad and northern Iraq, killing at least 28 people, mostly soldiers, and wounding more than 100, including seven US soldiers, Iraqi and US forces said.**

***US forces recently said* that, thanks to their anti-insurgency sweeps, the average number of car bomb attacks had dropped to eight a week in the capital. [Bullshit. U.S. commanders “recently said.” The “forces,” not being drooling idiots, wouldn’t have been dumb enough to go around making silly claims like the one this reporter quotes.]**

**The nine car bombs in Baghdad were 50 percent more than the six reported countrywide for the entire previous week, a figure a US spokesman had just announced as the lowest in 11 weeks.**

**The bombers, who struck over several hours, targetted Iraqi security forces and US soldiers.**

**This was the worst day in terms of the number of such attacks since April 29, the day after parliament voted in new prime minister Ibrahim Jaafari, when bombers killed at least 23 and wounded scores more in the greater Baghdad area.**

**[For details, see RESISTANCE ROUNDUP section, below.]**



## **Car Bombs Here, Car Bombs There: Car Bombs, Car Bombs Everywhere**



US soldier, Baghdad © AFP Ahmad Al-Rubaye

**BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE!**

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## **Resistance Offensive In Samarra Takes Muhtassem Neighborhood**

7.15.05 Agence France Presse & (KUNA)

**An AFP reporter in the central city of Samarra said US troops were fighting Iraqi insurgents on the streets.**

**Armed with Kalashnikov rifles, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars, the rebels were openly patrolling the streets of the Muhtassem neighbourhood as explosions and automatic weapon fire echoed around the town, he said.**

Resistance fighters attacked two US military patrols in Samara city, an official of the Multi-National Forces (MNF) said here on Friday.

**The official affirmed at a news conference that the gunmen opened fire on the US patrols on Al-Motasim road in Samara city, located in Tikrit constituency north of the Iraqi capital.**

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**TROOP NEWS**

# Marine Accused Of Staging Shooting To Avoid Return To Iraq

July 15, 2005 The Associated Press

**CHICAGO -- A young Marine is accused of staging his own shooting so he wouldn't have to go back to Iraq**

**Moises Hernandez, 19, faces a felony charge of filing a false police report. Authorities say he persuaded his cousin to shoot him in the leg and then claimed he'd been hit by random gang gunfire.**

**Prosecutors said the shooting last Saturday was meant to keep Hernandez from going back to Iraq, where his unit spent a month earlier this year. He has now been sent back to his unit at California's Camp Pendleton, where the Marines are also investigating.**

**Hernandez's father said his son's experience in Iraq "changed him totally," causing nightmares. He said the military is getting his son counseling.**

The cousin faces a weapons charge.

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## ***Stop-Losses Soldier's Letter:* "All I Care About Is Getting Home" Asshole Democrat Senator Feingold Doesn't Really Give A Shit**

[Thanks to David Honish, Veterans For Peace, who sent this in. He writes: Good old Wisconsin press asking serious questions instead of cheerleading for GW.]

"It isn't glamorous at all. All I care about now is getting home safe. I've made it this far, and I am extremely thankful. I just want to be able to see my brother again, to smell the summer smells in Wisconsin, to drive with the window down, feel free again."

Jul 15 WISC Channel 3000

**The Nofsinger family was eagerly waiting for son and brother Ryan to return from Iraq until they found out he'd be going back for a second tour.**

**Now the Rock County family is launching a letter-writing campaign aimed at getting the military's controversial "stop-loss" policy changed.**

The policy allows the government to keep soldiers beyond their contract. Nofsinger is now at Ft. Benning, Ga., preparing to go back to a place he thought he had left for good.

"We were all excited," said Shelly Nofsinger, Ryan's stepmother. "He wanted to go to school. He wanted to get a place in Madison. He was ready to move on."

**Nofsinger, 22, a 2001 Milton High School graduate, has already served his country for four years, including 16 months in Iraq. His discharge from active duty was set for July 27.**

**Under the government's stop-loss policy, Nofsinger is eligible to go back to Iraq. His mom told News 3 the recruiter didn't explain that to him when he was recruited out of high school.**

"He feels that they weren't up-front," Shelly said. "He feels a little down that he didn't know this and then it's sprung on him right now."

The Nofsingers hope their letter writing campaign to state lawmakers will get things changed.

Sen. Russ Feingold already has one correspondence from a similarly situated Madison soldier, News 3 reported.

**In the days before being killed by a roadside bomb last May, Sgt. Mark Maida, 22, of Madison, wrote:**

**"Me and my brother were both stop-lossed to serve tours in Iraq. Well, my brother made it home safe, thank God. And I am in the sixth month of my deployment. My original release date was Oct. 31, 2004, and I'm still here.**

**"I feel very unappreciated. What are they trying to say that the three years I gave my country wasn't good enough? I give you full authorization to investigate this issue. I hope to hear from you soon."**

Nofsinger also wrote a letter home from Iraq talking about honoring sacrifices soldiers, such as Maida, are making.

**"It isn't glamorous at all. All I care about now is getting home safe. I've made it this far, and I am extremely thankful. I just want to be able to see my brother again, to smell the summer smells in Wisconsin, to drive with the window down, feel free again."**

Politicians never got the chance to respond to Maida. The Nofsinger family is hoping they'll get some consideration.

"It's not really a draft, but if you're not volunteering -- it's kind of a fine line there where we stand," Shelly said.

Feingold has had Mark Maida's letter for several weeks.

*News 3 asked him if he plans to take on "stop-loss." A spokeswoman said he promised to get back to us if and when that time comes. [Don't hold your breath. Just another double-dealing Empire-loving soldier-killing piece of shit Democrat politician. Would you believe there are still some opportunists in the anti-war movement leadership who think lobbying the Imperial Congress is a productive use of time and human resources? But they won't spend 5 minutes reaching out to soldiers.]*

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## **Rumsfeld's Latest Transformation: Turning Troops Into Sex Workers**

15 July 2005 Editorial, The New York Times

**There are countless reasons to be outraged about the abuses of detainees at American military prisons. But there is one abuse about which there can surely be no debate, even among the die-hard supporters of President Bush: the exploitation and debasement of women serving in the United States military.**

This practice must come to an immediate end, and the Pentagon must make it clear that such things will never be tolerated again.

Surely no one can approve turning an American soldier into a pseudo-lap-dancer or having another smear fake menstrual blood on an Arab man. These practices are as degrading to the women as they are to the prisoners. They violate American moral values - and they seem pointless.

**Does anyone in the military believe that a coldblooded terrorist who has withstood months of physical and psychological abuse will crack because a woman runs her fingers through his hair suggestively or watches him disrobe? If devout Muslims become terrorists because they believe Western civilization is depraved, does it make sense to try to unnerve them by having Western women behave like trollops?**

Yet those appear to be the operative theories at Guantánamo Bay, where military jailers developed the "aggressive" interrogations that were later exported to the Abu Ghraib prison.

A Pentagon report released Wednesday contained page after page of appalling descriptions of the use of women soldiers as sexual foils in interrogations. One officer ordered a soldier to buy some perfume at the PX and rub it on the arm of a detainee "to distract" him.

**The report said that in response, the prisoner tried to bite her, "fell out of his chair and chipped his tooth." It doesn't say that he was moved to divulge any secrets.**

There were several instances when female soldiers rubbed up against prisoners and touched them inappropriately. In April 2003, a soldier did that in a T-shirt after removing her uniform blouse.

**Following up on an FBI officer's allegation that a female soldier had done a "lap dance" on a prisoner, the report described this scene from the interrogation of the so-called 20th hijacker from the 9/11 attacks: A female soldier straddled his lap, massaged his neck and shoulders, "began to enter the personal space of the subject," touched him and whispered in his ear.**

**To us, that sounds a lot like what Mayor Rudolph Giuliani tried to ban from Times Square. But the Pentagon seemed utterly unconcerned with the fact that women in uniform had been turned into sex workers at Guantánamo.**

The report's only conclusion was that whatever the female soldier might have done, it wasn't really a lap dance. Another instance, in which a female interrogator touched a prisoner with red ink and told him it was her menstrual blood, was judged out of order - but only because the interrogator had cooked up the scheme to get back at the prisoner for spitting at her. The report said "retaliatory techniques" had to be approved in advance.

The report talks about how guards forced a captive to wear a bra, put thong underwear over his head, made him stand naked in front of women guards, put a dog leash around his neck and forced him to do stupid pet tricks. If that sounds familiar, it should. We all saw photographs of this exact behavior at Abu Ghraib.

Indeed, the abusive interrogations at Guantánamo Bay were developed under Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller, who later reorganized Abu Ghraib. To their credit, the authors of the report suggested that General Miller should be "admonished" over the interrogation of the 20th hijacker. But they were overruled by his commanding officer, Gen. Bantz Craddock, whose previous job was as Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's military aide.

Religious conservatives have made their presence felt in so many other parts of the Bush administration, but they have been strangely quiet about these practices.

**And where are the members of Congress who wring their hands over the issue of women in combat? It's obvious that the Bush administration will never offer a real reckoning on the prisoner abuse, or that the Republican Party will demand one. But surely the dehumanizing of America's military women is a nonpartisan issue.**

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## **“War. How Sweet It Can Be”**

[Thanks to Z, who sent this in. Concerning soldier-killer Colin Powell, he quotes from a news story, and adds his own comment:

***["Mr. Powell acknowledged in an interview Tuesday that he has had any number of tempting job offers since leaving the State Department in January, but that the chance to work as a venture capitalist at Kleiner Perkins seemed too enticing to turn down."]***

**[Let's learn from piggy Powell who's taking ample care of his fat butt: As sure as eggs is eggs, best investment any GI can possibly make in his or her own future is to scoot the hell out of the imperial war zone before you can say 'Fuck capitalism.'**

15 July 2005 By Norman Solomon, Truthout Perspective

**During the Vietnam War, one of the peace movement's more sardonic slogans was: "War is good business. Invest your son."**

**In recent years, some eminent pundits and top government officials have become brazen about praising war as a good investment.**

Thomas Friedman's 1999 book "The Lexus and the Olive Tree" summed up a key function of the USA's high-tech arsenal. "The hidden hand of the market will never work without a hidden fist," he wrote. "McDonald's cannot flourish without McDonnell Douglas, the designer of the US Air Force F-15. And the hidden fist that keeps the world safe for Silicon Valley's technologies to flourish is called the US Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps."

**On Sept. 12, 2003, Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke this way as he defended the US military occupation of Iraq: "Since the United States and its coalition partners have invested a great deal of political capital, as well as financial resources, as well as the lives of our young men and women - and we have a large force there now - we can't be expected to suddenly just step aside."**

**He was voicing the terminology and logic of a major capitalist investor.**

Writ large, the balance-sheet outlook of venture capitalism is being widely applied to the current war in Iraq - even while defenders of the war are apt to indignantly reject any claim that it's driven by zeal for massive profits. But let's take the corporate firms at their own words.

Last year, I went through the latest annual reports from some American firms with Pentagon contracts. Those reports acknowledged, as a matter of fact, the basic corporate reliance on the warfare state.

Engineered Support Systems, Inc., had quadrupled its net revenues between 1999 and 2003, when they reached \$572.7 million.

**For the report covering 2003, the firm's top officers signed a statement that declared: "As we have always said, rapid deployment of our armed forces drives our business." The company's president, Jerry Potthoff, assured investors: "Our nation's military is deployed in over 130 countries, so our products and personnel are deployed, as well.**

**"As long as America remains the world's policeman, our products and services will help them complete their missions."**

The gigantic Northrop Grumman firm, while noting that its revenues totaled \$26.2 billion in 2003, boasted: "In terms of the portfolio, Northrop Grumman is situated in the 'sweet spot' of US defense and national security spending."

War. How sweet it can be.

**What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Send to [contact@militaryproject.org](mailto:contact@militaryproject.org). Name, I.D., withheld on request. Replies confidential.**

## **IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP**

# **Falluja: The Resistance Rises Again**

**Colonel Miles said marines and Iraqi forces found or were attacked with homemade bombs almost every day, despite house-to-house searches last November that were supposed to have resulted in the seizure of all heavy weapons and explosives.**

July 15, 2005 By EDWARD WONG, The New York Times

**Transformed into a police state after last winter's siege, this should be the safest city in all of Iraq.**

Thousands of American and Iraqi troops live in crumbling buildings here and patrol streets laced with concertina wire. Any Iraqi entering the city must show a badge and undergo a search at one of six checkpoints. There is a 10 p.m. curfew.

**But the insurgency is rising from the rubble nevertheless, eight months after the American military killed as many as 1,500 Iraqis in a costly invasion that fanned anti-American passions across Iraq and the Arab world.**

Somewhere in the bowels of Falluja, the former guerrilla stronghold 35 miles west of Baghdad, insurgents are building suicide car bombs again.

**At least four have exploded in recent weeks, one of them killing six American troops, including four women. Two of five police forts being erected have been firebombed. Three members of the nascent, 21-seat city council have suddenly**

quit and another member has stopped attending meetings, presumably because they have been threatened.

*Just as disturbing, even Falluja residents who favored purging the streets of insurgents last November are beginning to chafe under the occupation.*

"Some preferred the city quiet, purified of the gunmen and any militant aspect," said Abdul Jabbar Kadhim al-Alwani, 40, the owner of an automotive repair shop, expressing a widely held sentiment.

"But after the unfairness and injustice with which the city's residents have been treated by the American and Iraqi forces, they now prefer the resistance, just so they won't be humiliated."

Tribal sheiks say they are urging residents to vote in the national elections set for December, one of the most positive signs that rebellious Sunni Arabs may be brought into the political process.

**But there is no doubt that the homegrown insurgency still has popular support here.**

"They've only given us a fifth of the reconstruction money," said Sheik Abdul Kadir Mamdoh Abdullah, 49, a stout white-robed leader in the Kubaisi tribe. "That's absolutely not enough. Why not give us at least half right now?"

**Three members of the city council formed in the spring have resigned in recent weeks, including Sheik Hamza al-Issawi, considered the grand imam of Falluja. A fourth sheik stopped showing up for meetings after insurgents detonated a suicide car bomb in his front yard last month.**

**Colonel Miles said marines and Iraqi forces found or were attacked with homemade bombs almost every day, despite house-to-house searches last November that were supposed to have resulted in the seizure of all heavy weapons and explosives.**

"There was so much stockpile in this city that it's not inconceivable that they can find plenty of materials to build bombs," he said.

**As the level of violence has increased, marines and Iraqi soldiers are stepping up patrols and house raids. That is further alienating residents.**

The problem is compounded by sectarian tensions between the Shiite soldiers and Sunni residents. Virtually all of the Iraqi soldiers here are from the south, because previous militias of local residents turned out to be disloyal or fell apart when confronted by insurgents.

**"The Iraqi Army is not trained," Sheik Thayer Diyab al-Arsan, 30, a thin man wearing a red headdress, angrily told Colonel Miles at the meeting downtown. "They're killing people. They're shooting people in the head. You're not in the street. You don't see what's happening."**



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# Iraqi Moderate Holds Occupation Responsible For Slaughter Of Children

July 15, 2005 By Sameer N. Yacoub, Associated Press

**A prominent Sunni Muslim cleric condemned a suicide attack on Wednesday that killed more than two dozen people in Baghdad, including many children, but he blamed their deaths on the U.S.-led “occupation” that has “destroyed the country.” [See how the “reporter” puts occupation in quotation marks, joining the Imperial politicians in the pretence there is no occupation. Ass-kissers are where you find them. According to a U.S. government sponsored poll, 80% of Iraqis say their nation is occupied, but what the fuck do they know?]**

Sheik Ahmed Abdul Ghafour al-Samarrai, a moderate cleric in the influential Association of Muslim Scholars, described the attack as a crime against “newborn children and young boys ... who went to God complaining about people’s injustice.”

“What is the guilt of those children? Who permitted this act?” the white-turbaned al-Samarrai asked.

**“The occupation that destroyed the country and turned things upside down is responsible for that.”**

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## Nationwide Resistance Offensive Underway:



7.15.05 Occupation military vehicle that was hit in a car bomb attack in Baghdad. (AFP/Ahmad Al-Rubaye)

7.15.05 Agence France Presse & Aljazeera & By BASSEM MROUE (AP) & CNN

**A car bomber struck an Iraqi army checkpoint in Ash-Shab, in the north of Baghdad, according to the defence ministry.**

**A police source said eight people were killed in that blast, of whom six were Iraqi soldiers.**

Firefighters doused the flames near one blast site which targeted Iraqi troops, where several cars were destroyed and blood-soaked survivors argued with police.

“The (Iraqi) army vehicles were parking right here when a speeding Daewoo car approached and exploded. It split in two parts,” eyewitness Raed Salman said.

**Another car bomber in Baghdad killed two and wounded five Iraqi soldiers and one civilian in an attack on an convoy near Andalus Square in the city centre, the interior ministry said.**

**Shortly thereafter, another bomber attempted to ram a pickup truck through the main gate of an army camp in Bab al-Moadham, the former defence ministry. The blast killed two Iraqi soldiers and wounded 14, mostly soldiers, the defence ministry said. A US soldier was also wounded.**

**Later in the afternoon, six Iraqi soldiers were killed and 41 injured by a motorcycle bomb in the southwestern district of Al-Bayaa.**

**Another bomber blew up a car later in the day in the southern part of the capital killing four members of a Kurdish militia and wounding eight others at a checkpoint leading to the home of Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, himself a Kurd, the interior ministry said. The car bomb exploded Friday on a bridge overlooking his home.**

**Another car bomb attack was in Sadiya district as night fell. The last was apparently the deadliest, with 11 people killed including two police and 24 wounded.**

**Four were wounded and 1 killed in Amriya and three wounded in Kamsara, police said.**

**A bomber killed two soldiers and wounded two more people in Balad, 70 kilometres north of Baghdad. And six people were killed and 17 wounded in an attack on an army roadblock in Iskandariyah, south of Baghdad, police said.**

**Two Iraqi policemen were killed and a third injured by guerrillas just north of Baghdad.**

**In northern Iraq, two Iraqi soldiers were killed and one wounded when a bomber, driving a motorbike, rammed a checkpoint in Al-Sharqat, 200 kilometres (120 miles) north of Baghdad, the army said.**

**Elsewhere, a car bomb killed five Iraqi soldiers and one civilian and wounded 17 civilians in Haswa, 50 kilometres south of Baghdad, officials said.**

Guerrillas killed three Iraqi policemen Friday at their checkpoint south of Baquba in the town of Buhriz, 55 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, police said.

HILLA - A bomber blown himself while a policeman shot at him in Jamila area to the south of Babel. A police source said that three civilians and two policemen were injured in the blast.

Fighters attacked a checkpoint near the headquarters of the Iraqi Police Major Crimes Unit in western Baghdad on Thursday, killing two police officers and wounding four others.



Iraqi policemen eyeball vehicle after a car bomb attack on an Iraqi army convoy.  
(Reuters 7.15.05)

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## **OCCUPATION REPORT**

## **U.S. Occupation Command Campaign To Recruit For Iraq Armed Resistance Making Progress: (Only 87,964 Buildings To Go)**



7.15.05 US Marines shows Marines breaking a lock to building in the city of al-Ramadi, west of Baghdad. (AFP/USMC-HO)

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## **No Power To The Occupation:**



Exploded electric generator in Baghdad late July 14, 2005. REUTERS/Namir Noor-Eldeen

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**OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

## **Zionist Occupation Troops Show Unarmed Doctors How Brave They Are**



7.15.05: Zionist soldiers forced their way inside a hospital in the occupied Palestine West Bank town of Salfit, July 15, 2005. (AP Photo/Nasser Ishtayeh)

## **Zionist Occupation Troops Show Unarmed Women How Brave They Are**



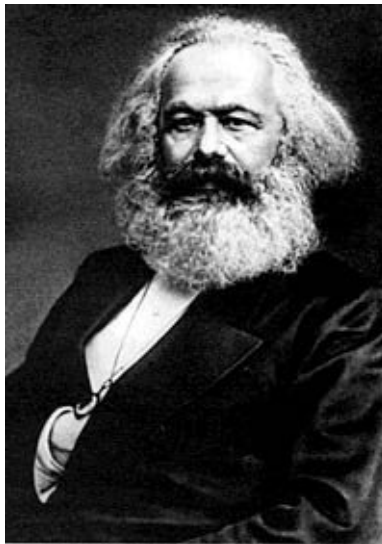
7.15.05: Zionist occupation soldiers aim weapons at Palestinian women trying to get to the hospital to check on wounded relatives following Israeli helicopters strikes in the occupied Palestine West Bank village of Selfit (AFP/Hazem Bader)

[To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation by a foreign power, go to: [www.rafahtoday.org](http://www.rafahtoday.org) The foreign army is Israeli; the occupied nation is Palestine.]

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## FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

# Karl Marx Voted Most Revered Philosopher On BBC Web Site



July 14, 2005 By Fred Weston, Marxist.com

**Our readers will recall that The Economist called on its readers to vote Marx off the top of the list of the most revered philosophers. We appealed to our readers to vote for Marx and keep him at the top. In spite of The Economist's best attempts Marx won!**

**This comes as no surprise to us. We await The Economist's explanation with interest.**

**Week after week Karl Marx was at the top of the poll.**

Melvyn Bragg organised the poll for his Radio 4 series, In Our Time, and every week he would express surprise that Marx was still ahead of all the others. The Economist magazine then intervened appealing to its readers to vote and knock Marx off the top of the list and called for a vote for David Hume. But Marx received 28% of the votes cast, coming first and beating David Hume, hands down.

**No doubt The Economist editorial board will be disappointed. They tell us that Marxism is outdated, that capitalism works, etc. etc. Unfortunately for them people have brains and they can work things out for themselves. What is happening today all over the world does not negate Marx but confirms what he wrote. As Eric Hobsbawm has explained, trying to find a reason why Marx won, “The Communist Manifesto contains a stunning prediction of the nature and effects of globalisation.”**

In fact, Marx is as relevant today – if not more relevant – as when he published the Communist Manifesto 150 years ago. Marx’s studies of capitalism and how it works led him to predict such phenomena as globalisation, monopolisation, the growing divide between rich and poor and the strengthening of the proletariat, and so on.

His philosophical outlook, dialectical materialism, has stood the test of time, and is a precious instrument in our hands to unravel all the complex mechanisms of economy, politics, and even science. It allows us to have a global view of all processes and thus be able to develop a perspective for the future development of society.

The problem the bourgeois philosophers have with Marx is that he not only analysed all the contradictions of the capitalist system, he also pointed to an alternative.

As Marx said, “The philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways. The point, however, is to change it.” Marx explained that capitalism had to be overthrown and a more rational system put in its place, Socialism.

So although, the media would like to portray Britain as a sleepy, phlegmatic place where the class struggle belongs to the past, reality is somewhat different.

**In spite of all the attempts to fill people’s heads with incomprehensible language, the real world is still out there and people live in it. That explains why so many people voted for Marx the revolutionary.**

They believe that this society is not the best that history provides. Far from it, they believe a new society is possible. Tony Blair and Gordon Brown may have a few surprises coming their way in the coming years!

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## **DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**

# **U.S. Commander Reports What Bush Iraq Mission Stands For**

15 July 2005 (Reuters)

**“Dead and mangled bodies of women and children is what terrorism stands for,”** said Colonel Joseph DiSalvo, commander of US forces in Baghdad’s eastern half, in a statement.

## **Behold, The Limb Of Satan, The Anti-Christ Made Flesh, The Terrorist**



**Note demonic lights hovering over Bush, conclusive proof he is possessed by unclean spirits. Why does Bush refuse to tell the American people where he was what he was doing, and what happened the night of July 26, 1970?** (Photo: Jason Reed/Reuters)

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### **Received:**

## **Crash The Recruiters Chat Room!**

From: Jim  
To: GI Special  
Sent: July 15, 2005

**Want to chat with a military recruiter? Even better, want to ask embarrassing questions of them right in front of other real potential recruits who are so naive that they think this war is worth their time and even sacrifice?**

Go to <http://goarmy.com/ChatIndex.do> and dive right in. It is live!



They will warn you then silence you if you talk about Iraq, or say disturbing things, but your initial protest statement will be seen by the recruiters and the young kids (not all are kids, but there is a surprising number of 13-16 year old kids there) who go there to look for a "job".

And you can just go back later (most people have dynamically assigned ip addresses, so they don't know you from the last time, and of course, use a different nickname)

I suggest starting easy, just asking questions like a recruit would. Like "I heard the VA hospitals are under funded, what's up with that?"

**It is also good to see what the people are saying. I would like to see one day there are so many people asking challenging questions, or saying straight-forward statements of opposition to this insane war that the chat room is just shut down.**

**One more recruiting "office" shut down, imagine, it will happen.**

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