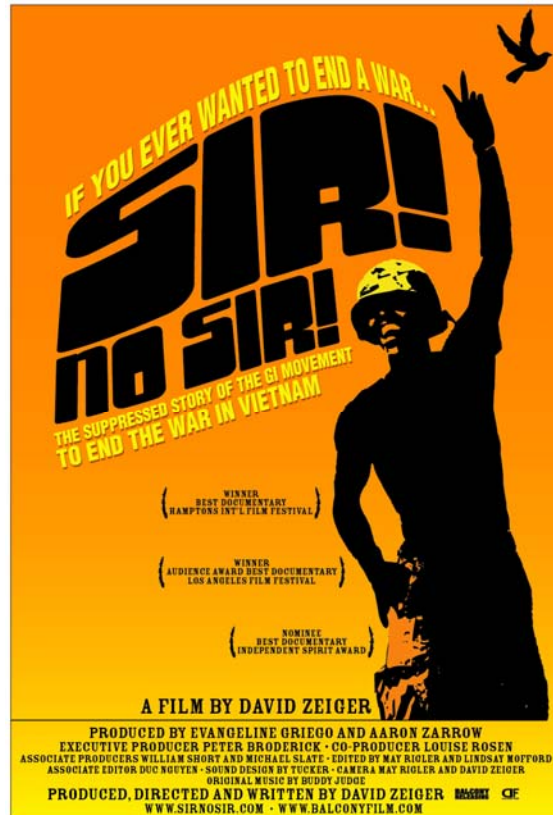


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IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Fort Wainwright Soldier Killed In Rawah

04/12/2006 Associated Press

The Army says a Fort Wainwright soldier was killed when a suicide bomber detonated a bomb.

The incident happened Tuesday in Rawah, Iraq.

Two other injured soldiers were taken to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, an Army hospital in Germany.

Army officials say one was classified as "very seriously injured," and the other was "seriously injured." It was not immediately clear whether these soldiers were from Fort Wainwright, and an Army spokesman didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Missouri Sgt. Killed



Sgt. 1st Class Randall L. Lamberson, 36, of Springfield, Missouri, fatally injured when a roadside bomb exploded April 9, 2006, near the vehicle they were traveling in during combat operations in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq. (AP Photo/U.S. Army)

TWO BAGHDAD SOLDIERS KILLED BY ROADSIDE BOMBS

4/12/2006 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND NEWS Release
Number 06-04-01C

BAGHDAD, Iraq: Two Multi-National Division Baghdad Soldiers were killed when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb south of Baghdad at approximately 9:20 a.m. April 12.

IED KILLS BAGHDAD SERVICEMEMBER

4/12/2006 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND NEWS Release
Number 06-04-01C

BAGHDAD, Iraq: A Multi National Division Baghdad servicemember died at approximately 10 a.m. April 12 when he was struck by an improvised explosive device during a patrol east of Baghdad.

101st Airborne Soldier Dies Near Tal Afar

4.12.06 Associated Press

A soldier from the 101st Airborne Division died Monday at the Sykes U.S. Army base on the outskirts of Tal Afar, which is about 65 kilometers (40 miles) west of Mosul, Iraq's third largest city. No name was released.

Rockets Hit British Military Base

3.12.06 Evening Echo

Two rockets hit the British military base at the Basra airport complex about 3am local time, but there were no damages or casualties.

“I Was Glad To Go Out Because There Were More People Dying At Anaconda”

Apr 11, 2006 Melissa Nelson, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS [Excerpt]

Milton Caples said that his time at the Army's Camp Anaconda near Balad, Iraq, was life-altering.

"They got mortared 10 or 12 times a day and every time there was a mortar attack you'd have to get in the ... bunkers.

"It was safer going out on the missions than it was living there. I was glad to go out because there were more people dying at Anaconda," he said

Deaths Of U.S. Soldiers Climb Again: Pentagon Dimwits Didn't Get It

4.12.06 New York Times

The U.S. military announced the deaths of five soldiers in Iraq, bringing the number of troops killed this month to at least 32, surpassing the American military deaths for all of March.

[The Pentagon bullshit artists who were bragging about the low U.S. troops death count last month merely demonstrated their ignorance of a fundamental rule of guerrilla warfare against foreign occupation: the most perilous time of all is when the guerrilla forces are quiet; they're preparing their next offensive. And now, here it is. T]

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Three British Soldiers Wounded In Helmand

April 12, 2006 By Nimatullah Karyab, Associated Press

Three British soldiers were wounded, two seriously, when their vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb in the southern Helmand province: the first attack on British forces since they began a NATO peacekeeping mission in the region.

Secret Military Data Stolen From U.S. Base, Included Social Security Numbers Of Four American Generals

Apr 12 By DANIEL COONEY, Associated Press Writer

A shopkeeper outside the U.S.-led coalition headquarters in Afghanistan was selling computer memory drives Wednesday containing seemingly sensitive military data stolen from inside the base, including the Social Security numbers of four American generals.

This shopkeeper was apparently not the only merchant in local bazaars trying to get some cash in exchange for hardware and software containing such files.

The surfacing of the stolen computer devices has sparked an urgent American military probe for the source of the embarrassing security breach, which has led to disks with the

personal letters and biographies of soldiers and lists of troops who completed nuclear, chemical and biological warfare training going on sale for \$20 to \$50.

Five military investigators, surrounded by heavily armed plainclothes U.S. soldiers, searched many of the two-dozen rundown shops outside the sprawling base.

Asked if any disks had been found, one soldier, who declined to give his name, said: "We are looking. That's all I can say."

The shopkeeper showed an Associated Press reporter a bag of about 15 and allowed them to be reviewed on a laptop computer. Only four contained data. The rest did not work or were blank.

The shops around Bagram sprung up when U.S. forces took over the base in 2001 after ousting the Taliban for harboring al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

They sell a range of military equipment, much of which has been stolen from the base, according to several shopkeepers, all of whom declined to give their names for fear of repercussions.

One shopkeeper wanted \$20 for a used U.S. soldier's uniform and said he could get more.

Other items apparently were stolen from a duty-free store on the base, including range-finding binoculars and handheld global positioning systems, items that could be useful to Taliban rebels, who have stepped up their insurgency in the past year.

The computer files seen by the AP ranged from the very personal, such as a soldier's letter to the wife of a dead comrade, to confidential personnel information.

Social Security numbers were listed next to the names of hundreds of soldiers, including Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, who left Afghanistan in February after serving for a year as the coalition's operational commander.

One document listed the names of 20 members of a platoon who had undergone "the required Nuclear Biological Chemical (NBC) training and chamber exercise." It did not elaborate.

Another listed the names of 16 soldiers and the types of weapons they had been trained on.

There were biographies of six soldiers, including a sergeant who had served in Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Two of the drives contained several photographs, one showing a group of about 40 soldiers posing at a base, while others had troops inside a helicopter.

A 502-page manual on how to operate a CH-47 Chinook chopper, a mainstay of the 18,000 U.S. troops serving in Afghanistan, was also there, including photos and diagrams.

Many of the other goods on sale in the stores still had stickers indicating the price at the military store. The Afghan shops were selling them for about 25 percent less.

In one store, two Afghans with long flowing black beards were haggling over the price of compasses.

Nearby, two young boys were trying to sell cartons of fresh yogurt. One, who gave his name as Nazar, said a friend had stolen them from the military mess hall.

MORE:

“They Were From Military Intelligence” “They Won't Be Able To Do Anything”

April 12, 2006 By Paul Watson, L.A. Times Staff Writer

BAGRAM, Afghanistan: Black marketeers can feel the heat a long way off. So by the time U.S. soldiers came looking Tuesday, the shopkeeper had his military computer drives tucked away in a zip-lock bag on a hidden shelf.

The U.S. military said Tuesday that it was looking into reports that computer drives containing military data, some marked "secret," were available for as little as \$20 in a bazaar outside its biggest base, and soldiers were visible making rounds there. But once they passed, at least two shopkeepers still offered memory drives for sale.

"They were from military intelligence," said the one with the hidden shelf as he pulled out the plastic bag containing four drives. "They won't be able to do anything," he added, with a dismissive wave of his hand.

Nearby, another fence displayed two memory drives that he said an Afghan worker on the base delivered to him after a shift change Tuesday morning. He invited a shopper to return today, when he expected four more drives to arrive

The stored data include video clips of soldiers pumping iron in the gym or kissing their kids at Christmas, as well as documents marked "secret," like briefings on targeted terrorist bases.

Then there is the sadly personal, such as the resignation letter of a military police officer, whose revelation that she was a rape victim turned up on a drive purchased at the bazaar.

One shop owner said he "washed" the drives, meaning that he erased the contents, in case U.S. soldiers came looking.

But deleted files were readily retrievable using German software downloaded from the Internet.

Under the heading "Season Ticket Holders," a diagram dated Aug. 6, 2004, shows a T-shaped table with three brigadier generals facing two colonels, five majors and a political advisor. At least 10 other officers sat away from the table.

Items on the agenda included "psyops," military jargon for psychological operations, that included campaigns in the Afghan print and radio media to "discredit" people making improvised explosive devices.

"Prepare radio news stories for local stations highlighting Afghan National Police support," read one in a list of recommended actions to help defeat a growing insurgency.

In the local bazaar, a disappointed shopkeeper who couldn't interest a reporter in an assortment of Army binoculars, watches, bowie knives, combat boots and other U.S. military items suggested he come back in a few weeks.

A large group of American soldiers is due to go home, he said, and when soldiers pack to leave, there are always good pickings for thieves, he said.

"There are a lot of things soon to come out of Bagram," he promised.

TROOP NEWS

**“Keep The Hell Out Of The Mil. Esp The
NG”**

“People Are Fodder And Guinea Pigs”

[Thanks to D for sending this.

From: JP

Date: Apr 12, 2006

Via: Campus Antiwar Network Enquiry

I was stationed at Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah. 2002 - 2003.

IT is the worst hellhole in the Army.

They test bioweapons out there as well as Nukes. We had our blood tested every 3 months.

I was in the CA National Guard. Went AWOL afterwards and they kicked me out.

Keep the hell out of the mil. Esp the NG.

People are fodder and guinea pigs.

THIS IS HOW BUSH BRINGS THE TROOPS HOME: BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE



Police motorcycles escort the funeral procession of Cpl., Brian St. Germain of West Warwick, R.I., at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery in Exeter, R.I., April 12, 2006. The 22-year-old Marine was killed in Iraq on April 2. (AP Photo/Joe Giblin)

Ohio Soldier In Coma Has “Beat A Lot Of Odds”

April 12, 2006 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTON, Ohio - Waiting for an Ohio soldier to come out of a coma are his wife who is preparing to deliver the couple's first child and his twin brother who may soon return to combat duty in Iraq.

The wife of Army Spc. Ethan Biggers visited him in a Washington military hospital but had to return home to suburban Beavercreek because her pregnancy is high-risk. His

brother had to leave the family's bedside vigil last week to return to duty with the Army in Germany.

Biggers, 21, was shot March 5 during his second tour of duty in Iraq.

"It's been a nightmare," brother Matthew Biggers said.

His three years in the Army are up in July, but his company just received orders to return to Iraq in June.

"I want to go back," he said.

Biggers' wife, Britni Fuller, had to get medical clearance to travel to the hospital.

She remains optimistic about her husband's recovery.

"He's hanging in there, so I'm hanging in there," she said.

At least 17,469 American military personnel have been wounded in Iraq. Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where Biggers is being treated, has handled 4,895 of them. Of those, 1,465 have been battle casualties.

And roughly 30 percent of those casualties have suffered traumatic brain injuries like Biggers, according to the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, a joint venture of the Defense and Veterans' Affairs departments.

Biggers is pale and thinner than he used to be, but now he's breathing on his own.

"He's beat a lot of odds," said his father, Rand Biggers, a physicist at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base who has been with his son since he arrived back in the United States. "It's a miracle he's got this far. We keep asking for more miracles."

Nobody was surprised when the twins enlisted in the Army the summer before their senior year at Beaver Creek High School. Their father flew C-130s for the Air Force during Vietnam, and their grandfather was in the Navy in World War II.

Seeing his son so gravely injured has been devastating.

"I don't know how to deal with it," the father said. "It's so hard for me to see him, especially when he opens his eyes and he's not there, at least yet."

Recruiters Forced Out Of College Job Fair By Pissed Off Students

[Thanks to Clancy Sigal who sent this in.]

April 12, 2006 Associated Press, SANTA CRUZ, Calif. & Diana Walsh, Chronicle Staff Writer

Four military recruiters hastily fled a job fair Tuesday morning at UC Santa Cruz after a raucous crowd of student protesters blocked an entrance to the building where the Army and National Guard had set up information tables.

"The recruiters thought the crowd was getting out of control," campus vice chancellor David Kliger said.

Members of Students Against War, who organized the counter-recruiting protest, loudly chanted "Don't come back. Don't come back" as the recruiters left the hilltop campus, escorted by several university police officers.

The student organization has become a bit of a cause celebre of the national anti-war movement ever since it was discovered that the group's protest of the same job fair last April landed it in a Pentagon surveillance file, which listed the protest as a "credible threat" to military facilities or personnel.

Kliger said officials had tried to engage the anti-war student group in discussions in the weeks leading up to the fair. But when talks broke down, officials began privately hoping for rain and brought in extra police.

The rain probably accounted for a decidedly smaller turnout, about 100 students compared with about 300 a year earlier.

Students Against War members said they were pleased that their counter-recruiting effort forced the military personnel off campus, at least for the time being.

"We're saying it's not OK to recruit on high school campuses, it's not OK to recruit on university campuses," Marla Zubel, a UC Santa Cruz senior and member of Students Against War, said.

"In order to stop the war, you have to make it more difficult to wage war."

"This is about creating a community where we make the change we want to see in the world," student Sam Aranke said.

One student protester was arrested as the recruiters were departing in a van. While a campus police officer was videotaping a person throwing rocks at the van, a student blocked the camera and was cited for interfering with police duties, campus spokesman Jim Burns.

The student was released pending a decision by the district attorney's office on whether charges would be filed.

How Traitors In Marine Corps. Command Butchered Their Own: They Sat On Reports Of Poison The Troops Were Drinking: “The Few, The Proud, The Forgotten” And Their Families Die

"They wiped out two members of my family," Townsend, 75, added. "I am proud that I served in the Marines, but there are some days I want to forget that I did."

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March 30, 2006 Ralph Vartabedian, L.A. Times

SAN ANTONIO - On nearly every block surrounding the former Kelly Air Force Base, small purple crosses sprout from front lawns, marking the homes where cancer has struck.

The residents call their neighborhood the "toxic triangle," alleging that the Air Force poisoned it with an industrial solvent, trichloroethylene, or TCE. It was casually dumped at the base for decades and spread for miles through a shallow aquifer under 22,000 nearby houses.

Texas health authorities have found elevated rates of liver cancer among residents, as well as higher-than-normal rates of birth defects. Though state health officials say it is impossible to prove that TCE causes the sickness here, this blue-collar community has little doubt about the connection.

"We are dying day by day," said Robert Alvarado Sr., who has lived in a small clapboard home for 36 years that sits about 14 feet over the TCE plume. "I have kidney failure, my wife has thyroid cancer, my neighbor just died of breast cancer."

What's happening in this neighborhood of modest low-slung homes, crisscrossed by railroad tracks and dominated by aircraft hangars on the horizon, has been playing out for years at other cities that are home to military bases, industrial plants, nuclear weapons laboratories and NASA centers.

Hundreds of communities with major TCE contamination have waited more than a decade for scientists to explain the cancer risks created by exposure to TCE. The clear solvent used to take grease off metal parts is officially branded as a probable carcinogen

by half a dozen state, federal and international agencies. It is most often linked to liver and kidney cancer, as well as birth defects and childhood leukemia.

But scientists representing major polluters, particularly the Department of Defense, have successfully delayed action on scientific assessments that TCE is a far graver threat to public health than recognized by federal standards. When the Environmental Protection Agency drafted a TCE assessment in 2001, finding that it was far more toxic than originally believed, the issue was wrested from the EPA's control.

Anne Elizabeth Townsend died a month ago in Moscow, Idaho, the result of liver disease and TCE exposure, according to her death certificate and a liver biopsy.

She was married to Tom Townsend, a former major in the Marine Corps who was based at highly polluted Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, after returning seriously injured from combat duty in Vietnam in 1965.

The Townsends lived at the Paradise Point housing complex, which was served by a base water-supply system that carried 1,400 parts per billion of TCE, a later investigation by the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry would disclose.

The current EPA limit on TCE in drinking water is 5 ppb. The standard might have dropped to 1 ppb had the risk assessment conducted by the EPA in 2001 been adopted, experts say.

In 1967, the Townsends had a son born with cardiovascular birth defects. He lived only three months.

"We had an autopsy done and there wasn't a system in his body that wasn't screwed up," said Townsend, a retired college administrator and a former city councilman. "That autopsy report had 10 pages of findings. It was a mercy that he didn't last.

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At the request of Sen. Elizabeth Dole (R-N.C.), the Government Accountability Office is investigating whether the Marine Corps covered up the TCE problems at the base.

"Nearly 20 years have elapsed since the last contaminated well was closed at Camp Lejeune, and we are still unable to address the related concerns of former residents," Dole wrote in 2004.

"We have an obligation to provide them with definitive answers to their questions regarding the circumstances and extent of the contamination as well as the likely adverse health effects."

Among Dole's concerns is the slow pace of a study by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A still-incomplete study of 12,598 children born at the base from 1968 to 1985 found 103 cases of cancer and birth defects, including 22 cases of leukemia, double the national average. No studies have been conducted of the adult men or women who drank the base water.

Jerry Ensminger, a former Marine drill sergeant, lived at the base in the 1970s and his wife gave birth to a daughter in 1976. Their daughter, Janey, died of leukemia at age 9.

He has been fighting to force the Marine Corps to notify tens of thousands of Marines, their families and civilian employees exposed to TCE. He formed a group, "The Few, The Proud, The Forgotten," along with a website (www.tftptf.com), to reach out to Marine families.

"The Marine Corps has done everything in its power to not notify the people who were exposed," Ensminger, 53, said. "There is something wrong with our government."

In San Antonio, the former Kelly Air Force Base ranks among the nation's largest TCE sites, with contamination that migrated several miles past the base boundary.

So far, the Air Force has spent more than \$300 million on the cleanup and expects to spend another \$155 million over the next 15 years. Residents want the cleanup completed much sooner, though Air Force officials say the plume is shrinking.

The community that lives over the contaminated water has about double the expected rate of liver cancers, said Melanie Williams, senior cancer epidemiologist at the Texas Department of State Health Services.

A twofold rate of excess cancer is "not a huge margin," Williams said, but she noted that the excessive cancers have continued for 10 years.

"The consistency is a concern," she said.

In addition to cancer, the department has found excessive rates for three types of birth defects involving the heart, stomach and lungs, according to Peter Langlois, a birth defects epidemiologist at the department. The birth defect rates range from two to three times higher than expected.

Kelly was a major repair depot for the Air Force and used TCE to clean oil and grease from metal parts. Giant tanks of TCE were drained directly into the ground, former workers have said.

The TCE contaminated a shallow aquifer about 14 feet below the surface. The aquifer is not used by the city and little proof has surfaced that the TCE-tainted water ever penetrated down to the 1,000-foot-deep water drawn for the municipal drinking supply, said Dr. Fernando A. Guerra, director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

But residents say Guerra and Weegar have consistently underestimated their exposure. Dozens of unauthorized shallow wells were sunk into the TCE-contaminated water and used for drinking, bathing and gardening, according to residents and federal officials. The Air Force has capped 75 such wells in the last decade.

"We know that people used the wells in the shallow aquifer for drinking water," said George Rice, a hydrologist who has studied the neighborhood's problems. "You have to assume that people used those wells to water their lawns, wash their cars and the children used those hoses the way kids use hoses."

The Air Force also dumped TCE and other chemicals into open pits on the base for years, which periodically flooded during heavy Texas rainstorms and sent the overflow through surrounding neighborhoods that lacked storm drains, said Yolonda Johnson, a community activist who lives a few blocks from the base boundary.

Johnson's daughter and two of her granddaughters have kidney disease.

No air monitoring tests inside homes have been conducted for TCE, even though the contamination is in a shallow aquifer.

Outside health experts say the shallow contamination alone should have prompted air monitoring tests long ago.

Adam G. Antwine, the civilian who manages the local cleanup for the Air Force, suggested that some "pathways" might have potentially exposed the community to TCE.

"I don't know that we want to totally dismiss any potential pathways," he said.

"This is a low-income minority population and that raises concerns of environmental justice."

The base shut down in 2001 after 80 years of operation. Because the latency period for many cancers is 10 years or more, higher TCE levels long ago might only now be causing illness.

Former Kelly workers describe conditions inside the base during its heyday as an abysmal toxic nightmare.

Mary Lou Ornelias, a frail 59-year-old woman, worked in the Kelly plating shop for 18 years.

With her bare hands, she would dip cotton cloths into buckets of TCE and then wipe grease from aircraft parts. The air in the plating shop was a steamy, solvent-rich brew that turned the walls yellow and had a stench that made visitors wince, she said. The exposure made her dizzy and caused outbreaks of scaly rashes.

"I would scratch and scratch the sores," recalled Ornelias, who has no claims or suits against the government.

The sores would not be her last or biggest problem. Ornelias tires easily, looks gaunt and sometimes falls down -- all part of her life with liver cancer.

"In 2002, I started throwing up blood," she said.

Outside the plant, community activists have pushed for a faster cleanup, but say progress has been slow and the problems have festered.

"Living in this contamination area is a miserable burden," said Armondo Quintanilla, a former employee at Kelly who has spent most of his life in the neighborhood.

"It is shameful. People deserve better."



Stupid Shits Won't Let Returning Iraq Vet Board Plane: On "Terrorist" List

[Thanks to John Gingerich, who sent this in.]

April 12, 2006 Associated Press, MINNEAPOLIS

A Marine reservist returning home after eight months in Iraq was told he couldn't board a plane to Minneapolis because his name appeared on a watch list as a possible terrorist.

Staff Sgt. Daniel Brown, who was in uniform and returning from the war Tuesday with 26 other Marine military police reservists, was delayed briefly in Los Angeles until the issue was cleared up.

The other reservists arrived at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport as scheduled, but instead of immediately meeting their families, they waited on a bus for Brown.

"We don't leave anybody behind," 1st Sgt. Drew Benson said. "We start together, and we finish together."

Brown, 32, arrived more than an hour later. He had also had airport trouble when he was trying to go to Iraq, and he missed his plane then as well.

"A guy goes over and serves his country fighting for eight or nine months, and then we come home and put up with this?" he asked.

Nico Melendez, a spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration, said Wednesday he could not confirm or deny whether someone was on a watch list.

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

Assorted Resistance Action



A police vehicle destroyed by a car bomb which targeted a police patrol, killing a policeman and two civilians April 12, 2006 in Baghdad. (AP Photo/Hadi Mizban)

April 12, 2006 Xinhua & Evening Echo & Reuters & The Daily Star & (AFP) & By
SAMEER N. YACOUB

One policeman and three civilians were killed, and four police wounded, when a roadside bomb exploded near a police patrol in Waziriya district in central Baghdad on Wednesday morning.

Several civilian cars and a police vehicle were also damaged in the powerful blast, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Six policemen were wounded when roadside bombs struck two police patrols in the Al Dura neighbourhood.

Guerrillas opened fire and killed a police officer when he was leaving his house in the Amil district in southwestern Baghdad, the source said.

An internal affairs officer at the Interior Ministry was killed by men in two cars while leaving his house in Amil in western Baghdad, and a Housing Ministry employee was killed as he drove to work in the same neighbourhood, police said.

In northern Baghdad, guerrillas shot an Oil Ministry worker at a bus stop.

Guerrillas in the eastern neighbourhood of Baladiyat captured a policeman as he was leaving his house.

A roadside bomb killed two policemen in the town of Sulayman Beg, about 90 north of Baghdad.

Northeast of Baghdad, a roadside bomb in the city of Baqouba targeted a convoy carrying the deputy of the governor of Diyala province, wounding two of his guards.

In Muqdadiyah, about 60 miles north of Baghdad, mortar rounds struck a police station, wounding three policemen.

Two policemen were killed and four others wounded on Tuesday by a roadside bomb in Tuz Khurmatu, 70 km (45 miles) south of Kirkuk, the Joint Co-ordination Centre said.

The bodies of four beheaded Iraqi soldiers were found in Jurf al-Sahkar, 80 kilometers south of Baghdad, police said.

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“Whose Streets?” “Our Streets!”



A resistance fighter carries a rocket-propelled grenade launcher on the street April 10, 2006, in Ramadi. An insurgent umbrella organization called the Mujahedeen Shura Council claimed responsibility for a Saturday attack against the Anbar provincial government headquarters in Ramadi which U.S. officers said was the biggest attack in six weeks. (AP Photo)

“The Crowd Chanted Back, ‘America Out! America Out!’”

“He Said Nothing In Response. What Could He Say?”

April 12, 2006 By Cal Perry, CNN

Abdul Aziz Hakim, leader of the prominent Shiite party, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, sits in his compound in Baghdad plotting his next move.

"For three years, we've been bearing the slaughtering, killing, explosions attacking our scholars, our mosques, our facilities, our pilgrims, our barbers, our bakers ... our innocents," he said.

Earlier that week he raised his arms in front of millions. The power he wields is palpable and unmatched. He called out to the masses for cooperation between Sunnis and Shiites.

The crowd chanted back, "America out! America out!"

He said nothing in response. What could he say?

What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Send to thomasfbarton@earthlink.net. Name, I.D., address withheld unless publication requested. Replies confidential.

Stars and Stripes Contractor Killed While Delivering Paper in Balad

4.11.06 Mideast Stars and Stripes

An Iraqi contractor working for the Stars and Stripes was killed by guerrillas who ambushed a delivery vehicle after it dropped off newspapers at a U.S. military base near Balad. Another was critically injured

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



Veterans Hospital in Spokane, Washington 2003.

**2,350 American Soldiers killed in Iraq.
18,000 American soldiers wounded in Iraq.
Hundreds of thousands of Iraqi citizens killed.**

**"Bring 'Em On"
George Bush
July 2, 2003**

Photo and caption from the I-R-A-Q (I Remember Another Quagmire) portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: (hastiemike@earthlink.net) T)

A Reasonable Proposal: **“Arrest The Son-Of-A-Bitch, Lead Him From The White House In Chains”**

Apr 12, 2006 By DOUG THOMPSON, Capitol Hill Blue [Excerpt]

No doubt about it. George W. Bush's lying, rotten, putrid, soulless destruction of a once-great nation called America is now open for all to see.

Bush is not just a liar. He's a serial liar who avoids truth at all costs because facts don't support his perverted, twisted view of the world. Truth exposes his corrupt administration and lays bare his many crimes against the American people and the Constitution of the United States.

Impeachment? Nah. Too good for this lowlife.

Arrest the son-of-a-bitch, lead him from the White House in chains, parade him down Pennsylvania Avenue and then lock him in stocks on the Washington Mall so everyone can see what happens when anyone thinks they are above the law of the land.

OCCUPATION REPORT

U.S. OCCUPATION RECRUITING DRIVE IN HIGH GEAR; RECRUITING FOR THE ARMED RESISTANCE THAT IS



U.S. soldiers break into and search a home belonging to Iraqi citizens in the Shula section of Baghdad April 6, 2006. (AP Photo/Jacob Silberberg)

There's nothing quite like invading somebody else's country and busting into their houses by force to arouse an intense desire to kill you in the patriotic, self-respecting civilians who live there.

But your commanders know that, don't they? Don't they?

“In the States, if police burst into your house, kicking down doors and swearing at you, you would call your lawyer and file a lawsuit,” said Wood, 42, from Iowa, who did not accompany Halladay’s Charlie Company, from his battalion, on Thursday’s raid. “Here, there are no lawyers. Their resources are limited, so they plant IEDs (improvised explosive devices) instead.”

**OCCUPATION ISN’T LIBERATION
BRING ALL THE TROOPS HOME NOW!**

The Great Iraqi Occupation “Reconstruction” Fiasco Rolls On

Apr 09, 2006 By Associated Press

After three years in which the U.S. government allocated more than \$20 billion for Iraq reconstruction, a bill now making its way through Congress adds only \$1.6 billion this year, just \$100 million of it for construction -- not for building schools or power stations, but for prisons.

More than two years ago, other foreign governments and international institutions pledged more than \$13.5 billion in Iraq aid, but thus far barely \$3.2 billion has been spent.

Donors continue to shun this dangerous country; the World Bank, front-line lender elsewhere, hasn't even opened an office in Baghdad.

Even where there's money, plans can stall. Majid said his ministry has stopped building a water-treatment plant in Abu Ghraib, just outside Baghdad, "because workers were being kidnapped and killed."

Within a few days last month, in the northern city of Beiji, attackers killed 12 men -- engineers and others -- who worked for the important local oil refinery and power plant.

Insurgency, lack of money, widespread corruption, inadequate training, poor maintenance -- all threaten to undercut even what's been accomplished.

Congressional auditors, from the Government Accountability Office, went back to check completed water-treatment plants in Iraq and found that one-quarter of them were operating below capacity or not at all.

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Israelis Pour In 300 Shells A Day Into Gaza: Minister Defends Daily Expense Of \$215,000; Palestinian Girl 15th To Be Killed Since Friday

[Thanks to JM who sent this in. She writes: Israel is the biggest recipient of U.S. aid. Does America really want it spent this way?]

April 12, 2006 Conal Urquhart in Beit Lahiya, Gaza; The Guardian

The Israeli government said yesterday it would continue its bombardment of northern Gaza with an estimated 300 shells a day despite international criticism over the death of a young girl.

Ghabeen, believed to be aged between four and 12, was the 15th Palestinian to be killed in Gaza since Friday in shell and air attacks.

Israel has been firing about 300 shells a day at Gaza at an estimated cost of more than £125,000 [\$215,000] a day, according to the Israeli media.

Minister Of Health Describes Israeli Attack On Hebron Hospital As “Barbaric”

4/11/2006 Ma'an News

Ramallah- Ma'an: Palestinian Ministry of Health undersecretary Dr. Adnan Al-Masri condemned the Israeli forces raid against the Al-Ahli hospital in Hebron and the kidnapping of two of its residents on Monday. The ministry said that Al-Masri considered this attack as a barbaric act and presents a clear violation of all signed agreements and international accords, especially the fourth Geneva Convention. The undersecretary called on all health and human rights organisations to support the Palestinian people in this crisis and to protect the Palestinians who are sick and awaiting treatment in the hospitals.

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

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

Woman Who Wins \$27 Million For Faked Accusation She Was A Terrorist Still Can't Get Off The Terror Watchlist

[Thanks to JM, who sent this in.]

April 13, 2006 Suzanne Goldenberg in Washington, The Guardian

An economics professor from California who was arrested because a flight attendant thought she looked like a terrorist has been awarded \$27.5 million.

In a victory for critics of racial profiling, a jury in El Paso, Texas, ordered Southwest Airlines to pay damages to Samantha Carrington for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution after she was bundled off a flight and arrested because flight attendants found her appearance suspicious.

Ms Carrington, who is of Iranian origin, had been returning to Los Angeles from Houston, where her mother was being treated for cancer, in 2003 when flight attendants had her arrested during a scheduled stop in El Paso.

In court documents, three attendants accused Ms Carrington of grabbing them and of threatening to go into the cockpit unless they called the pilot. Ms Carrington maintains that she complained only about poor in-flight service.

Criminal charges were never filed after an FBI officer assigned to investigate said he did not believe the flight attendants' version. Southwest denied its attendants acted improperly. But later, its president wrote to apologise for the "heinous" incident, offering tickets in compensation.

Ms Carrington said she felt vindicated by the verdict but has been unable to clear her name from terror watchlists.

GI Special Looks Even Better Printed Out

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