

GI SPECIAL 4F6:

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



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June 7, 2006 WSFA

A Prattville native is dead after an insurgent attack near Ramadi, Iraq. The Army confirmed Carlos Purnell's death late Wednesday afternoon, about 12 hours after it happened.

Purnell's family is angry as they mourn, questioning why their son, a carpenter by trade, must die overseas.

His family called him C-low and they say Carlos always had an attitude and deep down he always just wanted to help.

Tiffany Purnell is the Carlos' widow. She says, "He liked caring for other people. He always, always, always put other people before himself." The family says Purnell was working as a carpenter building houses and schools when an insurgent bomb exploded nearby. His wife says during the chaos, Carlos reverted to form. She says, "He was trying to save people," but his wounds were too severe. Carlos died on the table.

What complicates the situation is that Tiffany Purnell wore the same uniform too when she met and married Carlos at Fort Rucker. S he says, "The military done changed my life for the better."

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But first, they have another ceremony to plan. Tiffany Purnell says, "He always told me he'd be home. I just didn't think it would be in a casket."

The Army says one other Fort Rucker soldier died with Purnell in the attack and three others took shrapnel as well. Doctors have already released one man from treatment. There's no other word on the condition or names of anyone else in the attack.

The family says it will take about a week for the army to bring Carlos Purnell's body home. Funeral plans are not complete.

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

Two Fort Rucker Soldiers Killed

June 7, 2006 The Dothan Eagle

Two soldiers assigned to B Company, 46th Engineer Battalion at Fort Rucker were killed during an indirect fire attack in Iraq on Tuesday.

According to information released from Fort Rucker, three other soldiers assigned to the same unit were injured. One of them has been treated and released.

Richardson Native Killed In Baghdad

June 7, 2006 nbc5i

RICHARDSON, Texas

A North Texas family is mourning a soldier killed in Iraq.

A roadside bomb in Baghdad killed Richardson native Ryan Sanders.

His father, Jim, describes the 27-year-old as an independent thinker who joined the Army to make a difference. "One thing I'll always remember about Ryan is his quick smile. And no matter what the situation, he always had a grin, and he had a great sense of humor," Jim Sanders said.

Ryan Sanders leaves behind his wife of five years, as well as a large family.

Dansk Soldat Kort Ihjel I Irak

06 jun 2006 DR 2006

En dansk soldat har i morges mistet livet i Irak, da han under en øvelse blev klemt fast under en Mercedes GD, der er en 3,5 ton tung 4-hjultrækker, oplyser Hærens Operative Kommando.

Det er den fjerde danske soldat, som mister livet i Irak.

Ulykken skete inde på Shaiba Log-basen, som den danske Camp Danevang er en del af. Soldaten var med til en øvelse i såkaldte taktisk kørsel. Øvelsen gik ud på at trække sig tilbage fra et område, hvis soldaterne fx bliver beskudt.

Ingen andre kom til skade ved ulykken.

**THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO
COMPREHENSIBLE REASON TO BE IN THIS
EXTREMELY HIGH RISK LOCATION AT THIS
TIME, EXCEPT THAT A CROOKED
POLITICIAN WHO LIVES IN THE WHITE
HOUSE WANTS YOU THERE, SO HE WILL
LOOK GOOD.**

That is not a good enough reason.



U.S. Army Pvt. Jeremy W. Reid, with 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery Regiment, assembles an RQ-11 Raven unmanned aerial vehicle in the early morning hours in Taji, Iraq, May 23, 2006. (AP Photo/Department of Defense, Photographer's Mate 1st Class Michael Larson, U.S. Navy)

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Soldier With Idaho Connection Dies

June 7, 2006 KTVB Staff

BOISE:

The son of a Boise woman has died in Afghanistan.

The Department of Defense says Army Corporal Derek A. Stanley died Monday from a non-combat related cause. The army is investigating his death.

Stanley was 20-years-old, and assigned to the 10th Mountain Division.

He grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, but his mother and several other family members now live in Boise.

“We Don’t Want These Foreigners. They Should Go Home”

“Afghans Are Gearing Up For Their Second Intifada In A Generation”

Presently, the United States has 23,000 soldiers in Afghanistan. The NATO-led multinational force adds another 9,000 to that number. That provides one foreign soldier for every 35 square miles of territory; an impossible formula for establishing security.

June 6, 2006 Mike Whitney, Uruknet.info [Excerpt]

Afghanistan’s President Karzai, is an ineffective, caricature of a man, who has no broad mandate or widespread public support.

He’s simply another American stooge who is satisfied to drag about in flowing robes and comical cap with an entourage of 75 fully-armed mercenaries following his every step. His role as head-of-state is an irritant to every Afghan with even a drop of patriotic blood in his veins.

Afghanistan has begun to unravel. The Taliban have reemerged in the south and are engaged in a spring offensive that is disrupting wide swathes of the countryside. In many towns they roam freely during the daytime and are attracting more disgruntled locals to their cause. In some areas they are allowed to preach in the mosques and try to persuade adherents to join the struggle.

5 years of occupation have produced nothing for the rural people. Unemployment is soaring at 45%, the drug trade is booming, and the presence of foreign troops hasn’t improved security. As unsavory as the Taliban may seem, they are gaining ground in an atmosphere that is increasingly charged with religious fervor and Afghan nationalism.

"We don't want these foreigners. They should go home," says Faisal Agha.

"They're damaging our society and we're so poor. And they are looting Afghanistan. Why aren't they building factories?"

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As a result, the US forces are compelled to use scattershot means of engaging the enemy which invariably end in the deaths of innocent civilians.

Washington's honeymoon in Afghanistan is over.

The violence has resumed in the south and the dormant forces of political discontent are brewing in Kabul. America is sleepwalking into another catastrophe while Afghans are gearing up for their second Intifada in a generation.

TROOP NEWS

Field Commanders Tell Pentagon Iraq War "Is Lost"

[Thanks to Phil G., who sent this in.]

Jun 5, 2006 By DOUG THOMPSON, Capitol Hill Blue [Excerpt]

Military commanders in the field in Iraq admit in private reports to the Pentagon the war "is lost" and that the U.S. military is unable to stem the mounting violence killing 1,000 Iraqi civilians a month.

Even worse, they report the massacre of Iraqi civilians at Haditha is "just the tip of the iceberg" with overstressed, out-of-control Americans soldiers pushed beyond the breaking point both physically and mentally.

The wife of a staff sergeant with Kilo Company, the Marine Unit charged with killing civilians at Haditha, tells Newsweek magazine that the unit was a hotbed of drug abuse, alcoholism and violence.

"There were problems in Kilo company with drugs, alcohol, hazing, you name it," she said. "I think it's more than possible that these guys were totally tweaked out on speed or something when they shot those civilians in Haditha."

Journalists stationed with the unit described Kilo Company and the Third Battalion of Marines as a "unit out of control," where morale had plummeted and rules went out the window.



[Thanks to David Honish, Veterans For Peace, who sent this in.]

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP



(Graphic: London Financial Times)

Assorted Resistance Action

June 6, 2006 CNN & Reuters & 6.7.06 Aljazeera & (Reuters) & (KUNA) & June 08, 2006, The Daily Telegraph

A water planning manager was shot dead about 5 miles (8 kilometers) north of Baquba at 8:30 a.m. Monday, according to a Baquba police official.

Militants shot dead Thoaban Abdul Kathim, head of the local council of Baghdad's western Al-Jihad district, along with an aide and a driver while they were heading to their office, medical sources said.

Four police officers were killed, and another wounded, when guerrillas attacked their patrol in Baghdad. Police sources said the attack took place in the western al-Mansour district of the capital.

Two police officers were killed and two policemen were wounded when a roadside bomb struck their vehicle in eastern Baghdad, police sources said, naming the dead as Colonel Hussain Ali and his aide Major Sami Hassan.

Iraqi Police announced that one of its members was killed and six others were injured in a bomb explosion near a police vehicle south Kirkuk.

A source from Iraqi Police told KUNA the bomb exploded in Toz Khormatu market southern Kirkuk, killing Sulaiman Jawamir and injuring six other policemen.

A policeman was killed in a drive-by shooting in Mosul, police said.

Two Iraqi soldiers were killed and four were wounded in the town of Baquba, 65 km north of Baghdad, police said. One of them died when a roadside bomb struck his patrol. Guerrillas later opened fire on Iraqi troops coming to evacuate the wounded, killing the second soldier.

Unidentified militants in a civilian car kidnapped Hussein Ayham, an engineer in an oil company, from Tikrit-Kirkuk road.

FOUR Iraqi oil employees have been captured on their way back from checking on an oilfield near the northern oil hub of Kirkuk, police and industry sources said today.

The four work for the Northern Oil Company, a state-owned oil firm.

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE
END THE OCCUPATION**

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

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

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

"The enemy is everybody and nobody at the same time. All they have to do is put down their AK (assault rifle) on the side of the road and walk." Marine 2nd Lt. Brian Wilson, a 24-year-old platoon commander from Columbia, S.C. 6.6.06 AP

IRAQ: "Today, The Americans Are Just One More Militia Lost In The Anarchy"

June 4, 2006 By FRANK RICH, New York Times [Excerpts]

The current Senate majority leader, Bill Frist, has proudly put on this month's legislative agenda constitutional amendments to stop same-sex marriage and flag burning.

"Right now people in this country are saying it's O.K. to desecrate that flag and to burn it," he said on Fox News last Sunday, though it's not clear exactly who these traitors are. A Nexis search turns up only one semi-recent American flag-burning incident, by a drunk and apparently apolitical teenager in Mr. Frist's home state, Tennessee, in 2005.

The marriage-amendment campaign will be kicked off tomorrow with a Rose Garden benediction by the president.

Though the amendment has no chance of passing, Mr. Bush apparently still thinks, as he did in 2004, that gay-baiting remains just the diversion to distract from a war gone south.

So much for the troops.

For all the politicians' talk about honoring those who serve, Washington's record is derelict: chronic shortages in body and Humvee armor; a back-door draft forcing troops with expired contracts into repeated deployments; inadequate postwar health care and veterans' benefits. And that's just the short list.

Now a war without end is running off the rails and putting an undermanned army in still greater jeopardy. "Today, the Americans are just one more militia lost in

the anarchy," Nir Rosen, who has covered Iraq since the invasion, wrote in The Washington Post last weekend.

We can't pretend we don't know this is happening. It's happening in broad daylight. We know that "as the Iraqis stand up, we'll stand down" is fiction, not reality.

We know from the Pentagon's own report to Congress last week that attacks on Americans and Iraqis alike are at their highest since American commanders started keeping count in 2004.

“The Main Breaker Of The Peace In Recent Years Has Been The United States”

June 5, 2006 by Charley Reese [Excerpt]

I'm getting tired of hearing politicians and generals talk about Americans dying for peace and freedom. The main breaker of the peace in recent years has been the United States.

Since 1945, no nation on Earth has either declared war against us or attacked us. We intervened in a Korean civil war, a Vietnamese civil war and a Lebanese civil war, and we have gotten men killed to remove political leaders our political leaders didn't like (Panama, Grenada, Afghanistan, Iraq).

I can't think of a logical reason why we bombed Serbia, the only Balkan country that fought on our side in two world wars, unless it was because the Bosnians hired a better public-relations firm.

A Muslim fanatic, Osama bin Laden, has declared war on us, but he does not have a nation, a government or an army. He sent 19 young men against us. They penetrated our multibillion-dollar intelligence and defense apparatus and hijacked and crashed four airplanes, killing themselves in the process.

That was five years, two American invasions and a quarter of a trillion dollars ago, and we still have not found bin Laden, who is a very tall man hiding among short people.

<p>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.</p>
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Confusing Terrorism With Resistance In Iraq

May 5, 2006 Jasir Abd-al-Aziz al-Jasir, Globalresearch.ca [Excerpts]

Media distortion is not alone in confusing the concepts in Iraq and in describing all actions on the ground as terrorism.

Hence, all actions fall within the framework of the global war against terrorism, which is taking place between the forces that claim to be raising the banner of democracy and the extremist groups that are accused of resisting development and the values of democracy.

In addition to the terrorists' war in the Iraqi arena, there is a war between the occupation forces and the Iraqi resistance, even though the actions and operations that occur in the Iraqi arena are intertwined.

Hence, the forces that are occupying Iraq and those who cooperate with them have portrayed all actions as terrorism directed against the Iraqi people. There has been confusion, and the Iraqi resistance has been absented and its objectives have been distorted in order to serve the interests of the forces that cooperate with the occupation.

They ignore everything that the terrorist groups do against the resistance, and they consider the resistance to be an ally of the terrorists.

Any intelligent person who reads and examines the situation in Iraq can assess the actions that are carried out in Iraq and determine the elements and the forces that are responsible for turning Iraq into a big factory for terrorism.

The Terrorist Groups In Iraq

Therefore, all these grave mistakes have contributed towards the rise of several terrorist groups, among which are the following:

1. The occupation forces, which are morally and legally forces of organized terrorism.

The occupation of others and the imposition of their presence by force despite the people's rejection are, by all standards, organized terrorism, even if the UN considers the occupation of Iraq a reality with which one must deal.

2. Terrorism carried out by the governments that have been formed by the occupation and by their security apparatuses, which are responsible for all the revenge and destructive actions that befell Sunni cities in particular.

3. The terrorism of racist and sectarian militias that came with the occupation.

These militias consider themselves to be part of Iraq, but in fact they have nothing to do with Iraq's interests because they serve the interests of countries that are hostile to Iraq, that have sectarian agendas, and that wage known racist wars and conflicts. Given the fact that the founders and leaders of these militias are part of the governments that have been installed by the occupation, they have managed to carry out many large-scale terrorist actions.

4. The intelligence agencies of foreign countries play a big role in escalating terrorist actions by either directly implementing such actions or by providing logistical support for them.

The Iraqi arena is open in an astonishing manner to intelligence action, particularly the intelligence agencies of the countries that are part of the occupation forces and neighbouring countries that have known sectarian ambitions and interests.

5. Extremist forces belonging to politicized Islamic groups such as Al-Zarqawi's group and those who call themselves Iraqi mujahidin.

These groups use the Iraqi arena to settle scores with the Western forces and to alleviate the pressure they are facing in other areas.

This list of terrorist groups, whose actions are even propagated by the media of the occupation forces and those cooperating with them, has concealed and covered the actions of the Iraqi resistance, which are much more than the actions of these terrorist groups.

Fruit Of The Poison Tree: “In Essence There Is Only One Party: That Of Wealth And Privilege”

[Thanks to Ward Reilly, Veterans For Peace, who sent this in.]

The American government in its various incarnations was not created to serve the interests of the people.

It was designed to serve capital and to create wealth for the upper echelon by exploiting the working class and plundering the earth.

In fact, it is a voracious predatory crime syndicate devoid of conscience that creates perpetual war while simultaneously pilfering the public treasury.

05/21/06 By Charles Sullivan, Information Clearing House. [Excerpts]

Charles Sullivan is a photographer, free lance writer, and a social activist residing in the hinterland of West Virginia. He welcomes your comments at earthdog@highstream.net.

Millions of citizens are rightly calling for the impeachment of George W. Bush due to his criminal and unethical policies. Bush is a cancer not only on the presidency but upon basic human decency.

Any sane person, regardless how marginal they are, can see that Bush must go and the sooner the better.

However, when Bush is gone the system that produced him will remain in place, as healthy and viable as ever. It will continue to bear a plentiful crop of poison fruit, perhaps even more sinister than Bush.

The majority of the people are toiling under the illusion that the moral abyss of American politics can be reformed and made to serve the people as well as the public interest.

According to this line of reasoning, the malignancy is principally the result of a few bad apples mixed with the good.

If they are correct, then removing the bad apples will affect a cure. Yet that has never been the case and it is not the case now. Otherwise, we would not be where we are today.

Consider, for example, that America's Middle East policy has remained essentially the same as it is today through eleven presidencies, consistently yielding the same results.

The fault lies in the unfounded belief that the poison tree can somehow bear edible fruit.

We lobby for our candidate in the naïve belief that if only the other party can get into office things will improve. During the two plus centuries of the American experiment this has occurred many times. Yet the policy decisions have preserved a remarkable homogeneity down through the years.

The policies enacted by both the Democrats and the Republicans have almost always disproportionately benefited the wealthy. They have led us into armed conflicts around the world that have resulted in the death of millions of people in war after war. That is because we are living with Plutocratic rule in which wealth, not we the people, holds sway and determines governmental policy.

Every aspect of American politics is enacted within the shell of Plutocratic corporate rule. Therefore, the Plutocratic tree will continue to bear the fruit of Plutocracy, regardless of which party is in power.

During the past fifty years of the American experiment the difference between Democrat and Republican has become increasingly subtle.

In essence there is only one party: that of wealth and privilege. The people and the public good are without meaningful representation in government.

There are a number of small opposition parties operating in America but the system precludes them from becoming major players.

Where does this leave us?

It leaves us with the sober realization that what ails America cannot be repaired through mere political reform.

The poisonous tentacles of capital have enwrapped every political organ over which it exercises complete dictatorial control.

The malignancy of capital is so pervasive and systemic as to require revolution for its removal. Otherwise, things will continue to worsen and our republic will suffer a slow and agonizing death, as we are now witnessing.

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It was designed to serve capital and to create wealth for the upper echelon by exploiting the working class and plundering the earth.

In fact, it is a voracious predatory crime syndicate devoid of conscience that creates perpetual war while simultaneously pilfering the public treasury.

This continues against a specter of an ever widening gap between the haves and the have-nots, costly foreign invasions and occupations, and extended global hegemony.

These policies have resulted in millions of innocent deaths world wide, obscene defense spending and the systematic demise of programs of social and spiritual uplift. Despite numerous changing of the guards things are getting progressively worse; perhaps exponentially.

Our continued faith in politics and political reform is unwarranted, I contend, given the judgment of more than two hundred years of historical evidence against this thinking.

I realize that this is both a sobering and disturbing conclusion. The blunt truth is that social ills cannot be corrected through political reform within the framework of capitalism. Any form of government that serves capital rather than democracy cannot and does not have the interest of the people or the public good at heart.

If the core problem is capital, as I believe it is, the system cannot be reformed. Capital is by its very nature violent, coercive, oppressive and unjust, as revealed by the historical evidence.

Because capital finances and controls the major political parties, it is always assured of both power and control, regardless of which party is in power. Thus capital will never allow meaningful reform that could usurp some of its power and redistribute it among the people.

Capital demands complete power and total control over the political process. It will allow no more than minor change within narrow predefined limits that create the illusion of reform.

Beyond those limits capital feels threatened and reacts with violent brutality.

Capital is particularly onerous in that it socializes costs but privatizes profits: an especially insidious form of corporate welfare that is inherently unjust.

Is there no hope for us? Yes, there is but it will require much of us; much more than we have been willing to pay for a long time.

Revolution, a popular revolt of the people, is the only means by which power can be wrested from the Plutocrats and their corporate pay masters. Corruption never yields power willingly.

It must be forced out and social democracy ushered in.

So the question arises: What form will the revolution take? While peaceful rebellion is the most desirable means to accomplish these ends, capital will most assuredly, as it always does, meet resistance with violence and brutality.

There are well over 700 labor disputes in which striking workers were killed by the police, militias, or the hired guns of industry—all of this within a span of 230 years. These are ultra conservative estimates. It is no coincidence that America, the nucleus of capitalism, is the greatest purveyor of violence of any nation on earth, as Dr. King rightly pointed out.

The people have two principle options. Either we stay the course and allow the republic to suffocate and die, or we revolt.

Bush and his neocon cabal have no fear that the people will stop him. He and his ilk thumb their noses at the law with impunity and the working class people's struggle to scratch out a decent living.

His Plutocratic policies seem to say, "Let the people eat our shit!"

Whatever course we choose to take it should be evident that there is no easy way out. Capital will certainly spill our blood. Are we strong enough and courageous enough to do what must be done?

The time will come when enough people will become sufficiently uncomfortable and disenfranchised that a massive upheaval will inevitably occur, as the chasm between rich and poor widens.

It would be better to act sooner rather than waiting to be motivated by sheer desperation, when are at our weakest and most vulnerable. Let us join a worldwide revolution of the working class that is already under way.

Divided and fragmented we are doomed.

We must understand that capital government is right wing government in its purest, most violent and repressive form.

It is radically anti-people, anti-earth and anti-democracy.

The time has come to uproot the tree that bears the poison fruit.

OCCUPATION REPORT

British Occupation Troops Wound, Kill Kids In Basra

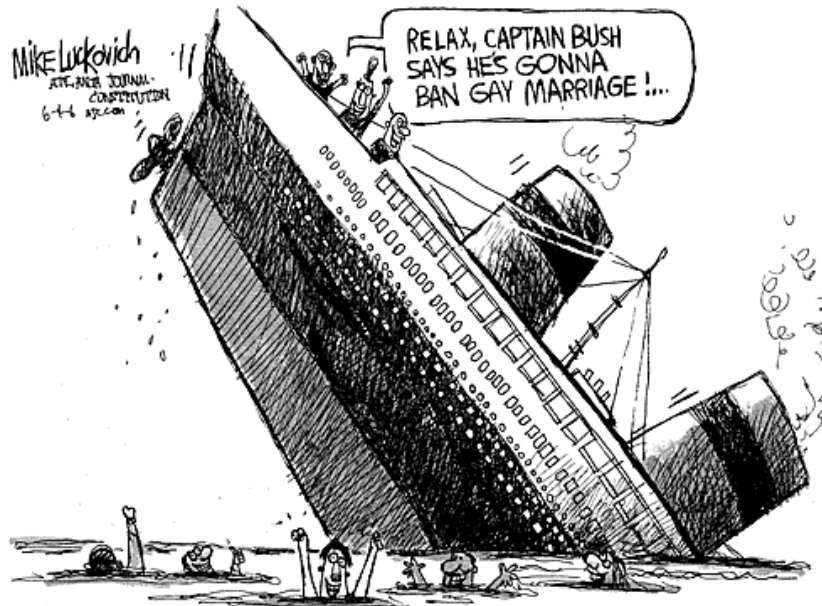
June 07, 2006 Associated Press

Defense officials in London say the troops fired baton rounds on about 100 people who were throwing rocks at them.

However, Iraqi police say the soldiers fired at children throwing stones, killing a 13-year-old boy and wounding a girl who's 12.

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

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



[Thanks to David Honish, Veterans For Peace]

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