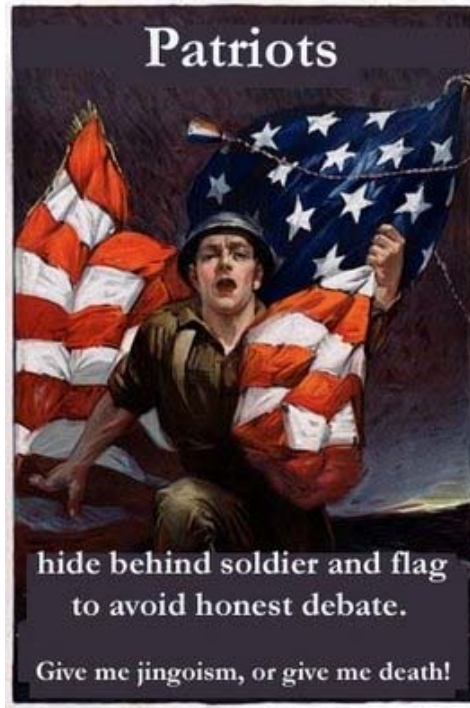


GI SPECIAL 4G25:



“This War Is Lost”

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“No One Understands Why We Are Here And What Our Mission Is”

[Thanks to Elaine Brower, who sent this in.]

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July 22, 2006 By: JOHN HUNNEMAN, Staff Writer, North County Times [Excerpts]

TEMECULA

Like most dads, Tim Kahlor wants what's best for his son.

To that end, the Temecula man will travel to Washington, D.C., next week to urge lawmakers and decisionmakers to bring his son, and thousands of other U.S. service members, home immediately from the war in Iraq.

Kahlor is a member of Military Families Speak Out, an organization of people opposed to the war in Iraq who have relatives or loved ones in the military.

A recent letter from his son in Iraq told of a buddy's death and urged Kahlor to keep up his efforts to bring the troops home.

Sgt. Ryan Kahlor, 22, is on his second tour of duty in Iraq with the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division. He is currently stationed in Anbar province, west of Baghdad.

Ryan was able to come home to Temecula briefly in 2004 and spend time with his family. His parents noticed a change.

When he was about to return to Iraq early this year, Ryan expressed some reservations about the mission. "But he was always going to go," Kahlor said. "He's a soldier's soldier. The most important thing to most of these guys is their loyalty and camaraderie."

For most of his second tour in Iraq, Ryan Kahlor had been unwilling to open up to his parents about what he was going through.

That changed a month ago when one of the Temecula soldier's close friends was killed.

"Spc. Michael J. Potocki, 21, of Baltimore, Md., died on June 26 of injuries sustained in Al Asad, Iraq, when his unit came in contact with enemy force's small arms fire during combat operations," read the brief news release from the Department of Defense.

Ryan Kahlor's letter that followed expressed much more of the frustration the young soldier was feeling.

"Parents,

"The world keeps turning and so does the war in Iraq. Yesterday my soldier and friend was shot and killed. A sniper with an armor piercing round shot PFC Potocki. He was 21 years old. He bled out during surgery. He is the first in our platoon to be killed.

“His death has started an uproar of emotion in the platoon.

“Two people since have said they quit and will no longer fight. This is adding to those who have already said they are done fighting this war.

“No one understands why we are here and what our mission is.

Potocki was a soldier who could not be replaced. He hated the army but never quit or bitched. The army did nothing but shit on him and he still geared up every day. He wanted to go back to school when he got out but now his Mom will have to bury him before his time.

"Dad, keep up your fight to send the troops home.

This war is lost.

We aren't helping these people we are just dying and getting injured.

I can't imagine what his mother is going through right now.

He was all she had.

He never knew his father so they worked together to keep their house going, now he is gone.

"Love, Ryan"

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

MNF W SOLDIER DIES IN AL-ANBAR

**7/24/2006 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND NEWS
RELEASE Number: 06-07-02CM**

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq: A Soldier assigned to 1st Brigade, 1st Armored division died due to enemy action while operating in Al Anbar Province July 22.

TWO SOLDIERS KILLED IN AL ANBAR PROVINCE

7/24/2006 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND NEWS
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CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq: Two Soldiers assigned to 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division died, in separate incidents, due to enemy action while operating in Al Anbar Province today.

“Local Soldier Survives Roadside Bomb Again” Two Concussions In Two Weeks: Was He Checked For Traumatic Brain Injury After The First One? The Second? Disgusting Butchers In Command Must Stop Sending Him Outside The Wire Now!

07/24/06 Week.Com

For the second time in as many weeks, a local soldier suffered injuries from a roadside bomb blast in Iraq.

Specialist Jason Kedzior from Pekin says he's o.k., and still has his sense of humor after surviving a fourth roadside bomb explosion while on his tour of duty.

The latest blast, which Jason says was the worst, came this past Thursday while he was traveling in a gun truck in the center of Ramadi.

The explosion gave Jason a concussion and turned his feet blue from blood rushing to his knees. Medics gave him Motrin for his pain.

About two weeks ago, the army specialist suffered a concussion and shrapnel wounds to an arm after hitting a roadside bomb.

Kedzior's mom says Jason has four months left on his tour in Iraq.

Halliburton Worker Shot By Sniper

Jul 24, 2006 (AP) WAUWATOSA, Wis.

A West Allis man who worked for the energy company Halliburton was transferred to Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital in Wauwatosa during the weekend after being shot in Iraq, members of his family say.

Winlom Woods, 32, was shot in the head by a sniper last week, said Tanya Woods of West Allis, the injured man's former wife. He was listed in critical condition Sunday night at Froedtert, the family members said.

Halliburton officials told the family that a bullet from an AK-47 rifle passed through Woods' right ear before lodging in his brain, said Anita Shaw of Milwaukee, the man's aunt.

Shaw said Woods was in a passenger seat of one of the trucks in a convoy, but no one else in the convoy was hit, Shaw said.

"They wouldn't tell us what they were carrying or where it happened," Shaw said, referring to the contact she has had with Halliburton.

Woods worked briefly as a correctional officer at the Milwaukee County House of Correction before going to Iraq, Tanya Woods said.

How Do You Know Your War Is In Trouble?

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[Thanks to PB, who sent this in. He writes: HOW YOU KNOW YOUR WAR IS IN TROUBLE: YEAR 3 ROLLS AROUND AND YOU STILL HAVEN'T WON CONTROL OF THE CAPITAL.]

Jul 24 By Steve Holland, Reuters & By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA, Associated Press Writer & (CNN)

President George W. Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki will consider adding more U.S. and Iraqi troops in Baghdad and other ways to counter surging violence when they meet at the White House on Tuesday.

Bush and Maliki will consider new approaches to quelling the bloodshed in and around the capital after Maliki's security plan for the region proved a disastrous failure.

"One of the first challenges, obviously, is to go ahead and find an effective way to secure Baghdad," said White House spokesman Tony Snow. Snow acknowledged, "I think we realize that you've got some real work ahead in securing Baghdad."

"Clearly Baghdad is the center that everybody is fighting for," [U.S. spokesman Maj. Gen. William] Caldwell said.

U.S. officials believe control of Baghdad; the political, cultural, transport and economic hub of the country; will determine the future of Iraq.

MORE:

How Do You Know Your War Is In Trouble? #2 [When Your Own Hand-Picked Guards Favor Your Enemy And Have No Problem Saying So]

Jul. 23, 2006 MEGAN K. STACK, Los Angeles Times [Excerpt]

BAGHDAD, Iraq: Boushra Khalil walked through the metal detectors and into the vast convention center, a crumbling relic of a fallen dictatorship with walls still emblazoned with murals of Scud missiles.

It took only a few minutes for one of the security guards prowling the halls to catch sight of her.

"Hey, excuse me," his voice rang out. "Aren't you Saddam's lawyer?" Soon they were all around her, five young men with U.S. military-issued badges clipped to their sports shirts. Their eyes were wide; they smiled.

"Tell him you met young people here, youth that are sending their greetings to the president," one of the young men said.

"We believe he is suffering injustice," said another.

They spoke quickly and eagerly and pressed Khalil for her autograph.

Iraqis who had been cleared to work in the drab nerve center of Iraq's U.S.-backed government, in the heavily fortified Green Zone, might appear to be unlikely fans of the ousted president.

**REALLY BAD IDEA:
NO MISSION;**

HOPELESS WAR: BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW



7.10.06: US military at the site of a car bomb attack in Kirkuk. (AFP/Marwan Ibrahim)

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Texas Soldier Killed



Staff Sgt. Eric Caban, 28, of Fort Worth, Texas, died July 18, 2006, when he was shot during a combat reconnaissance patrol in Afghanistan, the Army Special Operations Command said Friday. (AP Photo/U.S. Army)

Resistance Opens New Front In Western Afghanistan: Force Of 400 Attacks Bakwa

July 24, 2006 AMIR SHAH, Associated Press Writer

Hundreds of Taliban fighters attacked a western Afghan government building with rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns Monday, killing three police officers and wounding seven in one of the militia's boldest strikes in the long-quiet region.

The attack in Farah province could reflect a drive by militants to expand their fight against Afghan and U.S.-led coalition forces beyond insurgency-wracked southern and eastern provinces.

The heaviest fighting was in the town of Bakwa in Farah province.

About 400 Taliban fighters in about 35 pickup trucks arrived in the town late Sunday and launched a heavy assault on a district police and administration headquarters using dozens of machine guns and rocket-propelled grenade launchers.

A motorcycle bomber blew himself up in the western province of Farah, a forces statement said. Police and Afghan soldiers came under small arms fire from militants as they approached the scene and one Afghan soldier was wounded.

The militants left after a five-hour battle. Militant casualties are unknown.

Christian Missionaries Ambushed

7.24.06 (Xinhua)

Unknown militants attacked an international aid agency's vehicle on Sunday leaving two people killed and another one injured in the central Afghan province of Ghor, said an official on Monday.

The militants opened fire at the vehicle of the World Vision Organization, an international Christian relief and development agency, in Chashra Kor district of the province, deputy governor Ekrauddin Reza Zalda told Xinhua.

One local doctor and a driver were shot dead at the spot while another local worker was injured in the incident, he added.

Two Foreign Occupation Troops Wounded In Kandahar Province: Nationality Not Announced



Afghan and the U.S.-led coalition soldiers prepare to remove a Humvee which was destroyed in an attack on a convoy of occupation forces in Taliban's stronghold of Kandahar province, July 24, 2006. The bomber killed himself and seriously wounded two coalition soldiers. (AP Photo/Xinhua, Shiap)

July 24, 2006 AMIR SHAH, Associated Press Writer & By VOA News & By Mirwais Afghan, Reuters

A car bomber seriously wounded two U.S. led coalition soldiers when he rammed their convoy as they patrolled with Afghan army soldiers in southern Kandahar province, on the main highway toward the capital, Kabul, coalition spokesman Col. Tom Collins said.

The identities of the foreign troops were not given. Canadian troops form the bulk of coalition forces in the area.

Maj. Scott Lundy, another coalition spokesman, said their injuries were "serious but not life-threatening."

A coalition spokeswoman says a bomb was detonated by remote control inside a vehicle near a coalition patrol Monday. She says the wounded soldiers were taken to a medical facility for treatment.

British Occupation Army Advances In Retrograde;

Resistance Attacks Force Withdrawal From “Isolated Military Outposts”

July 23, 2006 London Sunday Telegraph

British troops are set to be "tactically withdrawn" from isolated military outposts in Afghanistan following a series of attacks from Taliban fighters.

Taliban Train Snipers On British Forces

July 23, 2006 London Sunday Telegraph

Taliban insurgents in southern Afghanistan are training teams of snipers to target British and other coalition troops, a tactic not previously used by the Taliban although employed with great effect by Iraqi insurgents.

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

Mahdi Army Sending 1,500 To Fight Israel In Lebanon

Washington Times, July 24, 2006

The Mahdi Army, a militia loyal to cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, is forming a squadron of up to 1,500 elite fighters to go to Lebanon to join the fight against Israel.

Attacks On GIs In Iraq Revenge For Israel’s War On Lebanon

July 23, 2006 New York Daily News

U.S. forces in Iraq were attacked last week by insurgents claiming revenge for Israel's war on Lebanon.

Bush Succeeds At Last!

Iraqis Unite!!

[Oops: In Condemning U.S. & Israel]

7.24.06 Los Angeles Times

Iraqi's Sunni Arabs, Shiites, Kurds, and even Christians have unified in condemning Israel over its attack on Lebanon.

“The enemy is the same,” a Shiite group says of Israel and its main supporter, the U.S.

Assorted Resistance Action

23 Jul 2006 Reuters & 24 Jul 2006 Reuters & By Andy Mosher and Naseer Mehdawi, Washington Post Foreign Service & MIL

In the northern city of Tikrit, resistance fighters assassinated a prominent tribal leader known over recent decades for his connections with Hussein's government and with U.S. occupation authorities. Police said Sheik Mahmoud al-Nida, the head of the albu-Nasser tribe, was gunned down at about 8 p.m. Monday.

Guerrillas attacked three trucks carrying fuel on the main road west of Ramadi, 110 km (70 miles) west of Baghdad, killing the drivers, police said.

Two Iraqi soldiers were wounded when a roadside bomb went off near their patrol in the northern city of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, the army said.

A car bomb targeting a police patrol exploded in the city of Samarra, 100 km (62 miles) north of Baghdad, wounding seven policemen, medical sources said.

Five Iraqi soldiers were killed and four wounded when a car driven by a bomber exploded near their patrol in the northern city of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

An Iraqi soldier was killed and three wounded when a roadside bomb went off near their patrol in the western Mansour district of Baghdad, police said.

A civilian was killed and three policemen wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near a police patrol in the Waziriya district of Baghdad, police said.

An Iraqi soldier was killed and six wounded, police said, when attackers ambushed six police cars on Haifa Street during clashes with insurgents in central Baghdad.

Guerrillas shot dead a policeman near his home in Mosul.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE

END THE OCCUPATION

OCCUPATION REPORT

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



An Iraqi citizen is seen through wreckage of his home after U.S. troops broke in July 23, 2006, in Sadr City, Baghdad. (AP Photo/Karim Kadim)

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!**

***And Now For The Good News:
Iraq?***

**“I’m A Pessimist,” He Concluded, But
Added He Was “Refusing To Panic”**

23 Jul 2006 Reuters

A senior Western official involved with the Iraqi government confided that he was finding it hard to be optimistic as the new government struggles to gain traction on the violence: "I'm a pessimist," he concluded, but added he was "refusing to panic".

**Iraqi Parliament Speaker Says
“The U.S. Occupation Is Butcher's
Work Under The Slogan Of
Democracy And Human Rights And
Justice”**

24 July 2006 By Kirk Semple, The New York Times

Baghdad, Iraq: The speaker of the Iraqi Parliament criticized the American government's involvement in Iraq on Saturday, likening the invasion and its consequences to "the work of butchers" and demanding that the American authorities disentangle themselves from Iraq's political affairs.

The speaker, Mahmoud al-Mashhadani, a Sunni Islamist who quickly developed a reputation for provocative public comments after his election in late April, also said the American government wanted Iraq "to stay under the American boot."

"We know there was a corrupt regime in Saddam, but a regime should be removed by surgery, not by butchering," he said during a speech at a United Nations-sponsored conference on transitional justice.

"The U.S. occupation is butcher's work under the slogan of democracy and human rights and justice."

Drooling Idiots In Command Of U.S. Forces In Iraq Busy Trying To Provoke A Disaster: Fucking With The Mahdi Army; "The Already Chaotic Situation In Iraq Would Then Become Indescribable"

The danger is therefore more imminent than ever that the U.S. drive against Sadr's forces could trigger a more widespread rising of Shiite militias in Baghdad and across southern Iraq against U.S. forces.

July 24, 2006 by Martin Sieff, by United Press International [Excerpts]

Baghdad, Iraq

That which Americans should fear has come upon them: U.S. troops in Iraq killed 15 Shiite militiamen Saturday.

According to first reports, the fighting occurred in the town of Musayyib, 40 miles south of Baghdad. The exchange was an intense one. It lasted three hours and dozens more people were injured.

The clash was not a random one. It was part of a systematic drive U.S. forces had been ordered to carry out against the Mahdi Army of anti-American firebrand Moqtada al-Sadr.

This clash was the most serious since the brief and potentially very dangerous rising by Sadr's militia against U.S. forces in April 2004.

Also, it comes as Israel's attacks on the Shiite militias of southern Lebanon are escalating towards a full-scale land invasion of Hezbollah-controlled territory.

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The already chaotic situation in Iraq would then become indescribable.

Now, however, the destructive potential of a widespread Shiite uprising in Iraq is vastly worse than the Sunni threat was three-and-a-quarter years ago.

The Shiite population of Iraq is more than three times that of the Sunni community. It is greater by 10 million people. The Shiites control all of southern Iraq, including the U.S. Army's crucial land supply route from Kuwait to Baghdad.

[T]he Shiite militias across Iraq are already organized and networked together. They have far more support, certainly financial and probably in terms of arms supply, than the Sunni insurgents ever did and there are potentially far more of them.

Also, they enjoy potential support and, at the very least, protection and toleration, from the Shiite-controlled new Iraqi army and police force that U.S. policymakers have built up at a frantic speed to fight the Sunni insurgents. But the price of that rapid build-up was the failure to establish any effective American controls over the new forces that could easily turn against their American creators.

Bush administration and Pentagon policymakers never dreamed the Sunni insurgency would get as bad as it did.

A widespread Shiite militia rising against U.S. forces will be infinitely more dangerous.

But no one in Washington appears to realize that either.

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

OCCUPATION PALESTINE/LEBANON

Yes, Exactly Right

July 23, 2006 Stephen Gowans, Uruknet.info [Excerpt]

Asked by a French reporter whether it was cowardly to use women's baskets and handbags to carry explosives to kill innocent people, Larbi Ben M'hidi, leader of the resistance to the French colonial occupation of Algeria, turned the question around.

"And doesn't it seem more cowardly to drop napalm bombs on defenseless villages so that there are a thousand times more innocent victims? Of course, if

we had your airplanes it would be a lot easier for us. Give us your bombers, and you can have our baskets."

Israelis Kill Three Palestinian Teenagers "In Cold Blood Without Guilt or Reason"

July 24, 2006, Umkahlil, umkahlil.blogspot.com

Israel's Occupation Forces, representing a country that sits on ninety-two percent of land which it stole from the Palestinians in 1948, land to which Palestinians still have deeds, shot three kids in Jenin today: 16 year old Wael Ahmed, 16 year old Ala Farhanh, and 18 year old Husam Mahmoud Sa'adi.

Israel, which refuses to implement Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 13, Section 2, which states that "Every man may leave his home and return to his home," displaying their usual immorality and inhumanity did not let ambulances access the youths.

At Husam's funeral a relative eulogized him: "He was in the flower of youth, 18 years old, however, the Israelis killed him in cold blood without guilt or reason."

[Wrong. They have a most excellent reason: the frequent extermination of Palestinians is public policy, adopted by the Zionist theocracy from day one. Alas, they are 600 years too late. Back in those days, they could simply have bound them in slavery, solving the whole problem. The useless eaters, mental defectives, and other sub-humans could then have been killed off; the young and strong used for forced labor and breeding purposes. T]

But they have their reasons. [There you go.]

Dr. Harold Sternlicht, American, recently immigrated to Israel. He says: "I believe that Israel is God's gift to the Jews, and that's where we belong."

And his God, evidently, believes Palestinians belong in their graves.

***Zionist Terrorists At Work:* White Flags Fail To Protect Families Obeying Order To Flee The South**

July 24, 2006 Ed O'Loughlin in Tyre, The Sydney Morning Herald

At 11am yesterday the pilot of an Israeli helicopter or drone took aim at the Zabad family's white Nissan car, fleeing north towards Tyre, and fired two precision guided missiles.

At least one of the missiles struck on or near the back of the car, blowing the bumper off and starting a fire, but Zein Zabad managed to drive another 200 meters before crashing outside Najem Hospital on the outskirts of Tyre.

A trail of debris stretched back along the road: children's shoes, the car's bumper, one of the white flags that the passengers had been waving in the hope of finding mercy in the sky.

Inside the stricken car were Zein Zabad, 45, his wife, Alia Tame, 39, daughter, Abiye, 13, and sons Hussein, 10, Khalid, 8, and Hassan, 7. There were also three injured members of the Srour family, whom Zabad had stopped to rescue after a helicopter attacked their car a few kilometres down the road.

Medical staff dragged all the victims from the wreck, injured but alive, before the fire reached the petrol tank. Just as the flames flared up a Red Cross ambulance came careering past the burning car, from the road to the south.

The ambulance contained six members of the Shaayto family from Tyre. There were two women, two girls, two little boys, survivors from a minivan crammed with 19 people that had just been attacked as it tried to escape Israel's killing zone.

Kathar Shaayto, a 10-year-old girl, had tears on her face but her voice was calm as she lay on a trolley and talked to the doctors studying the large piece of shrapnel embedded in her hand.

"My father is dead," she told them. "My mother has multiple injuries. I don't know about the others." Then she broke down.

Kathar Shaayto's cousins Ali, 14, and Abbas, 10, suffered little more than scratches, so the harried nurses left them in a room upstairs with no one to talk to but foreign reporters.

"My grandmother was still alive when I last saw her, she was still breathing," Ali said. "She was trapped in the car and no one could get her out." Then he too broke down.

From the next room 13 year-old Zeinab Hayda watched curiously. She had come in five days before, wounded when Israeli missiles attacked a three-car convoy fleeing the border village of Aitaroun.

Reports continued to come in of Israeli targeted air strikes against civilians trying to comply with Israel's orders to flee their villages along the border.

Israeli Air Terror Deliberately Targets Lebanese Civilians For Slaughter



“Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.”

[Photo: bwbs.de/UserFiles/Image]

[Thanks to JM, who sent this in.]

July 24, 2006 Jonathan Steele in Beirut, The Guardian

Heavily bandaged with only his eyes and mouth showing, 18-year-old Zakaria Alamedin lies in a Beirut hospital, still unaware that his father died in the rocket attack which burnt his face.

He was lucky to have just left the cellar of the 14-storey office and apartment block where most of his family were sheltering in the city of Tyre. Someone had phoned to say Hassan Nasrallah, the Hizbullah leader, was on TV and he ran upstairs to watch. It saved his life.

The Israeli bomb left the tall building standing but homed in on the basement which is open at one side. Twenty people who had thought they were safe died instantly. Forty were wounded.

In Beirut's city centre Isam Kaoun, a 31-year-old house-painter, tells a similar story of mass death. He was in his home town of Srifa last week when Israeli missiles struck three houses in rapid succession shortly after 3am. They killed nine people in one basement shelter, six in another, and six in a third.

While Israeli missiles continue to strike vehicles full of desperate refugees fleeing their villages in south Lebanon, Israel is also accused of targeting a large number of homes and office buildings used only by civilians.

Researchers for Human Rights Watch, the New York-based non-governmental organisation, say they have compiled details on the deaths of more than a quarter of the roughly 400 Lebanese killed by the air strikes Israel launched a fortnight ago.

"We've investigated the results of air campaigns in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq, and the pattern here is different. They're hitting civilians time and time again," Peter Bouckaert, a long-serving Human Rights Watch investigator, said.

"Just because the Israelis are using smart weapons doesn't mean they're hitting military targets," he added.

"The Israelis seem to make no discrimination between military and civilian targets."

In many cases the Israeli attacks have killed or injured entire families. Ahmed Ali, a taxi driver, 45, lies in a room at Beirut's Rafik Hariri hospital. He has lost both his legs. In a room nearby sits his wounded wife, Akram Ibrahim, cradling their one-year-old daughter with a bandage on her tiny right arm. Ten-year-old Ali Ahmed Ali is in a wheelchair, his body peppered with blood-stained injuries.

They lived in Blida, a village of 3,500 less than a mile from Lebanon's eastern border with Israel. "We woke at 6.30am last Wednesday to the sound of a bomb exploding somewhere else in the village. So we rushed down to the basement and waited until the heavy bombing ended," said Akram Ibrahim.

"At 2.30pm they started again and we went down again. There were 12 people in the cellar. It's an ordinary house, nothing special. Then we were hit." Hundreds of people from Blida have now fled, but 200 remain there in fear.

The Human Rights Watch researchers are convinced from Ahmed Ali's description that the family was injured by at least two cluster bomblets, which entered the basement, releasing metal fragments. The weapons are a standard part of Israel's arsenal and were used by them in Lebanon in the 1980s.

A separate team of Human Rights Watch investigators photographed cluster munitions with Israeli forces near the Lebanese border in recent days. The photographs show M483A1 "dual purpose improved conventional munitions", which are produced in the United States.

"Our prior research in Iraq and Kosovo clearly shows that cluster munitions cannot be used in populated areas without huge loss of civilian life.

"Human Rights Watch calls upon the Israeli military to immediately cease the use of indiscriminate weapons like cluster munitions in Lebanon," Mr Bouckaert said.

In Srifa, an inland town of about 10,000 people, the Israeli attacks have been particularly lethal, killing as many as 42 people, according to Human Rights Watch. Jan Egeland, the United Nations humanitarian affairs coordinator, was visibly shocked after meeting

Srifa survivors in Beirut yesterday. He called for access to be opened to the inland villages.

"We hear horrific stories from there where so many women and children were killed. The women told us 'Let us at least be able to retrieve our bodies, because the dogs are eating them'," he said.

Israel's Policy: Expanding Its Borders Through Naked Aggression



Invasion Of Poland, Sept. 1, 1939

**Hitler said he had to stop Polish terrorists who were attacking Germany:
"Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery."**

It is ignorant and immoral to blame the conflict on Hamas and Hezbollah. These organizations were created by Israeli aggression.

Lacking American jet fighters, tanks, ordinance, and resupply, these organizations resort to terror, which is the only weapon that they have. Otherwise, the world would pay no attention as Arabs are ground under by Israeli expansion.

July 24, 2006 By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS, CounterPunch [Excerpts]

Obviously, Bush and his government do not think Israel has yet murdered enough Lebanese.

Bush denounces Syria and Iran for allegedly arming Hezbollah, while he rushes more deadly weapons to Israel.

The entire world is appalled at the Bush Regime's support for Israel's policy of expanding its borders through naked aggression.

Every Arab and Muslim now knows that the US is Israel's enabler. Arab hopes are dead that the US will pressure Israel to behave more humanely toward people not armed with American fighter planes, tanks, and high explosives.

America's complicity in Israel's war crimes is more than America's UK lapdog can stand.

AFP reports that Britain's deputy foreign minister Kim Howells "questioned Israel's military tactics and slammed Israel's killing of 'so many children and so many people. If Israel is chasing Hezbollah, then go for Hezbollah. You don't go for the entire Lebanese nation.'"

But is Israel after Hezbollah or is Israel after the real estate that comprises southern Lebanon?

Rightwing Israelis say Israel needs southern Lebanon as a buffer against Hezbollah. If Israel were to succeed in driving Hezbollah out of southern Lebanon, Israel would then want a buffer for southern Lebanon, where Israeli settlements would quickly spring up,

And after that buffer, another, just as Israel has gobbled up Palestine.

The American people need to understand what everyone else in the world understands: The Bush Regime is empowering the Israeli state to push out its borders by stealing land from other people.

This Israeli policy is the source of the Middle East conflict.

It is ignorant and immoral to blame the conflict on Hamas and Hezbollah.

These organizations were created by Israeli aggression.

Lacking American jet fighters, tanks, ordinance, and resupply, these organizations resort to terror, which is the only weapon that they have. Otherwise, the world would pay no attention as Arabs are ground under by Israeli expansion.

Bush's war is not on terror.

Bush's war is on Muslim states not ruled by American puppets.

MORE:

Lebensraum:

New Israeli Military Government Ready For South Lebanon [Or, More Accurately, The New Territories Of Northern Israel]

July 23, 2006 Leninology.blogspot.com [Excerpts]

You remember how quickly the driving out of the Lebanese population from the area south of the Litani and the annexation of the land became 'buffer zone'? Mark how rapidly the 'buffer zone' has become 'civil administration'.

See the Jerusalem Post:

“OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Udi Adam acknowledged in a briefing at Northern Command headquarters in Safed on Sunday afternoon that the commander of the IDF's civil administration unit had already begun preparations toward the possibility of instituting a military administration in areas captured by the IDF over the last week.”

“According to Adam, ‘certain units who will give us breathing space have been called up, including the commander of that unit.’ The unit's activation, however, would only take place following comprehensive consultations, he said.”

Yes, "comprehensive consultations" - now, which of the hundreds of thousands of people they've driven out of their homes in the latest episode of Zionist barbarism do you suppose they'll put the questionnaire to?

Is it too late for a referendum on this?

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Heroic Zionist Army Gets Whipped And Runs Away From Bint Jbail: Big Problem: Not Fighting Children Today



Israeli soldiers carry a wounded soldier on the Israeli-Lebanese border July 24, 2006. Israeli ground forces retreated from Bint Jbail, Lebanon on Monday after heavy fighting that wounded at least 10 Israeli soldiers. (AP Photo/Oded Balilty)

[Thanks to PB, who sent this in.]

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7.24.06 & July 23, 2006 By BENJAMIN HARVEY, Associated Press Writer

The heavy guns thundered before dawn Monday, sending deadly shells crashing down into the Lebanese border town and paving the way for the advancing Israeli tanks and troops.

By daybreak, bloody and bruised soldiers, shock etched deep in their faces, were streaming back over the border into Israel.

The incessant crackle of gunfire pierced the air as explosions over the hills surrounding Bint Jbail kicked up plumes of gray smoke. All the while, tanks rolled back into Israel, ferrying the wounded over the rocky, barren landscape.

Two Israeli soldiers were killed and at least 20 were wounded Monday, the army said, as guerrillas in the town, a Hezbollah stronghold, issued a withering barrage of bullets, anti-tank missiles and mortar shells.

As the tanks, doubling up as battlefield ambulances, crossed a breach in the electric border fence, they were met by medics waiting for the Israeli casualties.

One-by-one the wounded were carried out on stretchers. One young soldier had blood streaming down his leg, which was bound with a tourniquet. Another lay still on a stretcher, only his twitching legs indicating that he was alive.

Having brought back his wounded comrades, a tank driver sat on the turret clutching his head between his gloved hands and crying while two crew members tried to console him.

Ambulances rushed the wounded over roads dug up by tank tracks. Helicopters airlifted the seriously wounded out of the area.

Those wounded in the battle Monday were rushed to Haifa's Rambam hospital for treatment, some of them straight into surgery.

In the recovery room, another soldier, 21-year-old Yishai Green, lay in a bed with two large Israeli flags hanging next to him.

"It's a real mess and I am not allowed to talk about it," was all Green had to say about the battle for Bint Jbail, where much of the town's population of 30,000 is believed to have fled.

The Israeli military said early Sunday that the body of a fifth soldier killed in a battle in south Lebanon has been recovered.

Five soldiers died Thursday and four of their bodies were recovered shortly after the battle.

The fifth was left behind because of heavy gunfire.

What You Won't See On CNN: Rockets Reach Father Into Occupied Palestine;

Haifa “Severely Battered”

July 23, 2006 DEBKAfile Special Report [Excerpt]

[T]he Hizballah rocket blitz intensifies day by day.

Saturday, they shot a record 160 rockets at dozens of towns and communities.

Sunday, July 23, the ball bearings packed in the Katyusha warheads punched hundreds of holes in a car and a workshop, killing two men on the spot.

Sirens were heard for the first time in Binyamina, Zichron Yaacov and Kfar Ada, 70 km from the Lebanese border and the deepest south yet.

The buildings of Israel's third largest city, Haifa, and many other towns of northern Israel, are severely battered and bear the scars of blasts which scatter the metal balls designed to maximize human injuries.

“The Fact That A Few Thousand Fighters Have Withstood The Israeli Army For 11 Days Has Already Been Imprinted In The Consciousness Of Hundreds Of Millions”

22-7-06 Uri Avnery, Gush-Shalom [Excerpt]

As for deterrence: a war in which our huge military machine cannot overcome a small guerilla organization in 11 days of total war certainly has not rehabilitated its deterrent power.

In this respect, it is not important how long this war will last and what will be its results - the fact that a few thousand fighters have withstood the Israeli army for 11 days and more, has already been imprinted in the consciousness of hundred of millions of Arabs and Muslims.

[To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation by foreign terrorists, go to: www.rafahtoday.org The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves “Israeli.”]

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

American Bar Association Says The Traitor Bush Is “Flouting The Constitution And Undermining The Rule Of Law”

24 July 2006 By Robert Pear, The New York Times

The American Bar Association said Sunday that President Bush was flouting the Constitution and undermining the rule of law by claiming the power to disregard selected provisions of bills that he signed.

In a comprehensive report, a bipartisan 11-member panel of the bar association said Mr. Bush had used such "signing statements" far more than his predecessors, raising constitutional objections to more than 800 provisions in more than 100 laws on the ground that they infringed on his prerogatives.

In his first term, the panel said, Mr. Bush raised 505 constitutional objections to new laws. On 82 occasions, he asserted that he alone could supervise, direct and control the operations of the executive branch, under a doctrine known as the "unitary executive."

Whenever Congress directs the president to furnish information, Mr. Bush reserves the right to withhold it. When Congress imposes mandates and requirements on the executive branch, the president often says he will read them as advisory or "precatory."

When Congress tries to define foreign policy - for example, on Russia, Syria, North Korea or Sudan - Mr. Bush objects. Even if he agrees with the policy, he asserts that the Congressional directives "impermissibly interfere with the president's constitutional authority" to conduct foreign affairs.

Whenever Congress prescribes qualifications for presidential appointees, Mr. Bush complains that this is an intrusion on his power, even if Congress merely requires that the appointee know about the field for which he will be responsible.

When Congress requires outreach or affirmative action for women or members of certain racial or ethnic groups, the president demurs, saying such provisions must be carried out "in a manner consistent with the requirements of equal protection under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution."

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REUTERS/Larry Downing

“Powerful” Republican Senator Prepares Ground To Sue Bush

[Thanks to PB who sent this in. He writes: PLAME SUES CHENEY, SPECTER SUES BUSH... GREAT TIMING.]

7.24.06 By LAURIE KELLMAN, Associated Press Writer

A powerful Republican committee chairman who has led the fight against President Bush's signing statements said Monday he would have a bill ready by the end of the week allowing Congress to sue him in federal court.

"We will submit legislation to the United States Senate which will...authorize the Congress to undertake judicial review of those signing statements with the view to having the president's acts declared unconstitutional," Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said on the Senate floor.

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