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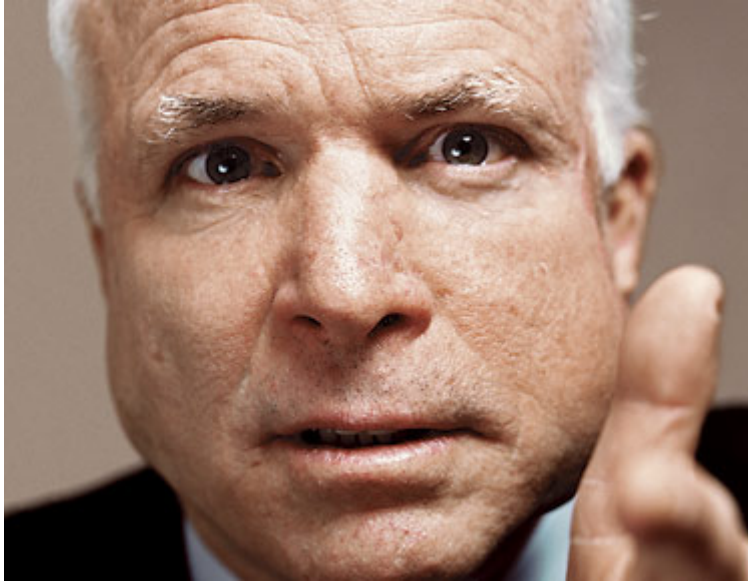
You Get To Choose Which One Will Order You To Die For The Empire In Iraq Or Afghanistan!

NOT ANOTHER DEATH?

NOT ANOTHER DAY?

NOT ACCORDING TO THESE RATS

Imperial Rat #1: Stay In Iraq Forever



[getreligion.org]

Imperial Rat #2: Go To Afghanistan; Attack Pakistan; Kiss Your Ass Goodbye



[washingtonpost.com]

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Democratic Party Activists Who Pretended Obama Was Against Bush's Imperial Wars React As He Promises To Expand War In Afghanistan And Attack Pakistan:



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The Democratic party has no intention whatever of cutting off the funding for the war in Iraq, and you can take that one to the bank.

The Democratic Party faction in control of Congress has already decided to fund the wars and the killing in Iraq and Afghanistan not merely until their candidate takes the White House, but has agreed to fund the wars and the killing for at least half a year into 2009.

Everybody knows that.

Congressional Democrats have no intention of breaking with either the Democratic Party now over that, or rejecting the Presidential candidate and breaking with the Democratic Party later.

Everybody knows that too.

However, many desperately avoid that reality, hoping for something better, which is understandable. Reality is not pretty, and it's hardly surprising that not everyone can face it now.

Events will be the most powerful teacher.

People, including troops, will long remember who warned that the Democratic Party president would keep the wars going, and stressed the importance of helping build and strengthen armed forces resistance now.

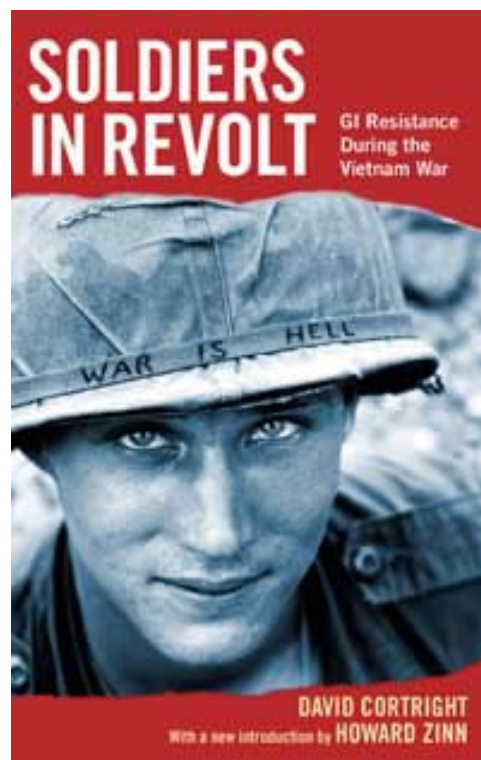
People, including troops, will also long remember who pandered to the huge, understandable hope inside and outside the armed forces that electing Obama would stop the wars, and who, by arguing for his election, participated in the betrayal, rather than telling the truth, however unwelcome and unpopular it may be now.

**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT
THE BLOODSHED**

THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE WARS



Vietnam: They Stopped An Imperial War



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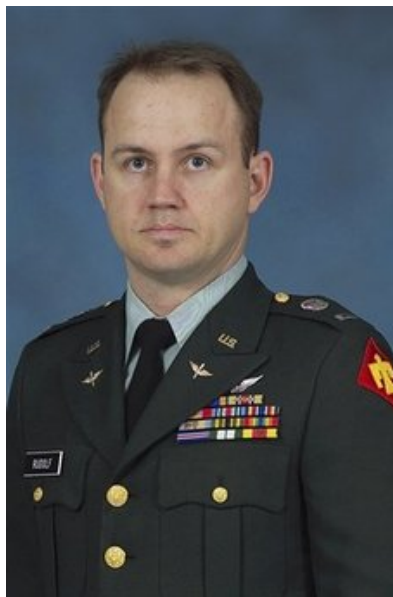
IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Oklahoma Sgt. Killed In Iraq



Oklahoma National Guard Sgt. Daniel Eshbaugh, with Co B, 2/149 Aviation, Oklahoma Army National Guard, was killed in Iraq Sept. 18, 2008. (AP Photo/Visual Information, Oklahoma National Guard)

Oklahoma CWO Killed In Iraq



Oklahoma National Guard Chief Warrant Officer Brady Rudolf, Co B, 2/149 Aviation, Oklahoma Army National Guard, was killed in Iraq, Sept. 18, 2008. (AP Photo/Oklahoma National Guard)

Oklahoma Sgt. Killed In Iraq



Oklahoma National Guard Sgt. Michael Thompson, Co B, 2/149 Aviation, Oklahoma Army National Guard, was killed in Iraq, Sept. 18, 2008. (AP Photo/Visual Information, Oklahoma National Guard)

MND-C Soldier Killed By Roadside Bomb Near Iskandariyah

25 September 2008 Multi National Corps Iraq Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory
RELEASE No. 20080926-01

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq – A Multi-National Division - Center Soldier was killed Sep. 25 when a roadside bomb struck a vehicle that was part of a combat patrol near Iskandariyah.

U.S. Soldier Killed In Diyala

Sept. 25, 2008 AP

A Multi-National Division - North Soldier was killed by a bomber while conducting operations in Diyala, Iraq Sept. 24.

Wipe Out: Insurgent Ambush In Al-Dulaimat Kills 35 Police And U.S. Paid Militia

Sep 24 (AFP) & Sep 25 By Ali al-Tuwaijri

Insurgents in Al-Dulaimat opened fire when Iraqi forces arrived.

The attackers shot dead 12 policemen and eight anti-Qaeda fighters, according to an initial toll given by a security official.

Town mayor Naif Abdullah said another 15 wounded policemen were declared dead on arrival at a hospital in Baghdad.

They struck at around 3:30 pm (1230 GMT) in the village of Al-Dulaimat in Diyala of which Baquba is the capital, a security official said.

He said the policemen had gathered in the village when they were ambushed by the gunmen.

They had travelled in three vehicles to an orchard to investigate reports that operatives were in the area.

"We sent troops to check the report and not fight," he said. "They stepped out of the vehicles and walked about 300 metres (yards) when they were hit by gunfire."

Doctor Ahmed Fuad of Baquba hospital confirmed it had received 20 dead. "The bodies are riddled with bullets," he told AFP.

He said the slain policemen included three officers -- a colonel, a lieutenant colonel and a captain.

The ambush took place as the police detachment deployed an orchard to take part in a raid against militants alongside the allied fighters of the U.S.-funded Awakening Council.

"They were in three vehicles when several armed men ambushed and killed all of them," the official said.

Iraq's Health Ministry Reports 327 Confirmed Cholera Cases Since Last Month

September 25, 2008 Associated Press

Iraq's Health Ministry is reporting a total of 327 confirmed cholera cases in central and southern Iraq since an outbreak of the disease last month.

Dr. Ihsan Jaafar, the ministry spokesman, says Babil province south of Baghdad has had 200 cases, while 61 others were reported in Baghdad province.

The statement Thursday says the death toll from the outbreak stands at five.

Cholera is a gastrointestinal disease that can be spread by a lack of clean drinking water. The problem has been worsened by the poor state of Iraq's infrastructure after years of neglect and war.

What's Wrong With This Picture?



A U.S. soldier standing guard outside an Iraqi citizens home during a patrol in Baghdad September 23, 2008. REUTERS/Omar Obeidi

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Arlington Seaman Killed By Bomb In Afghanistan



Eichmann Strickland Courtesy of Navy Region Northwest

September 17, 2008 By Seattle Times staff

Some of Seaman Eichmann Strickland's comrades called him Doc.

Perhaps it was because he was a Navy medical corpsman stationed with a Marine unit in Japan. Perhaps it was just because he had aspirations.

He hoped for a career in the medical field, perhaps as a physician assistant. He aspired to join a medical mission to Africa. He hoped to be home for Christmas. And he dreamed of winning the lottery.

Those hopes and dreams were dashed last week when Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Strickland, 23, of Arlington, died after the vehicle he was driving hit an improvised bomb in Afghanistan's Afghanya Valley, northwest of Kabul, the capital.

Strickland, a 2003 graduate of Arlington's Lakewood High School, was killed Sept. 9, according to a Department of Defense release.

According to a military spokeswoman, Strickland was a member of a training team deployed to Afghan Regional Security Integration Command Central. He was part of a team in Afghanistan providing the Afghan National Army with combat advisers.

He was not only patching wounds on Marines and Afghans alike but was also training Afghan soldiers how to treat their wounded, according to military sources.

In Iwakuni, Japan, he regularly performed sick calls, maintaining health records and assisting medical officers. At times he was the only on-site medical personnel around, and the closest thing to an on-call doctor.

Strickland enlisted in the military nearly five years ago, said Navy Region Northwest spokeswoman Melanie Reeder. He had been stationed in Afghanistan for nine months.

Wyoming National Guardsman Dies In Afghanistan



[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: He's wearing the state's artillery unit patch.]

September 23, 2008 By JOAN BARRON, Star-Tribune capital bureau

CHEYENNE -- Capt. Bruce Hays of Cheyenne is the first Wyoming National Guard soldier killed in Afghanistan, the Guard announced Monday.

Hays, 42, was assigned to an Embedded Training Team to work with Afghanistan forces as a police mentoring team chief.

He died of wounds suffered when their vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device in Gerdia Seria, Afghanistan. Hays and the other members of the ETT arrived in Afghanistan mid-August, the Guard said in a release.

The Department of Defense announced that three other soldiers were killed in the explosion, including two members of the Illinois National Guard and a soldier assigned to Fort Benning, Ga.

Major Gen. Ed Wright, Wyoming's adjutant general, said Hays was an outstanding citizen soldier who dedicated more than 17 years to the United States Army.

"We send our deepest sympathies to his family. This is a tragedy that touched all of us in the Wyoming National Guard. Capt. Hays was a member of our own family," Wright said. "We are offering all of the support and resources we have to his family and fellow guardsmen working through the grieving process."

Hays was married and had two young children and three stepchildren, according to Brig. Gen. Olin Oedekoven.

It was Hays' first tour in the Mideast.

“Personally I've known Bruce for a long time,” Oedekoven said.

Most recently Hays was the company commander of the Signal Company in Laramie, his second company level command tour. “He was very well-respected and known throughout the organization as highly technical and competent. And perhaps more importantly, a very decent person who exemplified the army values of honor, integrity and service,” Oedekoven said. Hays, he added, “is a significant loss for our organization in terms of a leader who we respected, who we considered our friend.”

Hays is the fifth Wyoming Army National Guard soldier to die while in service during the Global War on Terrorism and the 27th military service member with Wyoming ties.

Hayes had been a full-time member of the Wyoming National Guard since 2000, with prior Army and Air Force service.

He was part of the information management office and worked in technology.

Col. Greg Porter, chief of staff for the Army and Air Guard, said Hays was very quiet and soft spoken.

“A good person. A good man. A good soldier,” Porter said.

Hays moved to Cheyenne when he joined the guard full time, Porter said.

Pakistani Troops Open Fire On Invading American Troops Again: “We Were Happy That Our Forces Fired At The Helicopter” “The Pakistani Army Has Vowed To Defend Its Border At All Costs”

September 25, 2008 By ERIC SCHMITT, New York Times & Reuters & September 26, 2008 By Shaiq Hussain and Ann Scott Tyson, Washington Post Foreign Service & By Julian E. Barnes, Los Angeles Times Staff Writer [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON — Pakistani and American ground troops exchanged fire along the border with Afghanistan on Thursday after the Pakistanis shot at two American helicopters ...

Pakistani officials said the choppers entered deep into Pakistani airspace and flew over the North Waziristan tribal area for 20 minutes. Residents said unmanned spy planes were still hovering over the area.

Pakistani troops at the checkpoint opened fire on two small American helicopters that were providing air support to a U.S.-Afghan unit while it was on patrol.

In response, Americans in the patrol fired shots into a hillside on which the checkpoint stood. Pakistani forces then fired on the patrol.

The firing ended after about five minutes and the patrol left the area.

The two American OH-58 Kiowa reconnaissance helicopters were not damaged and no casualties were reported on either side from the ground fire.

American and NATO officials said that the two helicopters were flying about one mile inside Afghan air space to protect an American and Afghan patrol on the ground when the aircraft were fired on by small-caliber arms fire from a Pakistani military checkpoint near Tanai district in Khost Province.

But a spokesman for the Pakistani army, Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas, said Pakistani forces fired warning shots at the American aircraft after they crossed into Pakistan's territory in the area of Saidgai, in North Waziristan's Ghulam Khan region. "On this, the helicopters returned fire and flew back," General Abbas said.

"When our forces fired warning shots, we were a little scared of a possible retaliatory fire from the helicopters," said one of the residents, Haji Said Rehman Gorbaz.

"But we were happy to see the helicopter flying back into Afghanistan. We were happy that our forces fired at the helicopter."

Although it lasted just a few minutes, military officials and diplomats said the brief clash showed there was a risk of a much more serious, and lethal, misunderstanding along the border.

Pakistani civilian leaders have denounced an incursion by American Special Operations forces into Pakistan on Sept. 3, which was authorized under orders given by President Bush in July, and the Pakistani Army has vowed to defend its border "at all costs."

"We will not tolerate any act against our sovereignty and integrity in the name of the war against terrorism," Pakistan's prime minister, Yousaf Raza Gilani, told reporters on Wednesday.

The latest clash on Thursday comes after a week of claims by Pakistani intelligence officials that American helicopters had strayed across the border from Pakistan, and that an American remotely piloted surveillance aircraft had crashed, apparently due to mechanical failure, on Pakistani territory.

The Pakistani military also said it recovered a pilotless aircraft that crashed in South Waziristan this week. A Pakistani security officer described it as a U.S. aircraft that tribesmen claimed to have shot down.

Chief Police Investigator Investigating Attack On Police Wounded By Attack On Police; “Militants Have Closed In On The Afghan Capital In The Past Year, Making Travel To The West, South And East Of The City Hazardous”



Damaged police post in the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Wednesday. Rafiq Maqbool / AP

24 September 2008 BBC & Reuters

A bomb blast in the Afghan capital, Kabul, has injured the city's chief police investigator and killed two others, including one of his officers.

Several other police were wounded in the blast, which occurred in the western outskirts of the city, he added.

The Taliban in a statement said the militant group was behind both incidents, adding they were part of the Islamists' focus on launching attacks in Kabul.

Taliban militants have closed in on the Afghan capital in the past year, making travel to the west, south and east of the city hazardous for aid workers and government officials.

The bomb went off at a checkpoint on the outskirts of the city as the police chief was investigating the overnight killing of three other policemen.

Reports said they were shot by armed men who stormed a police post at night.

The BBC's Martin Patience in Kabul says the head of the police's criminal investigative unit, Gen Ali Shah Paktiawal, was slightly injured in the attack.

Gen Paktiawal is a high-profile figure who often goes to scenes of attacks and personally leads raids on the city's numerous criminal gangs, our correspondent says.

Explosive Experts Blown Up

24 September 2008 Written by M Reza Sher Mohammadi, Quqnoos

A ROADSIDE bomb has exploded in the western province of Herat, wounding three de-miners, the provincial governor said.

A car full of de-miners working for the organisation OMAR was hit by the bomb blast close to the Shindand district airport on Wednesday, governor Sayed Hussain Anwari said.

Two of the men are severely injured, hospital officials said.

Resistance Action: Occupation Military Convoy Ambushed; Eleven Afghan Guards Killed In Clash With Insurgents

Sep 25 (AFP) & (KUNA) & Sep 26 (AFP) & AP

In southern Kandahar's Zahri district insurgents attacked a logistics convoy heading to NATO bases in the western parts of the country, the provincial government spokesman, Zalmi Ayoubi, told AFP. Afghan police went to support the Afghan guards of the convoy, who were from the US-based private security company USPI, Ayoubi said.

USPI security guard, Mohammad Afzal, told AFP that one of his colleagues was killed and two trucks set ablaze.

Taliban and other rebels regularly attack convoys supplying the thousands of international troops in Afghanistan

Officials said militants attacked workers of an Indian company busy constructing a dam in the western Herat province of Afghanistan Wednesday night. In the

exchange of fire, 11 security guards and two militants were killed, said a district official.

“Last night, five people were abducted from a mosque in Gardez by Taliban,” said Paktia province deputy police chief Ghulam Dastagir. “We don't know why they were abducted, but we have reports that they were accused of working for the Afghan government.”

Taliban militants attacked a police post in Pusht Rod district of Farah early Thursday morning. Two policemen were wounded in the one-and-a-half-hour gun battle.

A remote-controlled bomb blew up a police vehicle near the southern border town of Spin Boldak late Wednesday, killing two border policemen, Kandahar province police chief Mutiullah Khan told AFP.

Khost province's police chief, Abdul Qayum Bakizoy, says a bomber targeted a militia commander working for the U.S. forces in the province. Bakizoy says the commander was wounded in the Friday blast. Two NDS intelligence agents were killed. An attacker detonated explosives strapped to his body in the Jaji Maydan district bazaar, Khost province police chief General Abdul Qayoom Baqizoi told AFP.

Taliban Frees 118 Captured Occupation Military Base Workers: “Once Again We Request Workers Not To Work With American Or Afghan Troops”

Sep 26, 2008 HERAT, Afghanistan (Reuters)

Taliban insurgents have freed 118 laborers they captured in western Afghanistan last week, Taliban commanders and Afghan officials said on Friday.

The Taliban captured more than 140 workers who were helping to construct an army base. Insurgents seized them in Bala Boluk district in Farah province last Sunday while they were traveling in a convoy of buses. Three of workers were freed soon after.

“We have released 118 of these workers and the rest soon will be freed soon,” Taliban spokesman Mullah Wakil said by telephone from an unknown location.

“Once again we request workers not to work with American or Afghan troops. The reason we took these people was to send a message to Afghan workers,” he said.

Imperial Thieves Fall Out;

U.S. General Calls German Government “Totally Specious” Over Troops Role

26 Sep 2008 By David Brunnstrom (Reuters)

NATO allies are considering a U.S. call for the alliance-led force in Afghanistan to take a more direct role in counter-narcotics operations by targeting drug labs and trafficking facilities, officials said on Friday.

NATO's supreme commander for Europe, U.S., General John Craddock, said this week a more aggressive approach was needed to choke off funding to the Taliban insurgency.

NATO members including Britain, which has the lead role in the international anti-drug effort in Afghanistan, remain concerned about the risk of civilian casualties, which have generated ill-feeling towards foreign forces.

Germany also has reservations as the mandate for its troops in Afghanistan specifically prevents them from taking part in counter-narcotics action, due to concerns that this could increase risks to its contingent of 3,500 troops.

Craddock rejected this argument as “totally specious.”

British General Politely Calls British Defence Secretary A Lying Piece Of Shit

September 25, 2008 Michael Evans, Defence Editor; The Times [Excerpt]

The British commander in Afghanistan said yesterday that he could use an extra 4,000 troops to fight the Taleban in Helmand province.

Brigadier Mark Carleton-Smith, head of the Helmand Task Force, told Sky News that there were more than enough tasks in the province for another brigade of between 3,000 and 4,000 troops. There are currently 8,000 British troops in southern Afghanistan.

Last week Des Browne, the Defence Secretary, said he had no plans to send more troops to Afghanistan, and insisted that British commanders had not asked for additional units.

TROOP NEWS

An Honorable Guantanamo Prosecutor, Lt. Col. Darrel Vandeveld, Resigns: Says Evidence Was Withheld: AF Major Charges “Gross Government Misconduct”

September 25, 2008 By Peter Finn, Washington Post Staff Writer [Excerpts]

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba, Sept. 25 -- A military prosecutor involved in war crimes cases here has quit his position, citing ethical concerns about his office's failure to turn over exculpatory material to attorneys for an Afghan detainee scheduled to go to trial in December.

Army Lt. Col. Darrel Vandeveld, a reservist, who declined to be interviewed, filed a declaration with a military court here Wednesday, laying out his concerns about the case and procedures in the military prosecutor's office, according to defense attorneys.

“My ethical qualms about continuing to serve as a prosecutor relate primarily to the procedures for affording defense counsel discovery,” wrote Vandeveld in his filing. “I am highly concerned, to the point that I believe I can no longer serve as a prosecutor at the Commissions, about the slipshod, uncertain 'procedure' for affording defense counsel discovery.”

Vandeveld's departure is the latest blow to the military trials process and a prosecutor's office that has been buffeted by resignations over issues of fairness. Other officials have alleged that the leadership of the military commissions is sacrificing principles of justice in a rush to secure convictions.

Vandeveld was prosecuting Mohammed Jawad, 24, who is accused of tossing a grenade into a military jeep at a bazaar in Kabul in 2002, injuring two U.S. troops and their Afghan interpreter.

“I believe (Vandeveld's) view is that there is a systematic problem with the discovery process,” said Air Force Maj. David Frakt, Jawad's military attorney, referring to the prosecution's obligation under the law to turn over material to the defense even if it damages the prosecution's case. “He decided he could no longer ethically serve on this case, or generally.”

Frakt, speaking to reporters here, said he would seek to have the case dismissed because of “gross government misconduct.”

A Pentagon official, Brig. Gen Thomas W. Hartmann, was ordered by a military court to have no further involvement in the Jawad case last month. Hartmann was the legal adviser to the Convening Authority, a Pentagon office that is required to exercise a neutral role in the running of the military commissions.

The defense alleged that Hartmann wanted Jawad prosecuted for political and public relations purposes. And the judge found that Hartmann had compromised his objectivity.

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Forward GI Special 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 wars, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Project, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 917.677.8057

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

“Iraq Will Not Become A U.S. Colony” [GET THE MESSAGE?]



Iraqis demonstrate against U.S. military occupation in Kufa, 120 km (75 miles) south of Baghdad September 26, 2008. Placards read, “Iraq will not become a U.S. colony.”
REUTERS/Ali Abu Shish

Resistance Action

Sept 24 (Reuters) & Sept 26 (Reuters) & Sept 27 (Reuters)

A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol killed two Iraqi soldiers and wounded 14, south of the town of Balad Ruz, 90 km (55 miles) northeast of Baghdad in volatile Diyala province, police said.

A bomb attached to a car killed an off-duty soldier in northeast Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb targeting the commander of U.S.-allied Samarra security operations detonated near his convoy in central Samarra, 100 km (60 miles) north of Baghdad, police said, adding that six bodyguards were wounded. The commander was unharmed.

Militants killed one U.S.-backed neighbourhood patrol member and wounded another in an attack on their checkpoint on Thursday in Mussayab, 60 km (40 miles) south of Baghdad, police said.

Insurgents killed two U.S.-Funded neighbourhood patrol members and one policeman when they attacked their checkpoint just south of Samarra, 100 km north of Baghdad, police and hospital sources said.

A roadside bomb wounded four people including one policeman when it blew up on Thursday in the Jamiaa district of western Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb wounded one policeman in the Mansour district in western Baghdad, police said.

Militants wounded a member of Baaj local council and his wife when they attacked their car in a drive-by shooting in the town of Baaj, 375 km (230 miles) northwest of Baghdad, police said.

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

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation's ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke. For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake. Frederick Douglas, 1852

**“What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms.”
Thomas Jefferson to William Stephens Smith, 1787.**

**“The mighty are only mighty because we are on our knees. Let us rise!”
-- Camille Desmoulins**

**“When someone says my son died fighting for his country, I say, “No, the suicide bomber who killed my son died fighting for his country.”
-- Father of American Soldier Chase Beattie, KIA in Iraq**

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**

Cops Vs. Protesters At The RNC



From: Mike Hastie
To: GI Special
Sent: September 18, 2008
Subject: Cops vs. Protesters at the RNC

Cops vs. Protesters at the RNC

This picture was taken at the intersection near Mickey's Dining Car, in downtown St. Paul. Just after the police set off these color canisters, they fired off concussion grenades, and then tear gas. With that done, they marched across the street at the protesters. When the tear gas enveloped me, I ran into a small U-bank to escape the gas. The cops came running into the U-bank, screaming at us to get out. I was hiding in the corner behind an ATM machine, frantically trying to hide my memory cards from my two digital cameras. At that point, I was the only one in the bank. A cop did a clean sweep of the area, and spotted me. He screamed at me to get out, and then threw me to the floor. Within seconds, 3-4 more riot police entered, and screamed at me to get up. When I got up, two of them grabbed me behind the neck and the back of my belt, ran me about 50 yards, and propelled me through the police barricade. I was lucky, I was not arrested. And, I got away with my memory cards--for now.

Mike Hastie
Vietnam Veteran

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)

Troops Cordially Invited:

Comments, arguments, articles, and letters from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send email contact@militaryproject.org: Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Replies confidential. Same address to unsubscribe. Phone: 917.677.8057

NEED SOME TRUTH? CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER

Telling the truth - about the occupations or the criminals running the government in Washington - is the first reason for Traveling Soldier. But we want to do more than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance to Imperial wars inside the armed forces.

Our goal is for Traveling Soldier to become the thread that ties working-class people inside the armed services together. We want this newsletter to be a weapon to help you organize resistance within the armed forces.

If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers. <http://www.traveling-soldier.org/>

And join with Iraq War vets in the call to end the occupation and bring our troops home now! (www.ivaw.org/)

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

Nobody Home In There



Brain-dead Bush with fat, greedy corrupt Iraq politician at the U.N. headquarters in New York September 23, 2008. REUTERS/Jim Young

“The single largest failure of the anti-war movement at this point is the lack of outreach to the troops.” Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War

“The military are the final, essential weak point of Bush and Cheney.” David McReynolds 9.29.07

CLASS WAR REPORTS

TOM THE
Dancing
Bug

by
Ruben
Bolling

TODAY'S USA IS THE USSR OF THE 1980s



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

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR URGENT BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP



[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, Military Project]

[Thanks to Louis Wolf & John Gingerich who sent this in.]

DEAR AMERICAN:

I NEED TO ASK YOU TO SUPPORT AN URGENT SECRET BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH A TRANSFER OF FUNDS OF GREAT MAGNITUDE.

I AM MINISTRY OF THE TREASURY OF THE REPUBLIC OF AMERICA. MY COUNTRY HAS HAD CRISIS THAT HAS CAUSED THE NEED FOR LARGE TRANSFER OF FUNDS OF 800 BILLION DOLLARS US.

IF YOU WOULD ASSIST ME IN THIS TRANSFER, IT WOULD BE MOST PROFITABLE TO YOU.

I AM WORKING WITH MR. PHIL GRAM, LOBBYIST FOR UBS, WHO WILL BE MY REPLACEMENT AS MINISTRY OF THE TREASURY IN JANUARY. AS A SENATOR,

YOU MAY KNOW HIM AS THE LEADER OF THE AMERICAN BANKING DEREGULATION MOVEMENT IN THE 1990S.

THIS TRANSACTION IS 100% SAFE.

THIS IS A MATTER OF GREAT URGENCY. WE NEED A BLANK CHECK. WE NEED THE FUNDS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

WE CANNOT DIRECTLY TRANSFER THESE FUNDS IN THE NAMES OF OUR CLOSE FRIENDS BECAUSE WE ARE CONSTANTLY UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

MY FAMILY LAWYER ADVISED ME THAT I SHOULD LOOK FOR A RELIABLE AND TRUSTWORTHY PERSON WHO WILL ACT AS A NEXT OF KIN SO THE FUNDS CAN BE TRANSFERRED.

PLEASE REPLY WITH ALL OF YOUR BANK ACCOUNT, IRA AND COLLEGE FUND ACCOUNT NUMBERS AND THOSE OF YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN TO WALLSTREETBAILOUT@TREASURY.GOV SO THAT WE MAY TRANSFER YOUR COMMISSION FOR THIS TRANSACTION.

AFTER I RECEIVE THAT INFORMATION, I WILL RESPOND WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT SAFEGUARDS THAT WILL BE USED TO PROTECT THE FUNDS.

YOURS FAITHFULLY
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