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Murder Whom He
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U.S. Citizen:**

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Apr 7, 2010 By Glenn Greenwald, Salon [Excerpts]

In late January, I wrote about the Obama administration's "presidential assassination program," whereby American citizens are targeted for killings far away from any battlefield, based exclusively on unchecked accusations by the Executive Branch that they're involved in Terrorism.

At the time, The Washington Post's Dana Priest had noted deep in a long article that Obama had continued Bush's policy (which Bush never actually implemented) of having the Joint Chiefs of Staff compile "hit lists" of Americans, and Priest suggested that the American-born Islamic cleric Anwar al-Awlaki was on that list.

The following week, Obama's Director of National Intelligence, Adm. Dennis Blair, acknowledged in Congressional testimony that the administration reserves the "right" to carry out such assassinations.

Today, both The New York Times and The Washington Post confirm that the Obama White House has now expressly authorized the CIA to kill al-Alwaki no matter where he is found, no matter his distance from a battlefield.

I wrote at length about the extreme dangers and lawlessness of allowing the Executive Branch the power to murder U.S. citizens far away from a battlefield (i.e., while they're sleeping, at home, with their children, etc.) and with no due process of any kind.

I won't repeat those arguments but I do want to highlight how unbelievably Orwellian and tyrannical this is in light of these new articles today.

Just consider how the NYT reports on Obama's assassination order and how it is justified:

"The Obama administration has taken the extraordinary step of authorizing the targeted killing of an American citizen, the radical Muslim cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, who is believed to have shifted from encouraging attacks on the United States to directly participating in them, intelligence and counterterrorism officials said Tuesday. . . .

"American counterterrorism officials say Mr. Awlaki is an operative of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, the affiliate of the terror network in Yemen and Saudi Arabia. They say they believe that he has become a recruiter for the terrorist network, feeding prospects into plots aimed at the United States and at Americans abroad, the officials said.

"It is extremely rare, if not unprecedented, for an American to be approved for targeted killing, officials said. "A former senior legal official in the administration of George W. Bush said he did not know of any American who was approved for targeted killing under the former president. . . .

"The danger Awlaki poses to this country is no longer confined to words,' said an American official, who like other current and former officials interviewed for this article spoke of the classified counterterrorism measures on the condition of anonymity. 'He's gotten involved in plots.'"

No due process is accorded.

No charges or trials are necessary.

No evidence is offered, nor any opportunity for him to deny these accusations (which he has done vehemently through his family).

None of that.

Instead, in Barack Obama's America, the way guilt is determined for American citizens -- and a death penalty imposed -- is that the President, like the King he thinks he is, secretly decrees someone's guilt as a Terrorist.

He then dispatches his aides to run to America's newspapers -- cowardly hiding behind the shield of anonymity which they're granted -- to proclaim that the Guilty One shall be killed on sight because the Leader has decreed him to be a Terrorist.

It is simply asserted that Awlaki has converted from a cleric who expresses anti-American views and advocates attacks on American military targets (advocacy which happens to be Constitutionally protected) to Actual Terrorist "involved in plots."

These newspapers then print this Executive Verdict with no questioning, no opposition, no investigation, no refutation as to its truth.

And the punishment is thus decreed: this American citizen will now be murdered by the CIA because Barack Obama has ordered that it be done.

What kind of person could possibly justify this or think that this is a legitimate government power?

Just to get a sense for how extreme this behavior is, consider -- as the NYT reported -- that not even George Bush targeted American citizens for this type of extra-judicial killing (though a 2002 drone attack in Yemen did result in the death of an American citizen).

Even more strikingly, Antonin Scalia, in the 2004 case of Hamdi v. Rumsfeld, wrote an Opinion (joined by Justice Stevens) arguing that it was unconstitutional for the U.S. Government merely to imprison (let alone kill) American citizens as "enemy combatants"; instead, they argued, the Constitution required that Americans be charged with crimes (such as treason) and be given a trial before being punished.

The full Hamdi Court held that at least some due process was required before Americans could be imprisoned as "enemy combatants."

Yet now, Barack Obama is claiming the right not merely to imprison, but to assassinate far from any battlefield, American citizens with no due process of any kind.

Even GOP Congressman Pete Hoekstra, when questioning Adm. Blair, recognized the severe dangers raised by this asserted power.

And what about all the progressives who screamed for years about the Bush administration's tyrannical treatment of Jose Padilla?

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All of this underscores the principal point made in this excellent new article by Eli Lake, who compellingly and comprehensively documents what readers here well know: that while Obama's "speeches and some of his administration's policy rollouts have emphasized a break from the Bush era," the reality is that the administration has retained and, in some cases, built upon the core Bush/Cheney approach to civil liberties and Terrorism.

As Al Gore asked in his superb 2006 speech protesting Bush's "War on the Constitution":

Can it be true that any president really has such powers under our Constitution?

If the answer is yes, then under the theory by which these acts are committed, are there any acts that can on their face be prohibited?

If the president has the inherent authority to eavesdrop on American citizens without a warrant, imprison American citizens on his own declaration, kidnap and torture, then what can't he do?

Notice the power that was missing from Gore's indictment of Bush radicalism: the power to kill American citizens.

Add that to the litany -- as Obama has now done -- and consider how much more compelling Gore's accusatory questions become.

UPDATE: When Obama was seeking the Democratic nomination, the Constitutional Law Scholar answered a questionnaire about executive power distributed by The Boston Globe's Charlie Savage, and this was one of his answers:

5. Does the Constitution permit a president to detain US citizens without charges as unlawful enemy combatants?

[Obama]: No. I reject the Bush Administration's claim that the President has plenary authority under the Constitution to detain U.S. citizens without charges as unlawful enemy combatants.

So back then, Obama said the President lacks the power merely to detain U.S. citizens without charges.

Now, as President, he claims the power to assassinate them without charges.

Could even his hardest-core loyalists try to reconcile that with a straight face? As Spencer Ackerman documents today, not even John Yoo claimed that the President possessed the power Obama is claiming here.

UPDATE II: If you're going to go into the comment section -- or anywhere else -- and argue that this is all justified because Awlaki is an Evil, Violent, Murdering Terrorist Trying to Kill Americans, you should say how you know that.

Generally, guilt is determined by having a trial where the evidence is presented and the accused has an opportunity to defend himself -- not by putting blind authoritarian faith in the unchecked accusations of government leaders, even if it happens to be Barack Obama. That's especially true given how many times accusations of Terrorism by the U.S. Government have proven to be false.

**LIAR
TRAITOR
SOLDIER-KILLER
UNFIT FOR COMMAND
UNWORTHY OF OBEDIENCE:**



February 9, 2010. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque

HERE IS THE ENEMY BRING THE WAR HOME NOW

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?

Forward Military Resistance 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 Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 888.711.2550

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

**Outrageous!
Iraqi Courts Demanding Evidence
Against Citizens Taken Prisoner By
U.S. Occupation Forces:**

“U. S. Intelligence Source” Whines That “There’s No Guarantee They’re Going To Be Put To Death”

But Anderson said the agreement should not have had a major impact on the JSOC task force’s operations because the task force often detains people to interrogate them for intelligence before releasing them.

April 19, 2010 By Sean D. Naylor, Army Times [Excerpts]

U.S. special operations forces in Iraq are frustrated with the Iraqi government’s habit of releasing terrorist suspects detained by the special operators

The Iraqi government is releasing most of the detainees turned over to it by the JSOC task force based in Joint Base Balad, about 68 kilometers north of Baghdad, said a U.S. intelligence source.

Frustrations experienced by that task force’s elite special operators, from units like Delta Force and SEAL Teams 2 and 10, have led them to call the practice a “catch and release” program, the source said.

“Generally speaking, morale is good, but the frustrations exist at every level in the task force, from the strike force to the support personnel, that once a detainee is turned over to the Iraqis, there is no guarantee of anything,” the intelligence source said.

“There’s no guarantee someone’s going to be put in prison, there’s no guarantee they’re not going to be bribed out of jail, there’s no guarantee they’re going to be put to death.”

The frustration is not confined to the JSOC task force. Special Forces troops assigned to Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula are experiencing “lots of frustration because everything’s gotten so stringent and political,” said a recently retired SF officer with combat experience in Iraq.

Maj. Gen. Joe Anderson, chief of staff for U.S. Forces-Iraq, said the status-of-forces agreement between the United States and Iraq that went into effect in January 2009 has constrained U.S. forces’ freedom of action. The agreement had been “a big game changer” regarding U.S. troops’ ability to detain suspects and ensure that they stayed behind bars, he said.

To pick a suspect up and have the Iraqi government imprison him, there has to be a warrant for his arrest and a detention order from a judge, Anderson said.

“Without those two documents ... you don’t stay detained any more.”

But Anderson said the agreement should not have had a major impact on the JSOC task force's operations because the task force often detains people to interrogate them for intelligence before releasing them.

"They're focused on intel collection ... not necessarily on prosecution," he said. "The amount of folks they've sent for prosecution is a handful."

But the intelligence source said that while most of the task force's detainees are taken for intelligence purposes — like other U.S. forces, the JSOC operators can detain Iraqis for up to 14 days — the task force still transfers dozens of detainees per month to the Iraqi authorities.

"The majority of people brought in are involved in some way with terrorist activities. Then the challenge obviously becomes how do you prove it to an Iraqi court, and how do you make sure that the Iraqi court actually takes the next step and prosecutes these people to the fullest extent of the Iraqi law without interference from outside groups from political influence."

But the principal reason the Iraqis free detainees turned over by the task force is that much of the evidence against those suspects is derived from sensitive intelligence that U.S. forces refuse to share with their Iraqi counter-parts, the intelligence source said.

"Due to classification concerns, you can't give all the information you have about a certain individual, and thus when that individual gets in front of various Iraqi judges, without being able to present certain pieces of evidence, they're going to walk free," the intelligence source said.

"If something's at an SCI (sensitive com-partmented information) level, we can't give it. If it says NOFORN (not releasable to foreign nationals or governments), we can't give it. The silly thing is the Iraqis know what we do and how we do it. We know that they know, and they know that we know."

However, using human intelligence to convict insurgent suspects also presents a challenge, because it requires the Iraqi source to appear before the judge and sign his name to a document stating his testimony, which many refuse to do, the source said.

"The reason that people don't want to be identified, even in front of the judge, is because the Iraqi system being so full of holes, they don't feel secure," the intelligence source said.

"There's no witness protection program in Iraq."

"The only part that matters (in gaining a conviction) ... is once you get in front of a trial judge," the source said.

Even if a detainee has confessed to being an insurgent, if once he gets in front of a judge, he claims his confessions were made under torture, he will often get released, the intelligence source said.

Sometimes, the judge will refuse to accept a defendant's courtroom confession, saying "I don't believe you, I'm setting you free," the source added.

These problems are compounded by an overwhelmed and archaic Iraqi judicial bureaucracy, in which a typical filing system consists of "a bunch of papers stacked on top of each other," the intelligence source said.

"There's no computers, there's no central data-base where they keep information."

As a result, the source said, it is often impossible to keep track of a detainee once he has been turned over to the Iraqis.

But even though the special operators chafe against the restraints the Iraqi government places upon their hunt for al-Qaida in Iraq, "the restrictions are less onerous" than those the task force faces if it wants to go after Shiite militias and their Iranian trainers, the intelligence source said.

The U.S. government has long acknowledged that the Iranian regime has sought to influence events in Iraq since 2003 by using the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps' Quds Force to train, equip and direct Shiite militias in Iraq. (The Quds Force performs a range of functions for Iran that encompass many of the clandestine and covert activities carried out by Special Forces and the Central Intelligence Agency for the United States.)

The intelligence source estimated there were "hundreds" of Quds Force operatives in Iraq, of which "it was absolutely safe to say" more than 100 are in Baghdad. While some of those personnel were conducting "final training" of Shiite militias, "most of the (Quds Force) people in Iraq are there to facilitate the movement of munitions and people," with most training of Iraqi Shiite militiamen occurring in Iran, the intelligence source said.

Anderson, the USF-I chief of staff, said he thought the intelligence source's estimates of Quds Force strength in Iraq and Baghdad were too high.

If the U.S. intelligence source estimate that hundreds of Quds Force operatives are in Iraq is accurate, it would represent a significant increase over the last two years, said retired Col. Pete Mansoor, who was Gen. David Petraeus' executive officer from 2007 to 2008 when Petraeus commanded Multinational Forces-Iraq, and who is now a professor of military history at Ohio State University.

"After we detained a number of Quds Force operatives, the Iranians didn't want to take the chance of having Iranians captured by U.S. forces on Iraqi soil and so they withdrew them ... and they replaced them with Lebanese

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

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

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Two Dutch Soldiers Killed In Uruzgan; Another Wounded

Apr 18, 2010 DPA

The Hague - Two Dutch troops have been killed by insurgents in Uruzgan province in southern Afghanistan, the Netherlands Defence Ministry said late Saturday in The Hague.

One soldier was severely wounded in the deadly attack using explosives.

The slain troops were ages 23 and 29.

The latest deaths bring Dutch military casualties in the Afghan conflict to 23 dead.

The Netherlands has a force in Afghanistan of about 2,000 troops, who are due to be withdrawn starting in August through the end of 2010.

So far this month, 24 foreign soldiers have died in Afghanistan.

Foreign Occupation Soldier Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced

04.18.10 By RAHIM FAIEZ, Associated Press

A foreign soldier was killed by a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan on Saturday, NATO said, the third foreign death that day following an earlier announcement of the loss of two Dutch marines in the southern province of Uruzgan.

The third soldier's nationality and other details of the incident were being withheld pending family notification, it said.

Memories, Friends Comfort Rochester Marine's Family

4/7/2010 By Matt Russell, The Post-Bulletin, Rochester MN

After getting support from more than 2,000 people on Facebook in recent days, the family of a Rochester Marine killed in Afghanistan last week say they are overwhelmed by kind words from friends, family and people they've never met.

"It's mind-boggling," said Kay Swenson, the mother of Lance Cpl. Curtis M. Swenson, 20, a 2007 Mayo High School graduate. "It's really been a comfort."

Swenson's family returned to Rochester on Monday night from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, where they attended a ceremony marking the return of the soldier's body to American soil.

"It was devastating," Swenson's father, Dave, said Tuesday as he recalled the experience of seeing his son's flag-draped coffin.

News of Curtis' death arrived for the Swensons on Friday afternoon when a black SUV parked in the driveway of their southeast Rochester home and two Marines got out.

Dave Swenson recalls standing frozen with his hands in a questioning gesture as they approached. No words needed to be spoken, he said, for him to realize his son had passed away.

Curtis died while serving as a turret gunner assisting a military vehicle damaged by a roadside bomb, Dave Swenson said. Curtis's Humvee hit another, very powerful explosive device, he said.

The explosion flipped his vehicle and crushed his chest.

On Tuesday, Swenson's family talked about the many memories they have of Curtis. Family camping trips, his dimples, deer hunting, and his wedding last August to a woman who made his eyes light up when he talked about her.

One by one, the stories brought laughter and tears.

"We spent a lot of time with him, and now we know why," Dave Swenson said.

Curtis Swenson's body is tentatively set to arrive in Rochester at 4 p.m. Friday. Details aren't final, but the visitation could be at 6 or 7 p.m. Friday and the church service Saturday morning, both at Bethel Lutheran Church. Burial is possible Saturday afternoon at the Stone Church near Houston, where Swenson's grandfather is buried.

The church is also near a family farm and a spot where he and his father hunted deer.

"That's where he belongs," Dave Swenson said. "He loved it down there."

In the meantime, Swenson's family is banding together for support and getting comfort from friends and others. The many condolences have helped the family deal with its grief, Dave Swenson said, but he has a hard time answering when people ask him how they can help.

"There's one thing I want and no one can give it to me," he said. "I want my son back."

Family, Friends Recall Fallen Soldier From Bridgewater



Scott Brunkhorst, a 2003 graduate of Bridgewater-Raritan High School and an Army weapons squad leader based at Fort Bragg, N.C., was killed in action in Afghanistan earlier this week

April 3, 2010 By MICHAEL DEAK, WALTER O'BRIEN, AND PAMELA SROKA-HOLZMANN; Mycentraljersey.com/

BRIDGEWATER — A Bridgewater-Raritan High School graduate killed in Afghanistan earlier this week is being remembered as a selfless friend, a loving family man and a proud member of the military.

Scott Brunkhorst, 25, was a 2003 graduate of the school and an Army weapons squad leader based at Fort Bragg, N.C. He is survived by his wife Krystal, and 3-year-old daughter Kendall.

While news of Brunkhorst's death had spread among his family and friends, details had not been publicly released late Friday afternoon by the U.S. Department of Defense. The date of his death was unconfirmed Friday.

Brunkhorst was destined to follow in the footsteps of his military family, according to his mother, Linda Brunkhorst. His grandfather, Richard Brunkhorst, his father, also named Richard Brunkhorst, mother, Linda Brunkhorst, and wife, Krystal, had all served, she said. His brother, Adam, 26, is on active duty with the military police in Germany and awaiting deployment to Kuwait. "Scott followed in the military tradition," his mother said. ""We all served."

Brunkhorst also leaves behind another brother, Richard, 28, of North Carolina, and a sister, Danyella Cubacub, 34, of Oregon.

Linda Brunkhorst, reached Friday at her North Carolina home, recalled her youngest son as altruistic, athletic and, when it came to his wife, a romantic. He never forgot a birthday or anniversary, she said.

"He was my baby," Linda Brunkhorst said. "To others, he would do anything for anyone. Scott was one of those people who would always do everything for everyone else. He would give you the shirt off his back."

Linda Brunkhorst recalled that when he was a child, she'd have to start packing Scott's lunch with two sandwiches because he would constantly give his sandwich to the child who forgot his lunch at home.

"If someone needed a dollar, he would give away his lunch money," she said. "That's the person he was."

During holidays as a child and adult, Brunkhorst would present his family with handmade gifts. Linda Brunkhorst, a cook and baker, received a wooden cutting board and last Christmas, Krystal received a wooden picture frame. Inside the frame were various photographs of the couple from their four-year marriage.

They were married on Valentine's Day, 2006.

"It (picture frame) was the last thing he had made for her," Linda Brunkhorst said. "That was the last thing he gave anybody."

During family vacations each summer to the Kings Dominion amusement park in Virginia, Linda Brunkhorst, who is disabled, was allowed to move to the front of rides lines with her family. She said her son would race to the front of the line for all the roller coasters, but then turned around and felt bad for the people who had to wait in long lines.

Brunkhorst was a member of the football and track teams at Bridgewater-Raritan High School, according to his friend Jim Morgan, 22, who now lives in Branchburg.

"He was a great guy," said Morgan, who said Krystal Brunkhorst called him about the death. "He was proud to be in the military," Morgan said.

Morgan remembers how his friend "took me under his wing" when he joined the track team and was running hurdles with him. Brunkhorst, a senior, gave Morgan, a sophomore, tips on how to run hurdles and was "very supportive" of all his friends, Morgan recalled.

Morgan last saw Brunkhorst when he was visiting Central Jersey with his wife and daughter.

"I remember telling him, 'See you soon, man,'" Morgan said.

SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO:

In his spare time, Scott was a firearm aficionado and enjoyed paintball, whitewater rafting, video games, action films and connecting with friends on the Facebook social

networking site, according to Linda Brunkhorst. He also was fond of the beach, often playing with Kendall in the ocean.

Brunkhorst described himself in his Facebook profile as "'pretty straightforward," adding "'I like to live life, not plan it...I hate being tied down."

"I'm independent, but friends and family will always be important. I'm fairly goofy, I like to act dumb and immature sometimes, but I can be very mature when the situation requires," the profile said.

Brett Colavito of Bridgewater created a memorial page on Facebook for Brunkhorst.

"He was a great kid, he was someone to look up to, he was like a brother," Colavito said in a telephone interview Friday. "'He put everybody else before himself."

Brunkhorst, originally from Fayetteville, N.C., moved to Bridgewater and stayed with his grandmother while attending Bridgewater-Raritan High School, according to Colavito. Brunkhorst was a member of the Class of 2003 and Colavito was in the Class of 2005. The two met at a concert with Morgan and became fast friends.

"I remember he just came in one day and said, "guess what, I signed up for the Army,'" Colavito said. "'He never really talked about it. After he graduated he went to boot camp and was stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In my junior year. I walked into a classroom and he had come back and was sitting there in his Army uniform."

Brunkhorst signed up for five years in the Army, but along the way met Krystal, married her and had a daughter, Colavito said. Brunkhorst was to be released from the Army in August 2008 but decided to stay in the military, according to Colavito.

Brunkhorst brought his family up to Bridgewater as often as he could and often stayed with Colavito and his family, said Colavito.

"It was that kind of relationship," Colavito said. "Whenever he left it was never goodbye, it was see you later."

Colavito said Krystal Brunkhorst told him that Brunkhorst was killed after he was on a routine patrol, stepped out of his truck and landed on a land mine or Improvised Explosive Device.

GIVING THANKS:

Locally, Brunkhorst had lived in the Glenbrooke at Bridgewater development for several years.

Mike Halle, a U.S. Postal Service worker delivering mail in the Glen Brooke development since 2003, said he recalled Brunkhorst as a high schooler pitching in to help his grandmother bring in the groceries. Then, Halle, recalled, he would park his grandmother's car in the parking lot.

Halle also recalled Brunkhorst as an athletic person, who would wear shorts while jogging in the winter. He would smile and wave at Halle, greeting him with a "Hey, dude."

Blair Dulli, another friend from high school, said she had many memories of Brunkhorst from gym class, lunch and prom weekend.

Dulli said Brunkhorst ... known as "'Scotty B'" to his Bridgewater friends ... expressed on Facebook that more good men die every day for people who don't know they are fighting for them, and that people's selflessness was what made him proud to do his job.

"I reminded him that there are those of us who know exactly who is fighting for us, and I thanked him," Dulli said in an e-mail.

"It's really ironic now, and sad. And I hope that people everywhere can take that away from this loss ... it doesn't matter how you feel about the war, or what your political affiliation is. Shake a soldier's hand, tell him or her thank you ... it doesn't matter whether you know them or not."

Dulli added, "They are the ones who aren't coming home so that you can sleep peacefully at night. Let them know that what they do is not lost on us. That is what Scott would want to see happen."

REALLY BAD PLACE TO BE: ALL HOME NOW



Apr 2: US Army soldiers unload a robot to deactivate an IED they discovered on a main road in Yosef Khel district of Paktika province, Afghanistan. (AFP/Massoud Hossaini)

Good News For The Afghan Resistance!!

U.S. Occupation Commands' Stupid Tactics Recruit Even More Fighters To Kill U.S. Troops



Foreign occupation troops from the USA search an Afghan citizens dwelling during an armed home invasion in a residential compound in the area of Karez-e-Sayyidi, Helmand province, April 13, 2010. REUTERS/Asmaa Waguih

Afghani citizens have no right to resist home invasions by occupation soldiers from the USA. If they do, they may be arrested, wounded, or killed.

[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."

TROOP NEWS

**NOT ANOTHER DAY
NOT ANOTHER DOLLAR
NOT ANOTHER LIFE**



March 4, 2010: An army flight medic helps U.S. Marines as they prepare two wounded comrades for transport to a waiting medical helicopter in Helmand province, Afghanistan. One of the two wounded Marines died later of his wounds, incurred when his armored vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device. (AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

Nearly 1,000 Service Members Have Lost Limbs In The Two Wars

[Thanks to Michael Letwin, New York City Labor Against The War & Military Resistance, who sent this in.]

April 6, 2010 By BOB HERBERT, New York Times Company [Excerpt]

Nearly 1,000 service members have lost limbs as a result of the two wars, and nearly 200 have lost more than one limb.

More than 17,000 G.I.'s serving in Iraq or Afghanistan have suffered wounds so serious that they could not be returned to duty.

Portland, Maine City Council Votes To Demand Congress Stop All Funding For Wars In Iraq And Afghanistan:

“This Warfare Too Often Creates Great And Unnecessary Harm To U.S. Military Personnel And Their Families, And To The People Of Iraq, Afghanistan And Pakistan”



11 Apr 2010 Rochester.indymedia.org/

The city council of Portland, Maine, passed the following resolution by a 7-1 vote:

RESOLUTION ASKING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO END THE EXPENDITURE OF OUR CITIZENS' TAX DOLLARS FOR EXCESSIVE AND UNAFFORDABLE WAR FUNDING

WHEREAS, the financial resources available for use by governments at the local, county, state and federal levels in the United States are and must be limited; and

WHEREAS, the people of Portland, Maine are collectively paying or becoming indebted for approximately 15 million dollars per year of their limited financial resources for warfare in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, such expenditure is inordinate to the identified public benefits to Maine and the nation; and

WHEREAS, this warfare too often creates great and unnecessary harm to U.S. military personnel and their families, and to the people of Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, essential public services such as education, infrastructure repair, family and small-business financing, and community policing in Portland and throughout the State of Maine have been substantially reduced while an excessive portion of available financial resources is diverted from the constructive economy to largely unnecessary warfare.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the City of Portland, Maine respectfully requests that the U.S. Representative from the First Maine Congressional District and both of Maine's U.S. Senators oppose all legislation brought before the 111th U.S. Congress that provides further funding of the U.S. warfare and U.S. military occupations in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan; and that the City of Portland, Maine also urges these members of Congress to take strong and forceful action to influence the U.S. Congress to terminate funding of these military operations.

Concerned organizations and individuals around the state have created the Maine Campaign to Bring Our War \$\$ Home as a way to promote the idea that our state's fiscal crisis is in large part due to the current spending on endless war in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

The current wars and occupations have now cost US taxpayers nearly \$1 trillion. Maine's share of that war spending is more than \$2.5 billion. We invite you to imagine how that war money could have been spent here in Maine on education, health care, social programs, repairing our decaying roads and bridges, and building a world-class public transit system.

Almost Half Of Britons For Immediate Withdrawal From Afghanistan

18 April 2010 By Brian Brady, Independent.co.uk [Excerpts]

An IoS poll shows 77 per cent of Britons want our forces to come home.

In November, a poll found that 73 per cent of people wanted British troops to come home within "a year or so" – and almost half of them called for immediate withdrawal.

A poll for The IoS today finds that this number has increased, with 77 per cent now supporting withdrawal on the same terms. The number disagreeing is now below one in seven.

Former U.S. Marine Sgt. Joe Callan Now An Organizer For Iraq Veterans Against The War



(AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

March 11, 2010: Former U.S. Marine Sgt. Joe Callan, left, now an organizer for the group Iraq Veterans Against The War, smokes with other members, Romeo Rocha, center, and Micah Shaw before an event planning meeting of the group in Albuquerque, N.M.

It wasn't his first tour in Iraq, but his second and third when Callan began wondering how long his luck would last, how many more months he could swerve around bombs buried in the dirt and duck mortars raining from the skies. Three tours in four years and Callan wanted out. Out of Iraq, out of the Marines. Nearly 300,000 troops have served three, four or more times. And, records show, more than half of those currently at war are at least on their second tour.

“These Rear Echelon Officers Who Say Beer And Loaded Weapons Don’t Mix Have It Wrong”

Letters To The Editor
Army Times
April 19, 2010

I fondly remember sitting in the jungle of Vietnam when the word came down we were getting a beer run. It happened once a month and it was a morale booster (“Webb: Allowing beer in war zones may cut stress,” March 22).

We only received two hot beers per man in the jungle and we were all armed to the teeth. There was never a problem and we could function at any level, any time.

They could have sent out a six pack per man and we could’ve done the job.

These rear echelon officers who say beer and loaded weapons don’t mix have it wrong.

Former Spc. John Leppelman
Worley, Idaho

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 Douglass, 1852

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

April 19, 1943: Solemn Anniversary: In Memory Of Those Who Died Courageously Resisting An Imperial Army Of Occupation, Arms In Hand



A resistance fighter with a homemade flame thrower during the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.
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Carl Bunin Peace History April 13-19

On the eve of Passover, the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising began when Nazi forces attempted to clear out the Jewish ghetto in Warsaw, Poland, to send them to concentration camps.

The destruction of the ghetto had been ordered in February by SS Chief Heinrich Himmler:

“An overall plan for the razing of the ghetto is to be submitted to me. In any case we must achieve the disappearance from sight of the living-space for 500,000 sub-humans (Untermenschen) that has existed up to now, but could never be suitable for Germans, and reduce the size of this city of millions — Warsaw — which has always been a center of corruption and revolt.”

From: Ushmm.org [Excerpt]:

In the summer of 1942, about 300,000 Jews were deported from Warsaw to Treblinka.

When reports of mass murder in the killing center leaked back to the Warsaw ghetto, a surviving group of mostly young people formed an organization called the Z.O.B. (for the

Polish name, Zydowska Organizacja Bojowa, which means Jewish Fighting Organization).

The Z.O.B., led by 23-year-old Mordecai Anielewicz, issued a proclamation calling for the Jewish people to resist going to the railroad cars.

In January 1943, Warsaw ghetto fighters fired upon German troops as they tried to round up another group of ghetto inhabitants for deportation. Fighters used a small supply of weapons that had been smuggled into the ghetto.

After a few days, the troops retreated.

This small victory inspired the ghetto fighters to prepare for future resistance.

The Nazis began the final liquidation of the ghetto the eve of Passover, April 19, 1943.

The Warsaw ghetto uprising began after German troops and police entered the ghetto to deport its surviving inhabitants. Seven hundred and fifty fighters fought the heavily armed and well-trained Germans.

The ghetto fighters were able to hold out for nearly a month, but on May 16, 1943, the revolt ended.

The Germans had slowly crushed the resistance.

Of the more than 56,000 Jews captured, about 7,000 were shot, and the remainder were deported to killing centers or concentration camps.

Resisters held off the Nazis for three weeks, using precious few and largely ineffectual weapons, but they were determined to go out fighting, decrease the number of Nazis, and hopefully serve to let the whole world know of the plight of the Jews.

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

“The U.S. Supplies The Money And Guns, And Israel Acts As The Enforcer For U.S. Interests In The Middle East”

April 16, 2010, Michael Fiorentino, Socialist Worker [Excerpt]

Israel's ability to openly defy international law year after year without facing any diplomatic consequences depends first and foremost on U.S. backing.

The United States is fundamentally aligned with Israel because it uses Israel to project its imperial influence in the resource-rich region. This is why no word of protest was uttered when four Palestinian youth in the West Bank were shot and killed by the Israeli soldiers at peaceful demonstrations in March.

It explains the continued support of the U.S. for the criminal siege of Gaza, which denies basic necessities to the 1.5 million inhabitants of the open-air prison that Gaza has become.

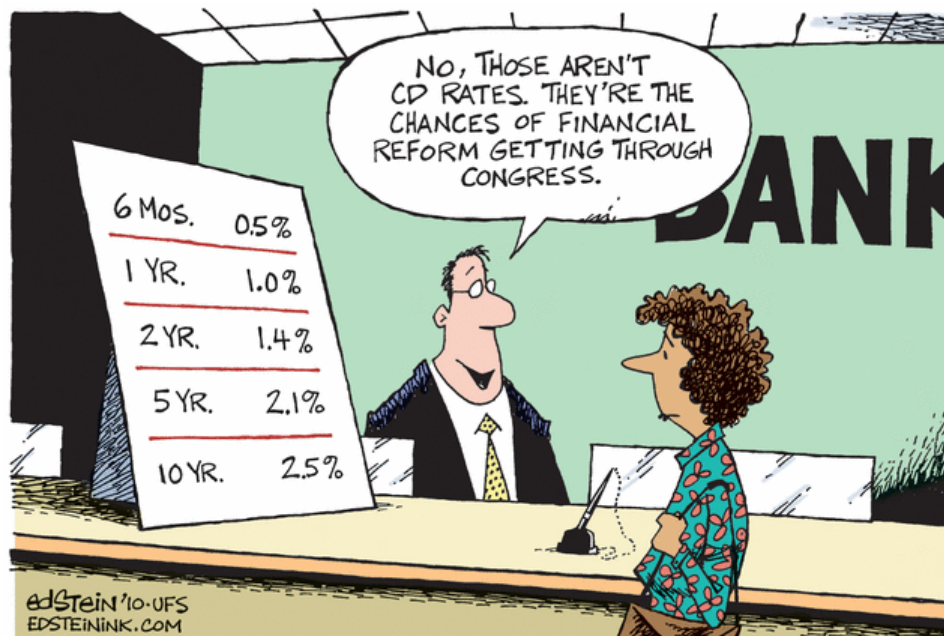
Israel has been dealt a round of public relations setbacks since Operation Cast Lead in December 2008 and January 2009, most notably the release of the Goldstone Report, which found that the Israeli government is guilty of war crimes, including the deliberate targeting of schools, mosques and hospitals.

But the Obama administration has nevertheless offered to serve as Israel's chief backer and apologist, regardless of the deadly toll of Israel's war on the Palestinian people.

Whatever the nature of the squabbles over the years, the fundamental dynamic of the "special relationship" persists: the U.S. supplies the money and guns, and Israel acts as the enforcer for U.S. interests in the Middle East.

[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



The Peculiar Death Of Imam Ameen Abdullah Luqman: “Riddled With 21 Shots Including One In The Back”

**“It Remains Unclear How Luqman's
Jaw Came To Be Broken And His
Face So Badly Lacerated Or When He
Was Handcuffed”**

**Attorney Believes Luqman's Body Was
Moved From The Original Location
Where He Was Killed Before The Medical
Examiner Arrived**



A militant Muslim leader who was shot dead by police in Detroit, Mich., was riddled with 21 shots including one in the back. He also had a broken jaw, broken teeth and his hands were cuffed behind his back. An autopsy photo obtained exclusively by ABC News shows Imam Ameen Abdullah Luqman lying face down on the ground with his hands clearly cuffed behind him. (Wayne County Medical Examiner)

[Thanks to Michael Letwin, New York City Labor Against The War & Military Resistance, who sent this in.]

April 7, 2010 By BETH TRIBOLET and SHARAF MOWJOOD, ABC News Internet Ventures [Excerpts]

A fiery Muslim leader who was shot dead during an attempt to arrest him in Dearborn, Mich., was found to have been riddled with 21 shots including one in the back. He also had a broken jaw, broken teeth and his hands were cuffed behind his back, according to an autopsy report.

An autopsy photo obtained by ABC News shows Imam Ameen Abdullah Luqman lying face down on the ground with his hands clearly cuffed behind him.

Additional photos obtained by ABC News also show deep lacerations on Luqman's face that his family believes may have been caused by a police dog.

Federal authorities claim that Luqman, 53, was killed last October in a Dearborn trailer after failing to surrender to police.

The day before the raid, federal authorities filed a criminal complaint that alleged conspiracy to commit federal crimes including theft from interstate shipments, mail fraud to obtain proceeds from arson, illegal sale and possession of firearms and tampering with motor vehicle identification numbers. These allegation were made through the use of confidential informants, the documents state.

An FBI officer on the scene of Luqman's death reported that a police dog was sent in when Luqman refused to show officers his hands, and that Luqman shot and killed the dog.

However, a press release after the incident from the U.S. Attorney's office in Detroit does not say Luqman killed the dog. It simply states a canine was "killed in the exchange."

The shot allegedly fired by Luqman prompted police to take the gunfire as a threat and they returned fire, according to FBI reports.

Luqman's family says there's no proof he was carrying a gun that day, and the family has submitted a Freedom of Information Act request to get the necropsy report for the dead police dog to determine whether the dog was killed by a police bullet.

The request has been declined.

Luqman's son, Omar Regan, asks "How did he shoot the dog if his jaw was broken and there were lacerations on his face?"

FBI Special Agent in Charge Andrew Arena said after the shooting that he was comfortable with his agents' actions. "They did what they had to do to protect themselves," he said.

Dawud Walid, executive director of the Council of American-Islamic Relations in Detroit, asked, "How could he be so sure?"

Walid said that despite Luqman's rhetoric, he was not dangerous. The Imam struggled to pay rent and heat at his mosque in Dearborn, and was evicted from a previous mosque for not paying rent.

Walid says the police actions at the Detroit warehouse that day amounted to excessive force, borne out by the condition of Luqman's body when the medical examiner arrived.

The medical examiner's report says the body was cold when he arrived and rigor mortis had set in, so it was impossible to establish time of death.

The police dog named "Freddy," a Belgian Malinois, was airlifted to get medical attention, while Luqman's body was eventually taken by ambulance to the hospital, according to his son.

Freddy was later honored with a memorial service.

It remains unclear how Luqman's jaw came to be broken and his face so badly lacerated or when he was handcuffed.

After viewing all the autopsy photos with the Wayne County Medical Examiner, Lena Masri, an attorney for CAIR Michigan, said she believes Luqman's body may have been moved from the original location where he was killed before the medical examiner arrived.

Luqman preached overthrowing the U.S. government and establishing Islamic law, but he was not charged with terrorism.

Federal authorities used informants inside Luqman's mosque to gather evidence that he and his associates were dealing in stolen goods, and illegally possessed firearms, among other charges.

Welcome To The Occupied USA: Unarmed Autistic Man With No Arrest Record Murdered By Los Angeles Police

[Thanks to Michael Letwin, New York City Labor Against The War & Military Resistance, who sent this in.]

March 31, 2010 By Robert J. Lopez, L.A. Times

The mother of an unarmed man who was shot and killed in Koreatown earlier this month by Los Angeles police filed a claim for damages Wednesday, alleging that the slaying was unjustified.

Steven Eugene Washington, 27, was shot for no legitimate reason about midnight March 20 near the 800 block of South Vermont Avenue by two Los Angeles Police Department officers, according to the claim against the city and LAPD.

The claim, filed on behalf of Kathleen Washington, seeks financial damages in excess of \$10,000 for emotional distress from the loss of her son and for civil rights violations by the two officers. The claim is the first step in a process that could lead to a lawsuit.

The family said Steven Washington was autistic, had learning disabilities and was generally afraid of strangers.

"The man they killed is a man who had led a peaceful, law-abiding existence," said attorney Brian T. Dunn, who represents the mother.

Police said Washington reached for his waistband for what officers thought was a gun. The officers shot Washington because they feared for their lives, according to the LAPD.

No weapon was found at the scene.

Dunn said Washington had no criminal history or previous contact with police.

"He always had the highest respect for law enforcement," Dunn said in an interview. [Big mistake. They're the most dangerous street gang in L.A.]

Stupid New Law Requires Subversives To Register: \$5 Filing Fee For Planning To Overthrow Governments Of South Carolina Or U.S.A.

[Thanks to Michael Letwin, New York City Labor Against The War & Military Resistance, who sent this in.]

February 5th, 2010 By Daniel Tencer, Rawstory.com/ [Excerpts]

Terrorists who want to overthrow the United States government must now register with South Carolina's Secretary of State and declare their intentions -- or face a \$25,000 fine and up to 10 years in prison.

The state's "Subversive Activities Registration Act," passed last year and now officially on the books, states that "every member of a subversive organization, or an organization subject to foreign control, every foreign agent and every person who advocates, teaches, advises or practices the duty, necessity or propriety of controlling, conducting, seizing or overthrowing the government of the United States ... shall register with the Secretary of State."

There's even a \$5 filing fee.

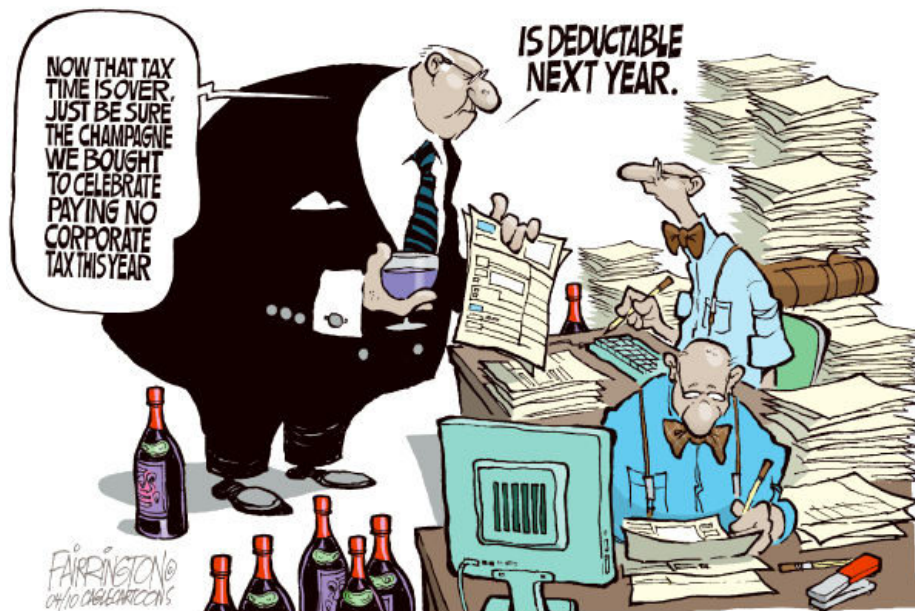
By "subversive organization," the law means "every corporation, society, association, camp, group, bund, political party, assembly, body or organization, composed of two or more persons, which directly or indirectly advocates, advises, teaches or practices the duty, necessity or propriety of controlling, conducting, seizing or overthrowing the government of the United States (or) of this State."

The law also gives subversive organizations "subject to foreign control" 30 days to register with the state after setting up shop in South Carolina.

The South Carolina blog FitsNews describes the new law as "bureaucracy for terrorists."

"In the long and storied history of utterly retarded legislation in South Carolina, we may have finally found the legal statute that takes the cake for sheer stupidity, which we think you'll agree is saying something," the unsigned blog posting scathingly commented.

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