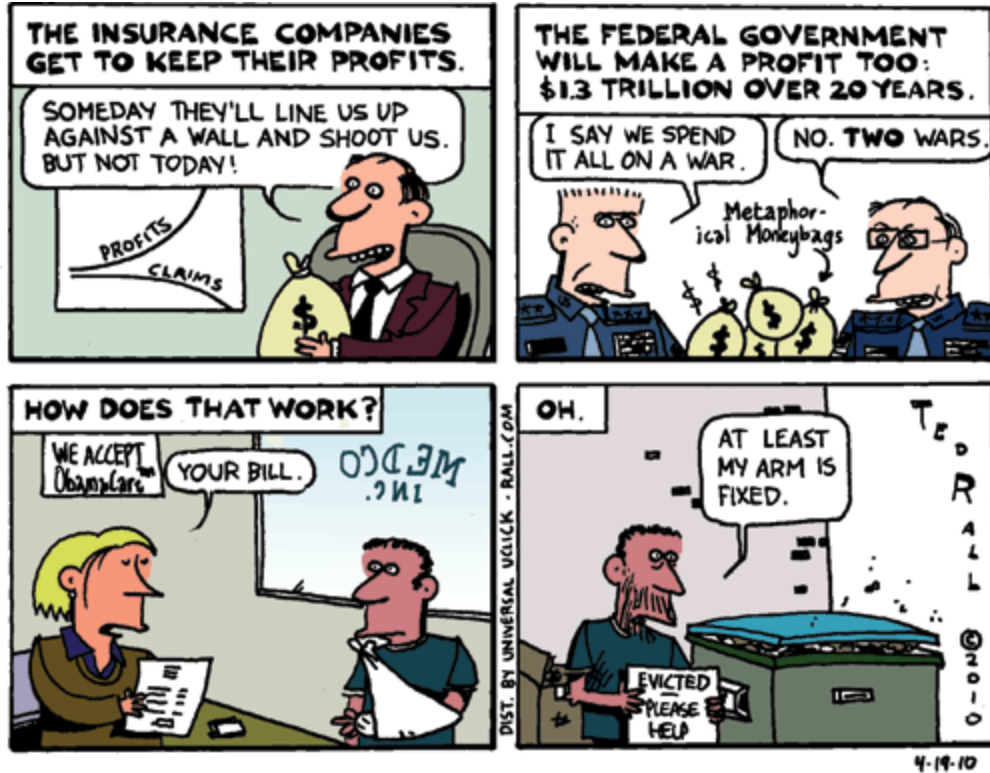


## Military Resistance 8E1



# My Lai 2010

From: Dennis Serdel  
To: Military Resistance  
Subject: My Lai 2010  
Date: Apr 29, 2010

Written by Dennis Serdel, Military Resistance 2010; Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour) Light Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade; United Auto Workers GM Retiree

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### My Lai 2010

Americal March 1968 they jump off the choppers  
into a mine field, one is hit by a bouncing betty  
that splits his body in half, nobody had seen

anything like this, they have to use two ponchos to put the two halves in, then there are the blown off foots choppers coming in to haul them out, there is no enemy to shoot at, the Captain says from now on forward they are all VC so shoot everyone but he has it wrong on his map.

A woman walks out to the door of her hut and stops, they shoot her dead, others start to run they shoot them dead as the contagious blood begins some can not do it and just walk past the ditch but most follow orders

What are we doing wrong ?

You are not telling us where the mine fields and single land mines are.

You know because you have to walk to other villages and on paths to work.

That is what you are doing wrong

that is what you are doing, that is what you

that is what, that is what, that that that echoes echoes on PBS TV late at night

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## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **U.S. Soldier Wounded By Baghdad IED; Green Zone Mortared**

April 28 (Reuters) & April 30 (Reuters)

One U.S. soldier was wounded by a roadside bomb in Baghdad's northern Adhamiya district on Thursday night, the U.S. military said.

Two mortar rounds landed in the heavily fortified Green Zone government and diplomatic neighbourhood of Baghdad, without causing any casualties, the office of the Baghdad security command said.

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## **Resistance Action**

4.27.10 DPA & Reuters & May 1 (Reuters)

A rocket fired from an unknown location hit a government building in the centre of Kabul city on Tuesday, the Interior Ministry said. The explosion broke some windows panes of the building housing the Ministry of Town and Urban Development, but caused no casualties, it added.

Two roadside bombs struck a convoy of Afghan police in Kandahar yesterday, killing two pedestrians and wounding another.

Two policemen were killed when two suspected car bombers attacked police checkpoints in southern Baghdad, police said.

A bomb on a pickup truck attached to the Electricity Ministry wounded two ministry employees and two bystanders in the Mansour district of western Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

A parked car bomb killed three policemen and wounded two policemen in Baghdad's northern Qahira district, police said.

A roadside bomb killed a policeman on Friday in western Mosul.

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE  
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WARS**

**AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

## **Pennsylvania Sgt. Killed In Quarando Village**



U.S. Army Sgt. Nathan P. Kennedy, 24, a Fort Carson soldier from Claysville, Pa., was killed April 27, 2010 after a small-arms fire attack on his unit near Quarando Village in Afghanistan on Tuesday. (AP Photo/U.S. Army)

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## **Alabama Marine Killed In Helmand**

April 29, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release, No. 343-10

Lance Cpl. Thomas E. Rivers Jr., 22, of Birmingham, Ala., died April 28 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

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## **Colorado Sgt. Dies Of March 12 Wounds Sustained At Out Post Bari Alai**

April 29, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release, No. 345-10

Sgt. Grant A. Wichmann, 27, of Golden, Colo., died April 24 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., of wounds sustained March 12 when enemy forces attacked his unit using small arms fire at Out Post Bari Alai, Afghanistan.

He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.

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## **Foreign Occupation “Servicemember” Killed By IED Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan**

April 29 AP - A foreign servicemember died as a result of an IED strike in southern Afghanistan today.

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

**“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**

## **Night Raid By U.S. Troops Kill Brother-In-Law Of Member Of Parliament: Protesters Chant “Death To America!”**

**““Now I Can Say The Americans Are  
The Enemy Of The Women Of  
Afghanistan,’ She Said”**

## More Stupid Lies By U.S. Command Propaganda Machine Blow Up



Hundreds protest in Nangarhar province on Thursday after an Afghan lawmaker's brother-in-law was killed by U.S. soldiers during a raid. Associated Press

**The U.S. military said Afghan forces took part in the raid, but officials in Jalalabad said that wasn't the case.**

**So did the Afghan family that was caught up in the raid.**

APRIL 30, 2010 By HABIB ZAHORI And MATTHEW ROSENBERG, Wall St. Journal & By Dion Nissenbaum, McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS & AFP

KABUL—U.S. soldiers shot and killed the relative of a lawmaker during a nighttime raid in eastern Afghanistan, setting off protests by angry villagers who chanted “Death to America!”

**Safia Sidiqi, a member of the Afghan parliament representing Surkh Rod, told AFP that the troops entered her home without any warning.**

The raid and ensuing demonstration were a sharp reminder of how much trouble North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces have had in avoiding civilian casualties, and the deep resentment those deaths have engendered among Afghans.

On Wednesday night, U.S. soldiers searched a village compound near the city of Jalalabad, said Afghan and U.S. military officials.

NATO's Afghanistan task force said in a statement that foreign and Afghan troops were pursuing a "Taliban facilitator," and spotted an armed man near one of the houses in the compound and ordered him to put down his weapon. "The individual ignored the repeated commands, raised his weapon and aimed at the combined force, and then was shot and killed," NATO said.

**The U.S. military said Afghan forces took part in the raid, but officials in Jalalabad said that wasn't the case.**

**So did the Afghan family that was caught up in the raid.**

**"I didn't see any Afghan forces," said Shah Fasiyal Sidiqi, the younger brother of Afghan member of Parliament Safiya Sidiqi and one of those whom U.S. forces held for several hours during the raid.**

**The dead man turned out to be the brother-in-law of Safya Sidiqi, a member of the Afghan parliament.**

It was his family's compound that was raided, Ms. Sidiqi said, calling his death "barbaric and unjustifiable."

**Ms. Sidiqi, who wasn't at the compound during the raid, said her brother-in-law grabbed his gun — a common household item throughout Afghanistan—because he thought bandits were trying to rob his home.**

**"My brothers thought they were thieves," Sidiqi told AFP.**

**"One of my relatives took a shotgun and walked out of the room. The troops shot him dead," she said. The victim had been visiting the family for the night, she said.**

The MP said the troops tied her brothers' hands despite her brothers identifying themselves in English as siblings of a lawmaker.

**She disputed NATO's account that he was warned by soldiers before being shot.**

Her brother, Shah Fasiyal Sidiqi, a resident of Canada who had returned to Afghanistan this week to visit his family, was there when the Americans came looking for a Taliban leader.

He said that more than 80 U.S. soldiers took over the family compound before midnight. The Americans tied up 15 men, women and children and blindfolded them, he said.

Ms. Sidiqi also said that during the raid, soldiers blindfolded the 15 people in the house, including women and children, and pulled them outside. The soldiers then sent in dogs to sniff through the house, she said in a telephone interview.

**"They disgraced our pride and our religion by letting their dogs sniff the holy Koran, our food and the kitchen," Ms. Siddiqi said.**

“I was afraid of Taliban, and now I can say the Americans are the enemy of the women of Afghanistan,” she said.

During the search, Safiya Sidiqi said, one of her brothers-in-law left a neighboring house with an old hunting rifle and was shot.

**Authorities in Nangarhar province, where the raid took place, said they were not told about the operation in advance.**

**“U.S. forces went to that village without keeping the Afghan security forces informed,” said Mr. Abdul Ghafor, a spokesman for the provincial police.**

**“When the Afghan security forces tried to talk to the U.S. forces they were prevented from entering the village by the U.S. soldiers.”**

Demonstrators took to the streets in Nangarhar province yesterday as Safiya Sidiqi denounced the United States for the raid that killed one of her relatives.

By Thursday, word of the raid had spread throughout the area, and hundreds of angry people poured onto the highway linking Jalalabad with Kabul to protest the killing.

The protesters chanted “Death to America!” and “Long Live Islam!” and blocked the road, a key supply route, for about four hours, officials said.

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**Pentagon Reports Taliban  
Getting Stronger:  
“An Insurgency With Deep Roots  
And Broad Reach, Able To  
Withstand Repeated US  
Onslaughts And To Reestablish Its  
Influence”  
Insurgent Leaders Have Improved  
Their Ability To Conduct Complex  
Attacks On U.S. Troops:**



# Continued Ability To Re-Infiltrate Areas Cleared By U.S. Forces

29 April 2010 by Quqnoos.com & By PETER SPIEGEL, Wall St. Journal

A Pentagon report presented a sobering new assessment Wednesday of the Taliban-led insurgency in Afghanistan, saying that its abilities are expanding and its operations are increasing in sophistication, despite recent major offensives by US forces in the militants' heartland.

The report portrays an insurgency with deep roots and broad reach, able to withstand repeated US onslaughts and to reestablish its influence.

The Taliban are improving their ability to set up shadow governments that "discredit the authority and legitimacy" of the government of Afghan President Hamid Karzai, according to a Pentagon assessment of the war's progress.

The Taliban leadership over the past six months has been able to strengthen its command over regional subordinates, as part of an attempt to become a "legitimate alternative government."

In addition, the Pentagon found that the insurgent leaders have improved their ability to conduct complex attacks on U.S. and North Atlantic Treaty Organization troops and have ordered commanders to shift focus away from attacking allied troops head-on to using roadside bombs.

The report said the number of roadside bombs used by the Taliban has increased 236% over the past year.

The Pentagon found the Taliban still have "robust means" for sustaining operations by taxing the opium trade in Afghanistan and raising funds outside the country, delivered via couriers and hawalas, or Islamic money-exchange networks.

The report said the number of violent incidents was about double that of a year ago.

The report describes the Taliban's continued ability to re-infiltrate areas cleared by U.S. and allied forces and the inability of the U.S. and its Afghan allies to improve infrastructure at a rate that shows tangible benefits to the Afghan people.

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## [How Does The Idea Of Afghan Soldiers Doing Body Searches Of

**Young Boys In Your Home Town  
Grab You?]  
Good News For The Afghan  
Resistance!!  
U.S. Occupation Commands' Stupid  
Tactics Recruit Even More Fighters To  
Kill U.S. Troops**



Afghan boys raise their hands up as a U.S. Marine from 6 Marines conducts a search of them during a patrol in the Karez-e-Sayyidiarea in the outskirts of Marjah district, Helmand province, April 28, 2010. REUTERS/Asmaa Waguih

Foreign occupation soldiers from the USA make a daily practice of touching the bodies or Afghan citizens, including kids.

This encourages self-respecting honorable Afghans to kill them.

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A soldier from the U.S. Army's 2-1 Infantry Battalion, 5/2 Striker Brigade Combat Team looks into a small window in the side of a rural building during an operation in the Arghandab River Valley in Kandahar Province April 16, 2010. REUTERS/Tim Wimborne

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## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

### **Insurgent Fighters Gain Territory In Central Somalia**

Apr 30, 2010 GAROWE ONLINE

At least 10 combatants were killed and over 20 others injured in heavy clashes that pitted insurgent group Al-Shabaab against pro-government Sufi militia group Ahlu Sunnah Wal Jama in central Somali villages, Radio Garowe reports.

Fighting erupted in the strategic central Somali village of El Bahay in located 80km north of Guriel town in Galgadud region where fighters from Al-Shabaab insurgents attacked the village, resulting the death of at least six combatants.

"We attacked and captured the area from our foes. It is part of our plans to expand our grip on territories in central regions," said an Al-Shabaab official.

Al-Shabaab fighters also carried out attacks on a military base used by government troops and pro-government Ahlu Sunnah in the north of Beledweyne, the capital of Hiran region.

“Today we attacked a training base used by government troops and their Ahlu Sunnah colleagues. We captured the base and some weapons,” said Yussuf Ali Ugas, Al-Shabaab commander in Hiran region.

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## **30 Somalis Worshipers Slaughtered As Bombs Blow Up Mosque Where Insurgent Leader Is Attending Services: [CIA? Mossad?] [Of Course Not. They Would Never Butcher Civilians Wholesale, Would They?]**

May 1, 2010 MOHAMED OLAD HASSAN, Associated Press

Two bombs exploded inside a mosque in Mogadishu's main market on Saturday in the first Iraq-style bombing inside a house of worship in Somalia. At least 30 people were killed and 70 wounded, officials said.

The blasts in the Bakara market went off while people were sitting inside the Abdala Shideye mosque waiting for noon prayers.

Most of the victims were worshippers, said businessman Ahmed Abdulle, a witness.

“The first one occurred at the back of the mosque and the other one at the front. I saw the dead bodies of at least 11 people and 18 injured,” said a businessman, Isma'il Dahir.

“The blood stained the walls and human flesh was scattered everywhere.”

Ali Muse, the head of Mogadishu's ambulance service, said at least 30 people were killed and 70 wounded. Abdullahi Haji Ilmi, a witness, said he counted 32 bodies.

**A high-ranking member of Somalia's most powerful insurgent militia, al-Shabab, was said to be inside the mosque during the explosions. It was not immediately known whether Fuad Mohamed Qalaf survived the bombings.**

“Sheikh Fuad used to teach religious lessons at the mosque every Saturday. He was there when the blasts went off. The whole area was cordoned off by scores of al-Shabab militants. Nobody could get inside,” said another businessman, Farhan Alin.

**An al-Shabab spokesman, Sheik Ali Mohamud Rage, blamed the attack on the work of “foreign security companies” whose aim, he said, was to massacre Muslims.**

**No-one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, the first such bombing of a mosque in Somalia.**

Bakara market is the country’s main market, and despite tensions in the country, it is bustling with business.

**The area is controlled by the rebel groups al-Shabab and Hizbul Islam.**

The UN-backed Somali government views the market as rebel stronghold. Islamic insurgents control much of Mogadishu and have been trying to topple the fragile government for three years. Somalia has not had an effective government for nearly 20 years.

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## **TROOP NEWS**

### **HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA’S WARS?**



Feb. 9, 2010: A wounded U.S. Marine walks himself into a field hospital despite serious injuries, following a medevac mission shortly after he was wounded, in Helmand province, southern Afghanistan. The Marine sustained shrapnel injuries to the left side of his body, face and eye when an improvised explosive device detonated below him while he was on a foot patrol. (AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

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## **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**

**Hope for change doesn’t cut it when you’re still losing buddies.  
-- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

**I say that when troops cannot be counted on to follow orders because they see the futility and immorality of them THAT is the real key to ending a war.  
-- Al Jaccoma, Veterans For Peace**

# A Little Oil Drenched Bird Landed On My Shoulder



From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance  
Sent: April 29, 2010  
Subject: A Little Oil Drenched Bird Landed On My Shoulder

## A Little Oil Drenched Bird Landed On My Shoulder

Something tells me that the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is going to be the downfall of the Obama Administration.

This was a disaster from the get go, and the get away car for Obama is not going to be enough for the public to get over this massive environmental catastrophe. It's the oil spill stupid.

Mike Hastie  
April 29, 2010

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](mailto:hastiemike@earthlink.net)) T)

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

## **April 30, 1975: An Imperial War Ends In Defeat: After 100 Years Of Colonial Occupation, A Nation Wins Its' Fight For Independence**



Last helicopter out of Saigon 4/30/75

Carl Bunin Peace History April 26 - May 2

The U.S. presence ended in Vietnam as U.S. Marines and Air Force helicopters, flying from carriers off-shore, begin a massive airlift, Operation Frequent Wind. In all, 682 flights went out-- 360 at night. 5,000 people were evacuated by helicopter from the military compound near Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport; about 2500 from the U.S. Embassy (1000 Americans total, the rest Vietnamese).

That morning, two U.S. Marines, Darwin Judge and Charles McMahon Jr., Marine security guards, were killed in a rocket attack at the airport. They were the last Americans to die in the Vietnam War. At dawn, the last Marines of the force guarding the U.S. embassy lifted off.



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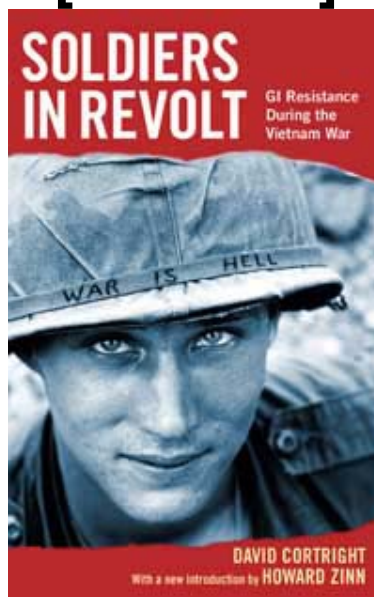
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**May 1, 1886:  
Noble Anniversary:  
American Workers Create May Day**



It's time  
to give  
class  
warfare  
a chance.

Carl Bunin Peace History April 30-May 6

May Day was called Emancipation Day in 1886 when 340,000 went on strike (though it was Saturday it was a regular workday) in Chicago for the 8-hour day.

May 1, 1890: May Day labor demonstrations spread to thirteen other countries; 30,000 marched in Chicago as the newly prominent American Federation of Labor threw its weight behind the 8-hour day campaign.

International Workers' Day (a name used interchangeably with May Day) is a celebration of the social and economic achievements of the international labor movement.

May Day commonly sees organized street demonstrations and street marches by millions of working people and their labour unions throughout most of the countries of the world

May Day has become an international celebration of the social and economic achievements of the labour movement.

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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

### **Thank You**

Apr 29, 2010 Nahida Izzat, a Jerusalem-born Palestinian refugee; Salem-News.com

**So, let me get this straight:**

**You tear my veil to free me**

**You jail me to rid me of my terror**

**You kill my beloved to liberate me**

**You shoot my baby to erase my misery**

**You starve me to show me how to vote**

**You threaten me to bring me to my senses**

**You wage war on me to help me find peace**

**You slay my people to teach me compassion**

**You humiliate me to aid me live with dignity**

**You insult me to illustrate freedom of speech**

**You crush my bones to save me from my evil**

**You demolish my home to elevate my morality**

You torture my children to teach me how to love  
You uproot my tree to raise my ethical standard  
You steal my resources to bring me social justice  
You assassinate my leaders to bring me democracy  
You destroy my history to educate me about progress  
You dehumanise me to coach me into humanity  
You bomb my town to train me into security  
You wipe me out to push me to civilisation  
You scorn my faith to bring me salvation

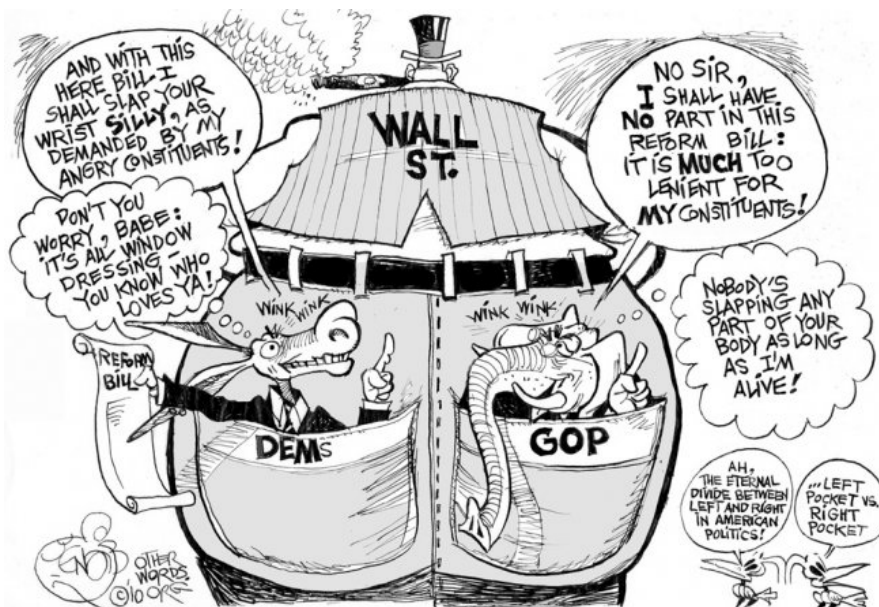
Thank you sir

How can I -ever- pay you back?

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

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



[Thanks to Linda O, who sent this in.]

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## CLASS WAR REPORTS



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**“The Government And Its Allies Have Been Unable To Silence The Workers, Who Are Angry”**

**“The Current Wave Of Protests Is Erupting From The Largest Social Movement Egypt Has Witnessed In More Than Half A Century”**

**“Workers From All Over Egypt Have Staged Demonstrations And Sit-Ins Outside Parliament Confounding**

# Government Efforts To Bring An End To The Protests”



Last month textile workers demonstrated outside the building in Cairo where the upper house of Parliament meets. Shawn Baldwin for The New York Times

4.29.2010 Shawn Baldwin for The New York Times [Excerpts]

CAIRO — Day after day, hundreds of workers from all over Egypt have staged demonstrations and sit-ins outside Parliament, turning sidewalks in the heart of the capital into makeshift camps and confounding government efforts to bring an end to the protests.

Nearly every day since February, protesters have chanted demands outside Parliament during daylight and laid out bedrolls along the pavement at night.

The government and its allies have been unable to silence the workers, who are angry about a range of issues, including low salaries.

Using an emergency law that allows arrest without charge and restricts the ability to organize, the Egyptian government and the ruling National Democratic Party have for decades blocked development of an effective opposition while monopolizing the levers of power.

The open question — one that analysts say the government fears — is whether the workers will connect their economic woes with virtual one-party rule and organize into a political force.

This week, with blankets stacked neatly behind them, at least four different groups were banging pots, pans and empty bottles and chanting slogans. There were factory workers, government workers, employees of a telephone company and handicapped men and women. The group of handicapped people said they had been there for 47 days, demanding jobs and housing.

"If we get our rights, we will leave," said Gamal Sharqawy, 42, a government worker who said that he and about 200 others had spent 22 days on the pavement. His demand was for a pay raise. He earns \$18 a month.

"We will take our rights," he said with a blend of despair and determination.

While political demonstrations are still dealt with harshly, the government's approach to labor protests has been to negotiate, offering raises and back pay to get workers off the street.

"The current wave of protests is erupting from the largest social movement Egypt has witnessed in more than half a century," wrote Joel Beinin, a professor of Middle East history at Stanford and principal author of a report on Egypt's labor movement for the Solidarity Center, a labor-financed advocacy group in Washington.

The report said that 1.7 million workers engaged in 1,900 "strikes and other forms of protest" from 2004 through 2008.

The government has tried to define workers' complaints as pocketbook issues, analysts said, hoping that if specific demands are met, workers will disband without blaming those in charge and without adding political change to their list of priorities.

For a time, that seemed to work.

"The government realizes the most important thing is to ensure these protests are kept at a wide distance from the political opposition elite, because then it will not gain momentum," said Hossam Bahgat, director of the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights.

As evidence, he said the leaders of the state security agencies had held negotiations between protesters and the government, often pressing ministries to meet workers' demands.

**"They think this is a way to contain protests, but what happened is the workers have come away empowered," Mr. Bahgat said.**

**Workers say they have learned that if they stage job actions in their factories, as they used to do, they will be dealt with harshly by the police. But if they make noise on the streets of Cairo, the government will relent.**

Surrounded by barricades and the police 24 hours a day, the demonstrators have turned the sidewalks into a revolving door of protests.

Nearly every work sector has appeared at one time, including tax collectors, who struck for three months. About the only group that has not is the security force.

This month, Hassan Nashaat al-Qasas, a member of Parliament and of the governing party, was quoted in the news media as calling on the Interior Ministry to shoot the protesters: "Instead of using water hoses to disperse them, the police ought to shoot them; they deserve it."



In a speech on Saturday, a national holiday, President Hosni Mubarak seemed to respond to the protesters. While insisting that the nation had come a long way economically, he acknowledged that there were still significant problems and poverty, a concession for a leader who has been in power for nearly 30 years.

**Then Mr. Mubarak appeared to signal he would not tolerate much more.**

"I sincerely welcome the interplay in the society as long as it abides by laws and the Constitution, and is intended to realize the interest of Egypt," he said. "This interaction should not turn into a conflict or a confrontation and we have to be aware of such a turn."

**But his words went unheeded on the streets outside Parliament.**

Near the chamber of the upper house of Parliament, where hundreds of people were gathered, employees from a yarn factory had set up a model coffin, saying it represented the Egyptian worker.

Khalid Jaraj, 40, a father of three small children, said he worked for a factory that had run out of cash and had not paid him his salary of \$110 a month for three months.

Amira Mahmoud, 25, jumped up from her place on the sidewalk to explain that, yes, she wanted to see the root of the workers' problems solved.

"We want a solution, and that is democracy," she said.

But, she added, what she needed first was some money to survive. "There is not enough money, not enough money for us to live," she said as a crowd assembled.

Over Ms. Mahmoud's shoulder, Fouad Whaba, 35, shouted: "We will die. We will die."

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## Get The Message?



Marchers gather for a May Day immigration rally, which the Los Angeles Police Department expects to be attended by about 100,000 protesters, in Los Angeles, California May 1, 2010.

Demonstrators at May Day rallies across the nation are focusing on a new law passed in the racist police-state of Arizona requiring anyone who may appear to police to be an immigrant to carry documents of proof that he or she is in the country legally. Photo: REUTERS/David McNew

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## Get The Message? [#2]



A Buddhist monk armed with a sharpened bamboo stick joins the red shirts taking the streets in Bangkok, Thailand to fight the military dictatorship in control of the country.  
Photo: PATIPAT JANThONG, 29/04/2010, Bangkok Post

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**“I’m Not Talking About The Battle Field. I’m  
Talking About Louisiana”**

From: Johanna Pettit  
To: Military Resistance  
Subject: It has to end soon

Date: Apr 29, 2010 10:48 AM

How they are treating wounded soldiers is unbelievable.

There are so many horror stories. It will get worse as they gain more control.

Do you know why they are working soldiers for long hours. Sometimes 24 hours straight and don't give them any time off.

I'm not talking about the battle field.

I'm talking about Louisiana.

When will this end.

Johanna

**Reply: The writer has two grandkids in the army. She knows whereof she speaks.**  
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