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**Thai Military Dictators Fearful
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“Many Of The Protesters Have Relatives Serving In The Armed Forces”



Getty Images

MAY 12, 2010 & MAY 16, 2010, By JAMES HOOKWAY, Wall St. Journal & By Giles Ji Ungpakorn, Links.org.au/ [Excerpts]

It's still unclear how aggressively the armed forces will pursue their goal of dispersing all the protesters.

Government spokesman Panitan Wattanayagorn said Friday the army's immediate objective was to prevent Red Shirt protesters from joining the rally.

Army chief Gen. Anupong Paochinda previously had emphasized that political problems should be solved by political means, and not by military intervention.

People familiar with the situation say Gen. Anupong is also aware that many of the protesters have relatives serving in the armed forces, and that the Red Shirts are threatening to seize government facilities in other parts of Thailand if a full-blown crackdown is launched.

Several people with ties to the Thai military say the army chief, Gen. Anupong Paochinda, and other top commanders are divided over how aggressively to back Prime Minister Abhisit, who the army helped install by brokering a series of parliamentary defections in 2008.

Some retired officers have come out in support of the pro-Thaksin Red Shirts.

Many officers in the lower ranks are suspected of being “watermelons”—army green on the outside, with a red core—in part because of familial connections to Mr. Thaksin’s supporters.

In a recent television appearance with Mr. Abhisit, Gen. Anupong said that broadly speaking the military was united, but admitted there might be “rifts,” adding that he didn’t think many people were involved. **[The Generals never think “many people” are involved, until revolutionary troops arrest or kill them.]**

The people with ties to the military say security leaks helped a prominent Red Shirt evade a special-forces team sent last month to arrest him for alleged illegal assembly, among other things.

He climbed down from a third-story hotel room and vanished into a crowd of supporters.

Splits are appearing in the security forces with reports of some police or army units returning fire with the advancing troops. This is indeed a civil war situation and the government cannot hope to control the situation. Red

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Splits “In The Lower Ranks Of The Army” Movement Against The Military Dictatorship Must “Make Serious Efforts To Build Networks Among Army Recruits”

May 12, 2010 By Giles Ji Ungpakorn, Socialist Worker [Excerpts]

What have the Red Shirts achieved?

1. The Red Shirts have shown that they are a genuine mass movement for democracy, made up of ordinary working people in rural and urban areas. They have shown that the crisis is about class. They have shown that the Red Shirts are a grassroots movement, which will not disappear easily.
2. The Red Shirts have exposed the real and bloody nature of the military-backed government, which can only stay in power through repression and blanket censorship.
3. The struggle of the Red Shirts has turned ordinary people into leaders, and into Internet and media experts who can get around censorship in order to spread their

message. In the process of struggle, they have thrown off the myths and mind fetters about the monarchy. As a result, the monarchy appears to be in terminal crisis. If this is really so, it will seriously weaken the power of the army.

4. They have stood up to the army and shown that it is not a simple matter of just shooting down pro-democracy demonstrators.

In the process, they have caused splits in the police force and lower ranks of the army.

The important question is how they will organize and fight in the future. If the Red Shirts are to strengthen themselves, they have to organize among the trade unions in order to win strike action.

They have to make serious efforts to build networks among army recruits, and they have to develop a clear political platform for the People's Power Party in order to win the hearts and minds of ordinary workers and farmers.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?

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IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Resistance Action

May 19 (Reuters) & May 20 (Reuters)

A bomber attacked a police checkpoint, killing two policeman and wounding three policemen, in western Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Militants shot dead two policemen at a police checkpoint in central Mosul, police said.

A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol wounded two policemen in the town of Mahmudiya, 30 km (20 miles) south of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb targeting a government-backed militia leader wounded six members of the militia in Baiji, 180 km (112 miles) north of Baghdad on Wednesday, police said.

Iraqi police killed five militants in clashes that lasted for three hours in an area near Balad Ruz, 90 km (55 miles) northeast of Baghdad, a security source said. The militants wounded five policemen, the source added.

Militants attacked security checkpoints, killing two Iraqi soldiers, in different parts of the city of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad.

A roadside bomb exploded near an Iraqi army patrol in northern Mosul, wounding one soldier, police said.

A roadside bomb went off near a police patrol and killed one policeman on Tuesday near the city of Falluja, 50 km (35 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

“The Military Resistance Will Continue”

The Mahdi Army “Will Remain Armed And Ready To Fight At Least Until The Americans Get Out Of Iraq”

16 May 2010 By Babak Dehghanpisheh, Newsweek [Excerpts]

When it comes to electing Iraq’s next prime minister, Shia cleric Moqtada al-Sadr’s vote may be the only one that counts.

Sadr’s beard is streaked with gray now, but he hasn’t lost his fire in the four years since NEWSWEEK called him “the most dangerous man in Iraq.”

“The military resistance will continue,” he warned in a recent interview with Al-Jazeera. “We are inside the political process, but I will deal with the politicians in a political way and with the nonpoliticians in a nonpolitical way.”

He and his followers insist that his Mahdi Army will remain armed and ready to fight at least until the Americans get out of Iraq.

“As long as there is this kind of occupation, we have a right to keep this wing,” says Sadrist spokesman Sheik Salah Obeidi.

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

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

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE
WARS**

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Marine Sgt. Killed In Afghanistan



Marine Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges, of Ludlow, Mass., was killed in Afghanistan on May 12, 2010. A military funeral for Desforges will be held May 21, 2010 at Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee, Mass. (AP Photo)

5 U.S. Troops & Canadian Officer Killed By Attack On Military Convoy In Afghan Capital: “The Blast Shattered Any Perceptions That Afghanistan’s Capital City Is Secure”



US soldiers at the location of an attack on a military convoy that killed five U.S. soldiers in Kabul, Afghanistan, May 18, 2010. (AP Photo)

May 18, 2010 msnbc.com & CTV.ca News Staff

KABUL, Afghanistan - A bomber detonated his vehicle near a U.S. convoy Tuesday, killing 18 people, including six troops — five Americans and a Canadian — in the deadliest attack on foreign troops in the Afghan capital in eight months.

A vehicle containing hundreds of kilograms of explosives drove into the convoy during the city's busy morning rush hour and exploded.

At least 47 people were wounded, the Interior Ministry said.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the blast, telling The Associated Press in a telephone call that the bomber was a man from Kabul and that the vehicle was packed with 1,650 pounds (750 kilograms) of explosives.

The bomber had been targeting the military convoy, Mujahid said.

The explosion, which thundered across the capital, happened about 8 a.m. as streets were packed with cars, buses and trucks.

The bomb ripped apart vehicles and hurled body parts along the street.

U.S. and Afghan forces blocked off the area as emergency workers loaded the wounded into ambulances.

The attack was the deadliest that foreign troops have suffered in Kabul so far this year.

It wrecked nearly 20 vehicles, including five military SUVs in the convoy.

"I saw one person lying on the ground with no head," said Mirza Mohammad, who witnessed the explosion on his way to work.

From Kandahar, Canadian Press reporter Tara Brautigam said the blast shattered any perceptions that Afghanistan's capital city is secure.

"Kabul, up until the past year or so, was seen as one of the more peaceful, relatively stable cities in the country," he said by phone. "But I think as of late, and particularly this incident, has removed that veneer of stability."

The bombing was the first major attack in Kabul since February. Since then, however, the Taliban has announced a spring offensive.

The Kabul attack was the heaviest loss of life for foreign troops in a single attack in the capital since Sept. 17, when a car bomber killed six Italian soldiers.



U.S. soldiers cover a body at the site of the car bomb attack in Kabul May 18, 2010. At least five U.S. troops were killed. REUTERS/Ahmad Masood



U.S. soldiers load a casualty into a military truck at the site of the car bomb in Kabul May 18, 2010. At least five U.S. troops were killed. REUTERS/Ahmad Masood

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Two Key U.S. Officers Killed By Attack On Kabul Occupation Convoy



May 19, 2010 The Post-Standard

Fort Drum, NY -- The Army has identified the two victims of Tuesday's bombing of a convoy in Kabul. The two were identified as Lt. Col. Paul R. Bartz, 43, of Wisconsin and Lt. Col. Thomas P. Belkofer, 44, of Ohio.

The two were part of a team from the 10th Mountain Division headquarters to conduct key leader training and set the conditions for the 10th Mountain Division headquarters' deployment to Afghanistan later this year, the Army said in a release Wednesday night.

Bartz served as the assistant chief of staff for personnel with the headquarters and headquarters battalion. He came to Fort Drum in June.

Belkofer served as the assistant chief of staff, or comptroller, with the headquarters and headquarters battalion. He had deployed to Afghanistan from January 2005 to February 2006. He arrived to Fort Drum in 2009.

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Key Canadian Officer Killed By Attack On Kabul Occupation Convoy



A U.S. soldier on guard next to a body wrapped at the site of the car bomb in Kabul May 18, 2010. REUTERS/Ahmad Masood

2010/05/18 CityNews.ca Staff & CTV.ca News Staff [Excerpts]

Another Canadian soldier lost his life in a car bombing targeting a NATO convoy Tuesday.

Col. Geoff Parker, 42, is the highest-ranking member of the Canadian Forces to die in Afghanistan since the mission began in 2002

A Taliban bomber attacked the convoy in Kabul, killing Parker, five American troops and 12 Afghan civilians.

Nearly 50 others were also injured in the blast.

Parker, 42, was once the commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment. He was raised in Oakville, Ont., and was based at Land Force Central Area Headquarters in Toronto.

He had travelled to Kabul to take part in an upcoming mission, said Col. Simon Hetherington, deputy commander of Task Force Kandahar. The nature of that mission hasn't been disclosed.

Hetherington described Parker as "a rising star" whose "potential was undeniable."

From Kandahar, Canadian Press reporter Tara Brautigam said the blast shattered any perceptions that Afghanistan's capital city is secure.

"It is a grim milestone," Brautigam said, because of the high rank that Parker held.

Resistance Attack On U.S. Base At Bagram Kills US Mercenary, Wounds Nine U.S. Soldiers: Col. Says Attackers "Unable To Detonate Their Suicide Vests" Major Says Col. Blowing Smoke: "We Know There Are Claims Of Suicide Bombers But We Are Not Aware Of It At This Time"



Smoke from the fighting rises from Bagram Air Base after insurgents launched a predawn assault there. [Photo: The New York Times Company]

May 18 By Hamid Shalizi, Reuters & May 19, 2010 By Liam Stack, Correspondent, The Christian Science Monitor & By DEXTER FILKINS, The New York Times Company [Excerpts]

An American contractor was killed when the Afghanistan Taliban launched a 'spectacular' assault on Bagram Air Base this morning. The Bagram attack followed Tuesday's bombing in Kabul that killed six foreign troops – and underscored the capital's vulnerability.

Bagram is the main base for the U.S.-led troops in Afghanistan, with the largest airfield in the country.

One rocket landed inside the base, causing minor damage

UPDATED AT 1:30 EST: An American contractor died in this morning's attack on Bagram Air Base.

"One US contractor was killed, nine service members were wounded, and a building received minor damages during the attack," Bagram Media Center said on its web site, which was being updated throughout the day. "Two of the nine wounded were returned to duty, all others are currently in stable condition. The name of the deceased is being withheld pending next of kin notification."

Bagram Air Base, about 50 miles north of Kabul, is one of the largest American bases in the country and the headquarters for the military campaign in the east.

While the details were sketchy, it seems clear, given the number of American casualties, that the Taliban fighters had successfully infiltrated the area and achieved some level of surprise on the heavily fortified base.

Earlier in the day, a Taliban spokesman had claimed that seven fighters had struck at Bagram's gates and allowed 30 others to get inside.

Afghanistan Taliban militants attacked the heavily fortified American military base at Bagram early Wednesday. It followed a separate Taliban suicide bomb attack Tuesday that killed six foreign troops in Kabul, pointing to the resiliency of the insurgency and the continued vulnerability of the capital region.

The base is a major hub of foreign operations located just 50 miles north of the capital, Kabul.

"Though it is clear the enemy intended a spectacular event here at BAF, they were unable to breach the perimeter and unable to detonate their suicide vests," military spokesman Lt. Col. Clarence Counts Jr. noted in a prepared statement on the ISAF website.

Bagram press officer Maj. Virginia McCabe also cast doubt on claims that suicide bombers had been involved. "We know there are claims of suicide bombers but we are not aware of it at this time," McCabe told Al Jazeera.

AFP interviewed eyewitnesses to the attack from a neighboring village who described a confusing early morning battle involving suicide bombers and US helicopter gunships:

The group of insurgents launched their attack at dawn, according to witnesses in Nawdeh village next to Bagram airfield who said they were forced awake by US military helicopters and the sounds of gunfire.

"It was around 4:00 or 4:30 am," said Zemarai Malikzada, in his 30s. "I saw American helicopters flying overhead, they were firing down and the attackers were firing at them from there," he said pointing to vineyards.

Ahmad Jawad, a farmer who sets out for work before the sun rises and the temperatures climb, said he saw a man wearing a suicide vest. "I saw one of them. I went towards him. He showed me his bombs on his chest. I ran away. He ran towards those vineyards. Police and the Americans followed him then he exploded, right in there," he said, pointing to a vine about 80 yards from the paved road.

The Atlantic's Max Fisher writes that Tuesday's assault demonstrates the Taliban's resilience nine years after the US-led invasion.

"That the Taliban were able to recruit within Kabul and to prepare, plan, and execute such a major attack in the city demonstrates that the group maintains access to even the least Taliban-friendly corners of Afghanistan," Mr. Fisher says.

Since it was taken over by U.S. troops, it has also housed a prison for Afghans detained by American forces. The centre has sown resentment among Afghans because of reports of torture and ill-treatment of suspected Taliban prisoners.

Two Italian Soldiers Killed In Badghes; Two More Seriously Wounded

17 May 2010 Quqnoos

Two Italian soldiers were killed Monday when a bomb hit a their convoy in northwestern Afghanistan, Italy's foreign ministry said

At least two others were seriously wounded in the blast.

The four were in a vehicle that was struck by a roadside bomb, the weapon of choice of Taliban-led insurgents fighting foreign troops in the country.

The attack was about 25 kilometres south of the town of Bala Murghab on the border with Turkmenistan, a spokesman for the Italian contingent in Afghanistan said in a television interview.

Foreign “Servicemember” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Monday: Nationality Not Announced

May 17 AP & ISAF

A foreign servicemember died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in western Afghanistan today.

Foreign “Servicemember” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Tuesday: Nationality Not Announced

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Foreign “Servicemember” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Wednesday: Nationality Not Announced

May 19 AP & ISAF

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California Staff Sgt. Killed In Helmand Monday

May 19, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 411-10

Staff Sgt. Adam L. Perkins, 27, of Antelope, Calif. died May 17 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Texas Marine Killed In Helmand Sunday

May 17, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 402-10

Petty Officer Zarian Wood, 29, of Houston, Texas, died May 16 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained from an improvised explosive device blast while on dismounted patrol. Wood was assigned as a hospital corpsman to Third Battalion, First Marine Regiment, First Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

Virginia Marine Killed In Helmand Sunday

May 18, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 406-10

Cpl. Nicholas D. Paradarodriguez, 29, of Stafford, Va., died May 16 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Three Australian Soldiers Wounded By Bomb Blast In Afghanistan

May 20, 2010 ABC

Three Australian soldiers have been wounded by a bomb blast in Afghanistan.

The soldiers were on patrol in an armoured vehicle when an improvised explosive device was detonated nearby.

One soldier will return to Australia for treatment while the others are expected to return to duty shortly.

Supplies For Foreign Troops In Afghanistan Attacked And Burned Again



A burning vehicle after it was attacked in Chaman in Pakistan's Balochistan province, along the Afghan border May 19, 2010. Taliban militants set fire to the truck carrying supplies for foreign troops in neighbouring Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Shah Khalid)

The Massacre In Koshkaky; Report From Afghanistan: “The Mourners Here Say The U.S. Military Has Lost All Credibility” “If The Military Keeps Doing This, The People Will Go Into The Mountains To Fight Them”

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

May 17, 2010 Democracy Now! [Excerpts]

Reporting from Koshkaky: By RICK ROWLEY: with Jason Motlagh for Big Noise Films and the Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting.

Independent journalist Rick Rowley of Big Noise Films was at the scene and filed this report.

RICK ROWLEY: Mourners continued to gather on Saturday in the small farming village of Koshkaky, in eastern Afghanistan's Nangarhar province, where an early Friday morning raid by US and Afghan Special Forces left eight people dead.

The military issued a statement saying that their forces came under attack, and in the firefight a Taliban subcommander and seven militants were killed.

They reported that no civilians were harmed. But residents here tell a different story.

NAZIR AHMAD: [translated] We woke up when we heard them open fire. They shot three people in the guesthouse, and we thought thieves had come in from the desert.

One of my brothers-in-law went to the roof to see who was there. As he climbed the stairs, the Americans shot him, and he died instantly.

The second boy was his son. They hit him with a grenade. He survived until five in the morning. He was sixteen years old. He bled to death from the wound in his leg.

We went outside to see what was happening, and the Americans were already on top of the walls.

They shot and killed five of us.

RICK ROWLEY: Nazir Ahmad still has pieces of shrapnel in his face, and his baby daughter was hurt in the attack. He says he has always supported the government — three of his family members are in the parliament — but attacks like this are turning Afghans against the government and the Americans.

NAZIR AHMAD: [translated] If the military keeps doing this, the people will go into the mountains to fight them.

When I saw my daughter injured, all I could think about was putting on a suicide jacket.

RICK ROWLEY: Nazir's brother-in law, Sayid Rahim, is buried here with his four sons in a small graveyard on the edge of the main road. The US attack only lasted a few minutes, but it left the entire male side of the family dead.

The mourners here say the US military has lost all credibility.

MOURNER 1: [translated] The US Army will say anything. Everyone knows that. If you don't trust me, ask one of our elders.

MOURNER 2: [translated] They are lying.

We live here, and we know what happened.

MOURNER 2: [translated] If the Americans do this again, we are ready to shed our blood fighting them.

We would rather die than sit by and do nothing. If there was anyone here trying to destroy our country, we would capture them and hand them over to the government. It is our land and our duty to defend it against both foreigners and insurgent infiltrators.

MORE:

“Relatives At The House Said It Was A Slaughter Of Civilians”
“An Elderly Farmer Who Lived At The House, Sayid Rahim, And Four Of His Sons Were Also Killed, As Were Two Drivers”
“Afghan Police Said They Were Prevented From Getting Within 200 Yards Of The House Until Hours After The Raid Began And Were Even Shot At When They Tried To Move Closer”

May 18, 2010 By Joshua Partlow, Washington Post Foreign Service [Excerpts]

SURKHROD, AFGHANISTAN –

District police chief Abdul Ghafour woke to a cellphone call after 1 a.m. Friday: There was gunfire at Rafiuddin Kushkaki's home. Ghafour put on his uniform, sent two police trucks ahead and followed in a third.

“I thought that the Taliban must have attacked this man's house,” he said.

He was wrong.

It was a raid by U.S. Special Operations forces and their Afghan colleagues, and it left at least nine Afghan men dead in the Surkhrod district of Nangahar province in eastern Afghanistan.

NATO describes it as a successful mission that took out ruthless Taliban insurgents.

Relatives at the house said it was a slaughter of civilians.

Whatever the real answer, the raid demonstrated to Afghan officials a lack of coordination by U.S. forces with local authorities, who said they were left in the dark about both the target and the timing of the operation.

Afghan police said they were prevented from getting within 200 yards of the house until hours after the raid began and were even shot at when they tried to move closer.

The operation Friday prompted a violent protest and denunciations from tribal elders. It also raised questions among Afghans about the counterinsurgency value of such lethal operations.

"I'm the responsible person here -- I have to know what's going on," said Ghafour, the police chief. "In all our intelligence reports, in everything, we don't have a single piece of information about these people. Do the coalition forces have it?"

Residents at the house said that the target may have been sub-commander Qari Shamsuddin but that troops killed the wrong man.

A police photo taken at the scene shows a bearded man, identified as Shamsuddin, wearing a light-blue T-shirt, slumped in the dirt with a bullet hole in his head.

"The guy we got, based on a number of intelligence indicators, is the guy that we needed," said Lt. Col. Todd Brasseale, a U.S. military spokesman at NATO headquarters in Kabul.

Brasseale said the soldiers followed McChrystal's procedures for conducting night raids.

The owner of the house, Kushkaki, and several of his relatives told a different story on Monday.

They said the soldiers touched down in two helicopters in a distant field and approached silently on foot. They placed ladders against the high mud walls surrounding the home and climbed up.

A driver staying in an adjacent guest house spotted the intruders and fired, Kushkaki said, setting off a hail of gunfire.

Kushkaki awoke to the noise and crept from his room.

Directly overhead, he said, men stood on his roof shooting down into the mud-walled rooms and courtyards where more than 50 relatives lived. He raised a Kalashnikov, he said, and began firing.

"For one hour, we didn't know who they were. We thought they were thieves," he said.

On Monday, Kushkaki walked around his property showing the bloodstains of his slain relatives and friends.

His son, 16-year-old Habibuddin, and Kushkaki's brother, Hafizuddin, were both shot and killed, he said.

An elderly farmer who lived at the house, Sayid Rahim, and four of his sons were also killed, as were two drivers, he said.

He said all the home's residents were Tajiks with no links to the insurgency, which is composed primarily of Pashtuns.

Kushkaki described himself as a wealthy man and landowner. He works as a driver for Zahir Qadir, a former Afghan general and the son of a famous tribal leader, Abdul Qadir, who fought the Taliban alongside President Hamid Karzai.

Zahir Qadir convened a gathering of tribal elders Monday in Jalalabad, condemned the raid, said the slain men were civilians and demanded that the two detainees taken by U.S. forces be released.

"They always get the wrong information. This is not acceptable," Qadir said of U.S. troops. "When they are killing our people, it's not possible to accept them as our friends."

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



A foreign occupation soldier from the U.S. publicly humiliates a group of Afghan Citizens in Afghanistan's Kandahar province, May 9, 2010. The men who were traveling in a van are forced at gunpoint to lift up their shirts to show they are unarmed. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

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

Foreign occupation soldiers from the USA make a daily practice of publicly humiliating Afghan citizens.

This encourages self-respecting honorable Afghans to kill them.

Villagers complained of indignities imposed by the foreign forces, the arrest and killing of civilians, house searches that violate the ethnic Pashtuns' sense of honor and the sanctity of the home, and checkpoints where they are forced to lift up their shirts, which is deeply shaming for Afghans, to show that they are not carrying explosives. -- May 16, 2010, Carlotta Gall, The New York Times

[Fair is fair. Let's bring 80,000 Afghan troops over here to the USA.

[They can kill people at checkpoints, bust into their houses with force and violence, bomb and butcher their families, overthrow the government, put a new one in office they like better and call it "sovereign," and "detain" anybody who doesn't like it in a military prison endlessly without any charges being filed against them, or any trial.

[Those Afghans are sure a bunch of backward primitives. They actually resent this help, have the absurd notion that it's bad their country is occupied by a foreign military dictatorship killing them wholesale, and consider it their patriotic duty to fight and kill the soldiers sent to grab their country.

[What a bunch of silly people. [How fortunate they are to live under a military dictatorship run by Barack Obama. Why, how could anybody not love that? You'd want that in your home town, right?]

WELCOME TO THE LONELY SIDE OF HELL: ALL HOME NOW!



U.S. soldier patrolling with 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment of the 5th Stryker Brigade, May 16, 2010, in Afghanistan's Kandahar province. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)



A U.S. military convoy travels along Highway One in Maiwand District, Kandahar Province April 24, 2010. REUTERS/Tim Wimborne



A United States Army Stryker vehicle sits on the edge of a rise, April 26, 2010, overlooking Highway 1 in the Maiwand district of Kandahar province. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)



United States Army soldiers walk through a wheat field just below an outpost while on patrol with 1st Infantry Regiment of the 5th Stryker Brigade, in Afghanistan's Kandahar province, May 5, 2010. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Occupation Troops Attacked In Mogadishu Port Area

May 20, 2010 Sh. M. Network

Explosion targeted to the African Union troops AMISOM has caused casualties of deaths and injuries at Hamar Jajab district in Mogadishu on Thursday, just as Harakat Al-shabab Mujahideen claimed the responsibility.

Reports say that blast occurred at Shelare intersection in Hamar Jajab district on Thursday morning as they were traveling on foot around the big port of Mogadishu, but the real casualties of the troops and civilians were unclear so far.

Major Brigye Bohuko, the spokesman of the AMISOM in Mogadishu whom Shabelle had contacted with the telephone said that the blast happened at around the port of the capital adding that one of their soldiers died at the scene pointing out that the blast was land mine explosion.

Officials of Harakat Al-shabab Mujahideen who contacted with Shabelle radio after blast had claimed the responsibility of the explosion adding that they had killed more troops of those targeted the blast.

Resistance Warns Businessmen Not To Use Government Currency

May 19, 2010 Sh. M. Network

MOGADISHU

Mo'allin Hasshi Mo'allin Farah, the governor of Hizbul Islam administration for Banadir region has held press conference in Mogadishu on Wednesday and warned the businessmen not to use the newly printed currency of the transitional government of Somalia.

The governor had mainly warned for the businessmen of the areas under the control of the transitional government saying that a drastic step would be taken by any shopping centers seen that money adding that the Mujahideen (Islamist fighter) would take step from them.

Mo'allin Hasshi said that the forces against the traditional government of Somalia were in the Markets of Hamarweyne district, the economic sources of Mogadishu port and KM4 and saying that they would the money from all those areas in the capital.

Hizbul Islam governor for Banadir region said that the conflict of the parliamentarians was some thing expected expressing happiness adding that it was possible that Hizbul islam was involved the disagreement of the MPs.

The statement of Hizbul Islam comes as there had been rumors indicating that the money printed by the transitional government of Somalia which was not seen in the markets yet.

TROOP NEWS

Marines With PTS Drugged And Forgotten; Camp Lejeune Troops Say "They Were Given A Cocktail Of

Antidepressants And Sent Back To Work”

“The Average Mental Health Visit Lasts About 15 Minutes”

May 14, 2010 Travelregisterednurse.blogspot.com/ [Excerpts]

Camp Lejeune Marines speaking Thursday in the aftermath of the death of a colleague who shot himself during a police chase aboard base Monday said instead of the needed psychiatric treatment they sought they were given a cocktail of antidepressants and sent back to work.

A whistleblowing doctor fired last year by a contract service at Naval Hospital agrees with the harsh assessment of the care given to combat Marines.

A Marine medically retired from 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines told The Daily News on Thursday he tried to commit suicide four times while being treated at Naval Hospital two years ago.

"They are applying blanket treatment to everyone," he said

An active duty Marine being treated for PTSD at the same clinic where Bagosy was seen Monday said the average mental health visit lasts about 15 minutes.

He has been in treatment since returning from battle in the Al Anbar Province in Iraq. He said during recent treatments he was served a "cocktail of drugs" that included Ambien, Seroquel and Wellbutrin -- a sleep aid and antidepressants.

Rear Admiral Bob Kiser, commander of Navy Medicine East, called Naval Hospital's efforts to treat post-deployed service members "extraordinary" earlier this year.

Dr. Kernan Manion, a brain trauma specialist from Sneads Ferry, has a vastly different opinion.

He said his contract at Naval Hospital was negated because he called attention to what he described as poor treatment of service members.

"I think they weren't prepared for the number of people that they were going to be seeing and that was part of the ineptness of the clinic," he said.

"Increasingly clinics like this are relegating psychiatrists to just a drug providing role."

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The remains of Spc. Wade A. Slack Saturday, May 8, 2010 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Slack, 21, of Waterville, Maine died May 6 in Jaghatu, Afghanistan of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with indirect fire. (AP Photo/Steve Ruark)

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**Zionist Troops Execute 80-Year Old
Palestinian Man For Trying To Go Home
To His Village**

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GAZA -- A news report said that the 80-year-old man Fouad Matar, who was shot dead by Israeli troops last Friday east of Beit Hanoun near the 1948 occupied lands, was trying to exercise his right to return to his native village, Yebna, which he and his family were expelled from 62 years ago.

The wife of Matar did not take it seriously when her husband told her of his intention to go to Yebna, 60 kilometers away from his current home, and thought then it was a

matter of homesickness, but the news of his death by Israeli gunfire on the border east of Beit Hanoun made her realize that her life partner was aware of what he said.

The Palestinian village of Yebna is located on a high hill south of Yaffa city and surrounded by the villages of Al-Nabi Rubin, Qubeiba, Zeronqa, Arab Suqir, Beshet, Sedud and Haffar.

Matar was in the prime of his youth when Zionist gangs in 1948 displaced the people of his village and built on its ruins the settlement of Yafen.

Thousands of Palestinians marched on Saturday in his funeral procession before burying him in Beit Lahiya.

The Palestinian people are commemorating nowadays the 62nd anniversary of the Nakba (catastrophe), when Zionist gangs invaded their homeland and displaced them by force.

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**By Soldier R, Traveling Soldier Correspondent
Reporting from Germany**

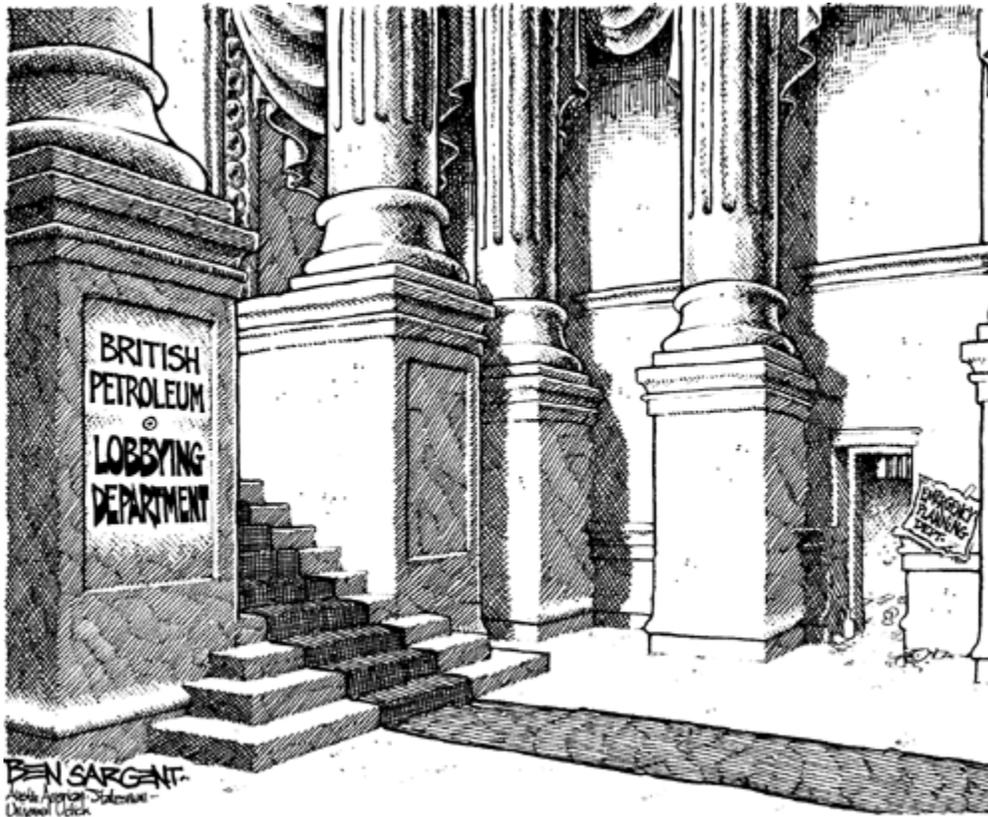
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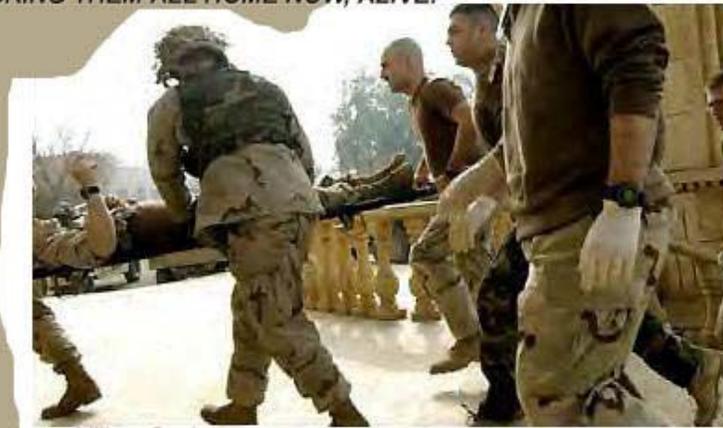
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