

Military Resistance 8E15



Zhari: “The Gateway To Kandahar City” “The Afghan Police Have Been Unable To Keep Militants From Coming In And Out”

May 25, 2010 By NICK SCHIFRIN and MATT McGARRY, ABC News Internet Ventures
[Excerpts]

"Zhari is like the gateway to Kandahar city," says Mohammed Niyaz Serhadi, who was the Zhari district governor until he recently resigned in order to run for parliament. "Most of attacks are planned in this district. Most of the government opponents are based in this district."

Serhadi admits neither he nor the police have very much reach in Zhari. He spoke to ABC News last month in the Zhari district center, which is located inside an American army base because of threats.

"The government doesn't even have control of 10 percent of the district," he said.

Thirty-seven roads lead in and out of the city, and up until this point, the Afghan police have been unable to keep militants from coming in and out.

The U.S. and the Afghan police will try to do that with new checkpoints, some of which are woefully inadequate right now.

"I think there's one that's a dude with a lawn chair," a senior military official in Kandahar recently quipped, only half joking.

Right now you don't have population control," the senior military official in Kandahar says. "But that can't be done by the U.S. or the Canadians."

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

[This section this issue is dedicated to the silly, stupid, blind members of the pontificating class writing recently about how the war in Iraq is over. T]

Florida Staff Sgt. Killed By Small Arms Attack In Ash Shura

May 26, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 431-10

Staff Sgt. Amilcar H. Gonzalez, 26, of Miami, Fla., died May 21 in Ash Shura, Iraq, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Louisiana National Guard Major Killed By Numaniyah IED

May 26, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 436-10

Maj. Ronald W. Culver Jr., 44, of Shreveport, La., died May 24 in Numaniyah, Iraq, when insurgents attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 108th Cavalry Regiment, Shreveport, La.

Pineville Soldier Wounded In Iraq

May 27, 2010 By Bret H. McCormick, Thetowntalk.com

PINEVILLE -- An explosion in Iraq that killed a Louisiana National Guardsman on Monday also injured a Pineville man.

Spc. Kenneth Boyer of Pineville, who serves with the Louisiana National Guard's B Company, 199th Brigade Support Battalion in Alexandria, suffered minor injuries when an improvised explosive device struck the vehicle in which he was traveling, according to a Guard news release.

Boyer was the vehicle's gunner, and he suffered minor injuries from the blast, the release said.

Guardsman Maj. Ronald "Wayne" Culver of El Dorado, Ark., was killed by the blast.

Boyer worked as an assistant manager at Hot Topic in the Alexandria Mall before his deployment, and his co-workers said on Wednesday they were receiving updates on Boyer's situation via e-mail and text message.

Boyer updated the status on his Facebook page around noon on Wednesday to say: "I'm on the road to a speedy recovery!"

Josh Lazarone, the manager at Hot Topic, said Boyer was hit on his back and legs with shrapnel from the explosion. He said Boyer soon would return to the U.S. to begin rehab for his injuries.

"I talked to him, and he said he's doing OK," Lazarone said.

A two-time veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Culver was the executive officer for the 2nd Squadron, 108th Cavalry Regiment, headquartered in Shreveport. The 44-year-old had a distinguished 22-year career with the Louisiana National Guard.

Both Boyer and Culver were deployed with the 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, which went to Iraq in March to assist in setting the conditions for the U.S. drawdown of troops. The 256th is scheduled to return home around the end of this year.

Resistance Action

May 21 (Reuters) & May 22 (Reuters) & May 24 (Reuters) & May 25 (Reuters) & May 27 (Reuters)

A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol wounded two soldiers in southeastern Mosul, an Iraqi army source said.

A bomb planted in a building used by Iraqi police wounded four policemen when it went off in central Baghdad, an interior ministry source said.

A roadside bomb targeting a government-backed militia member killed him in the southwest of Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad on Thursday, police said.

A bomb attached to a car exploded and killed the driver, a former leader of Sahwa, a government-backed militia, in Baghdad's southern district of Doura, police said.

Two bombs targeting the house of a senior police officer killed his guard and wounded four members of his family in central Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

Insurgents shot dead a police captain on Wednesday in a market in western Mosul, police said.

Two separate bomb blasts targeted the homes of two police officers in central Ramadi. There were no casualties.

A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol wounded two soldiers in western Mosul, police said.

Militants equipped with silencers shot dead two police officers working at a train station in southern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, late on Tuesday, police said.

A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol in northeastern Baghdad wounded three police officers, police said.

Militants killed an agricultural crops guard in Daquq, 200 km (125 miles) north of Baghdad on Tuesday, police said.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Two Soldiers And Interpreter Killed By Tanji Valley IED; Four More Wounded

22 May 2010 Radio Netherlands Worldwide

A Dutch soldier serving with ISAF was killed in an attack with an improvised explosive device in the Afghan province of Uruzgan on Saturday.

The attack also killed a French soldier and an Afghan interpreter and injured four Dutch soldiers, two of them seriously.

The attack took place in the Tanji Valley between Tarin Kowt and Deh Rawod. French forces had called on their Dutch colleagues for assistance in disarming a roadside bomb. After the device had been defused, the convoy began to move off but ran into the second device; all of the victims were in two open-top lorries.

North Carolina Soldier Killed In Khowst



U.S. Army Pfc. Christopher Ryan Baron (AP Photo/Fort Campbell Public Affairs)

May 26, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 435-10

Pfc. Christopher R. Barton, 22, of Concord, N.C., died May 24 in Khowst province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Connecticut Sgt. Dies In USA Of May 20 Afghan Wounds

May 26, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 438-10

Sgt. Edwin Rivera, 28, of Waterford, Conn., died May 25 at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., of wounds sustained May 20 when his unit was attacked by

enemy forces using indirect fire at Contingency Outpost Xio Haq, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 102nd Infantry, Norwalk, Conn.

Royal Marine Killed In Helmand

27 May 10 Ministry of Defence

It is with sadness that the Ministry of Defence must announce that a Royal Marine from 40 Commando Royal Marines, serving as part of Combined Force Sangin, was killed in Afghanistan yesterday, Wednesday 26 May 2010.

The Royal Marine was killed in an explosion while he was conducting a ground domination foot patrol through the southern Green Zone in order to reassure local nationals and understand their concerns about living in the area.

Soldier From 4th Regiment Royal Artillery Killed In Nahr-e Saraj

26 May 10 Ministry of Defence

It is with sadness that the Ministry of Defence must announce that a soldier from 4th Regiment Royal Artillery, serving as part of Combined Force Nahr-e Saraj (South), was killed in Helmand today, Wednesday 26 May 2010.

The soldier died from a gunshot wound sustained during a small arms fire engagement with insurgent forces in the Nahr-e Saraj area of Helmand this morning.

He was conducting a joint foot patrol with the Afghan National Army, in order to reassure the local population following insurgent intimidation, when the incident took place.

British Soldier Killed In Gereshk

May 26 (Reuters)

A British soldier was killed by small-arms fire during a gun battle with insurgents in Gereshk district of southern Helmand province, the British Defence Ministry said.

Canadian Soldier Killed Near Kandahar City

May 25, 2010 By RICHARD BEALES, QMI Agency

BRANTFORD, Ont. - Family and friends of Trooper Larry John Zuidema Rudd were in shock Monday as they learned that the Brantford-born soldier had become the 146th Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan since 2002.

Trooper Rudd's family gathered at the home of his mother, Helen Zuidema, shortly after learning the grim news from the Department of National Defence.

Trooper Rudd, 26, died around 12:30 p.m., Kandahar time, when an improvised explosive device detonated during a routine security operation 20 km southwest of Kandahar City, the Department of National Defence announced midday Monday.

"He told me he was driving a big-wig, or some expression like that, so he would be fine," friend Cathy Pokonzie said, her voice trailing off.

Car Bomb Hits Foreign Military Base In Kandahar City: “Blast Destroyed 11 Cars That Were Parked In The Lot, Along With About 50 Motorcycles”



A Canadian soldier looks at damage from a car bomb explosion in Kandahar, Afghanistan, May 26, 2010. The bomb exploded Wednesday outside a foreign military base in southern Afghanistan's largest city. (AP Photo/Allauddin Khan)

May 26, 2010 By MIRWAIS KHAN, The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan -- A car bomb exploded Wednesday outside a small NATO military base in southern Afghanistan's largest city, wounding two Afghans.

The blast occurred around 11:30 a.m. in a parking lot used by Afghans visiting Camp Nathan Smith in Kandahar city, said Gen. Shafiq Fazli, the police commander for southern Afghanistan. The base houses a few hundred Canadian soldiers, along with American military police and U.S. and Canadian government employees working on development projects.

Fazli said no one was killed. A police officer said at least one security guard and one Afghan who works at the base were wounded. The officer gave only one name, Khalid.

Wednesday's blast destroyed 11 cars that were parked in the lot, along with about 50 motorcycles and more than a dozen bicycles, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. The bomb was placed in a Toyota Corolla in the lot, it said.

People reached by phone inside Camp Nathan Smith said they had been ordered into bunkers but that the area appeared quiet since the explosion.

“In Eastern Nuristan Province, Police Have Been Battling Hundreds Of Insurgents For Four Days”

May 26, 2010 By MIRWAIS KHAN, The Associated Press

In eastern Nuristan province, police have been battling hundreds of insurgents for four days, officials said.

At least seven militants and one police officer have died so far in the fighting in Nuristan's Barg-e-Matal district, the Interior Ministry said in statement.

The insurgents attacked the district government building on Sunday and a small police force has been trying to keep them at bay since then, said Gen. Mohammad Qasim Jangulbagh, the provincial police chief.

He said police have asked for reinforcements, but none has arrived yet.

Nuristan Gov. Jamaludin Badar said they also have asked NATO forces for help. He said the attackers were Taliban militants, including Pakistani Taliban under the leadership of Maulana Fazlullah, nicknamed the "Radio Mullah" for his hard-line anti-Western broadcasts on a militant radio station in northwestern Pakistan.

First Rocket Attack On Kunduz City

25.05.2010 Trend

Two rockets fired by militants hit Kunduz city, capital of Kunduz province in north Afghanistan Tuesday morning, police said.

It is the first time that Kunduz city came under rocket attack.

Parts of Kunduz province particularly Chardara district has seen growing attacks by Taliban militants over the past year in the relatively peaceful northern region.

Some U.S. Prisoners To Go On Trial: “Detainees Are Blocked From Hearing Some Of The Evidence Against Them”

May 26 By HEIDI VOGT, Associated Press Writer [Excerpts]

The main U.S. prison in Afghanistan is less than a week away from an event many thought would never occur at the long-secretive holding tank for captured militants: a trial. On June 1, a detainee will stand with a lawyer and plead his case in front of an Afghan judge, said Brig. Gen. Mark Martins, the deputy commander for detention operations.

His remark came during a tour of the prison Tuesday for a handful of Afghan lawmakers who have been critical of U.S. detention practices. The facility, which is on the edge of Bagram Air Field, opened in December and can hold up to 1,300 inmates.

Up to now, the U.S. has only released Bagram detainees through a military commission, which reviews cases once every six months.

Officials are not guaranteeing a trial for every detainee, but Martins said they hope to try most if not all of the roughly 830 current prisoners. Detainees who pose high security risks or whose trial would endanger intelligence sources will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis with Afghan authorities, he said.

"Something less than 20 percent are the committed, enduring security threats, and the remainder are accidental guerrillas," Martins said, adding that even some of the serious security threats could be tried by the Afghan system.

Afghan officials and human rights groups have long decried the indefinite detentions of their countrymen without access to lawyers or a trial.

Activists say that resentment against the practice has likely spawned as many insurgents as have been captured. The trials present challenges.

Detainees are blocked from hearing some of the evidence against them when it is classified.

It's unclear how much access lawyers and judges will have to this information.

In addition, evidence can be spotty if collected in the middle of battle, and it takes time to find Afghan lawyers to take the cases.

FUTILE EXERCISE: ALL HOME NOW!



U.S. Army soldiers with Delta Company 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment patrol at the Arghandab valley near Kandahar, in southern Afghanistan, May 4, 2010. REUTERS/Yannis Behrakis



A U.S. soldier in a swamp by the Arghandab river, Kandahar province, southern Afghanistan, May 11, 2010. REUTERS/Yannis Behrakis



U.S. Army soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, part of the 82nd Airborne Division in Mian Joie village during a security operation in Arghandab valley in Kandahar province, southern Afghanistan, May 10, 2010. REUTERS/Yannis Behrakis

[ONLY 15 MILLION MORE TO GO]



May 10, 2010: A U.S. soldier photographs an Afghan citizen stopped at a checkpoint near Forward Operating Base Frontenac in Shah Wali Kot district of Afghanistan. The photograph of the man's iris will be entered into a biometrics identification system. (AP Photo/Chris Torchia)



U.S. marines patrol in Marjah district, Helmand province, May 19, 2010.
REUTERS/Asmaa Waguih

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

“Rebels Said Today Their Next Target, After Capturing The North Of The Capital, Is To Seize The Presidential Palace”

24 May 2010 By Abdulkadir Khalif, AllAfrica & Sh. M. Network

Mogadishu — Somalia's al Shabaab rebels said today their next target, after capturing the north of the capital, is to seize the presidential palace.

The UN-backed administration of President Sheikh Ahmed Sharif had hoped to drive the rebels out of the capital through a major offensive that has been on the cards since last year, but the insurgents have attacked, pressing government positions last week.

"We have ousted the government from the north of Mogadishu... and now our next step is to capture the palace," Sheikh Ali Mohamud Rage, al Shabaab's spokesman, told reporters.

"There is no one between us and the Christians (AMISOM: African Union peacekeepers) [translation: U.S.-backed occupation troops], the so-called police who used to defend the AMISOM are now nowhere to be seen."

Somalia has had no effective central government for 19 years and Western efforts to install one to steer the country back to stability have been greatly undermined by the Shabaab insurgency and another smaller group, Hizbul Islam.

A big explosion targeted to government soldiers has killed a government soldiers, injuring 12 others in the Somali capital Mogadishu, witnesses told Shabelle radio on Monday.

Reports say that the blast occurred at around Ma'rouf areas at Bul Hubey neighborhood in south Mogadishu where there had been a checkpoint for the transitional government troops.

Witnesses around where the blast occurred told Shabelle radio that more government troops had reached at the scene as the explosion happened and opened fire adding that it was unclear what casualties had caused the opened fire.

TROOP NEWS

HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WARS?



Funeral service for Marine Corp. Jacob H. Turbett, at Arlington National Cemetery March 9, 2010. Turbett, from Canton, Mich., died Feb. 13 during fighting in Helmand province, Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

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**

“What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms.”

-- Thomas Jefferson to William Stephens Smith, 1787

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**

The Social-Democrats ideal should not be the trade union secretary, but the tribune of the people who is able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression no matter where it appears no matter what stratum or class of the people it affects; who is able to generalize all these manifestations and produce a single picture of police violence and capitalist exploitation; who is able to take advantage of every event, however small, in order to set forth before all his socialist convictions and his democratic demands, in order to clarify for all and everyone the world-historic significance of the struggle for the emancipation of the proletariat.”

-- V. I. Lenin; What Is To Be Done

**A revolution is always distinguished by impoliteness, probably because the ruling classes did not take the trouble in good season to teach the people fine manners.
-- Leon Trotsky, History Of The Russian Revolution**

“The Nixon administration claimed and received great credit for withdrawing the Army from Vietnam, but it was the rebellion of low-ranking GIs that forced the government to abandon a hopeless suicidal policy”

-- David Cortright; Soldiers In Revolt

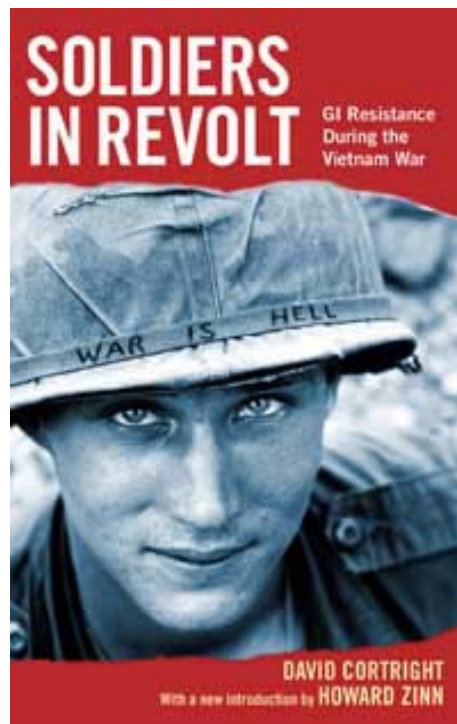
It is a two class world and the wrong class is running it.

-- Larry Christensen, Soldiers Of Solidarity & United Auto Workers

**“The Courts Have Issued Several
Judgments Which For The First Time
Permit The Distribution Of Political**

Literature Within Military Installations”

“In A Sweeping First Amendment Decision, The Court Declared That The Military Did Not Have The Right To Restrict Access To Parts Of An Installation Generally Open To The Public”



From: **SOLDIERS IN REVOLT: DAVID CORTRIGHT, Anchor Press/Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1975.** [Now available in paperback from Haymarket Books]

We have seen numerous examples in which not a lack of authority but its very excessiveness have increased dissension and unrest.

Stern discipline has frequently only exacerbated internal difficulties and strengthened GI resistance.

Servicemen rooted in a society increasingly skeptical of authority and established institutions must inevitably rebel against the arbitrary punitive methods of the military establishment.

The present, medieval system is also fundamentally incompatible with the changed nature of modern military forces. The increasing pace of technological change and introduction of new and sophisticated military job specialties have changed the demands of military service, requiring greater abilities and more individual, initiative on the part of each soldier.

Military discipline and training, derived from times when armies had to be forced into open fire in mass infantry lines, can only impede the individual responsibility required in many modern military occupations.

Moreover, an increasing number of servicemen work in a bureaucratic or technical environment similar to that found in many civilian jobs. Indeed, many now live off post and commute to their forty-hour-a-week military job very much in the manner of the average civilian.

To claim that strict discipline is necessary for proper job performance is absurd.

One of the most controversial subjects of military reform is the administrative discharge system.

Nearly five hundred thousand Vietnam-era veterans have received less-than-honorable separations, often resulting in a lifelong barrier to GI benefits and decent employment.

Since adaptability to the military has little or no relation to one's ability to function in civilian life, the permanent deprivations of a "bad" discharge constitute a vindictive and senseless form of oppression.

Given the frequency with which commanders resorted to discharges as a means of eliminating political opponents, many punitively released veterans must be counted among those who resisted the military and the Vietnam War.

Similarly, the disproportionate number of blacks who received "bad" discharges were often leading activists in the GI movement and in many cases were victims of overt discrimination and repression.

Some may object that proposals for military democracy are hopelessly utopian, that military authorities will never yield to demands for GI rights.

While the ultimate goals of the GI movement are admittedly distant, the resistance effort has not been without impact.

Indeed, the pressures of continuous political struggle have resulted in important gains in recent years.

Perhaps the clearest example of progress in the campaign for enlisted rights is the increasing influence of civilian federal courts in the affairs of military discipline — what might be termed “the civilianization of military law.”

In the past decade, servicemen have pushed relentlessly for Bill of Rights protections, and, through an unprecedented wave of GI court suits, have persuaded federal judges to assume jurisdiction over many crucial areas of military justice.

The vaguely worded catch-alls, Articles 133 and 134, have been seriously challenged; court-martial defendants have won the right to individual counsel; various unjust and discriminatory regulations have been nullified; the right to on-post distribution of political literature has been granted; etc.

The intrusion of civilian legal standards into the world of the military marks an important and potentially fundamental change in the nature of military law.

There have been literally hundreds of GI court cases, and it would be impossible for us to discuss even a fraction of them here. Rather, we shall review a few of the recent landmark decisions with greatest consequence.

One of the most important of these involved two Fort Ord soldiers, Don Amick and Ken Stolte, who in 1968 distributed a leaflet urging fellow GIs to join an anti-war union. The two were court-martialed under Article 134 for “disloyal statements” and sentenced to three years in prison.

In January 1973, however, Washington Federal District Judge Aubrey Robinson ruled that the Army had incorrectly interpreted the article in charging the two and threw out their convictions.

The Robinson decision was extended two months later, when a Washington Appeals Court declared that Article 134 was in fact unconstitutional because of vagueness and inadequate standards of guilt.

The case involved Marine Pfc Marl Avreeh, who had been convicted in Da Nang, during 1969, of anti-war activities.

The courts have issued several judgments which for the first time permit the distribution of political literature within military installations.

In November of 1972, the Supreme Court ruled that the conviction of antiwar activist Tom Flower for distributing literature at Fort Sam Houston was unconstitutional.

In a sweeping First Amendment decision, the court declared that the military did not have the right to restrict access to parts of an installation generally open to the public.

In a following case, *Jenness v. Forbes*, a Rhode Island district court decided that Socialist Workers Party candidate Linda Jenness could not be prevented from distributing political literature at Quonset NAS.

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By Bob Dylan

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You that build all the guns
You that build the death planes
You that build the big bombs
You that hide behind walls
You that hide behind desks
I just want you to know
I can see through your masks

You that never done nothin'
But build to destroy
You play with my world
Like it's your little toy
You put a gun in my hand
And you hide from my eyes
And you turn and run farther
When the fast bullets fly

Like Judas of old
You lie and deceive
A world war can be won
You want me to believe
But I see through your eyes
And I see through your brain
Like I see through the water
That runs down my drain

You fasten the triggers
For the others to fire
Then you set back and watch
When the death count gets higher
You hide in your mansion
As young people's blood
Flows out of their bodies
And is buried in the mud

You've thrown the worst fear
That can ever be hurled
Fear to bring children
Into the world
For threatening my baby
Unborn and unnamed
You ain't worth the blood
That runs in your veins

How much do I know
To talk out of turn
You might say that I'm young
You might say I'm unlearned
But there's one thing I know
Though I'm younger than you
Even Jesus would never

Forgive what you do

Let me ask you one question
Is your money that good
Will it buy you forgiveness
Do you think that it could
I think you will find
When your death takes its toll
All the money you made
Will never buy back your soul

**And I hope that you die
And your death'll come soon
I will follow your casket
In the pale afternoon
And I'll watch while you're lowered
Down to your deathbed
And I'll stand o'er your grave
'Til I'm sure that you're dead**

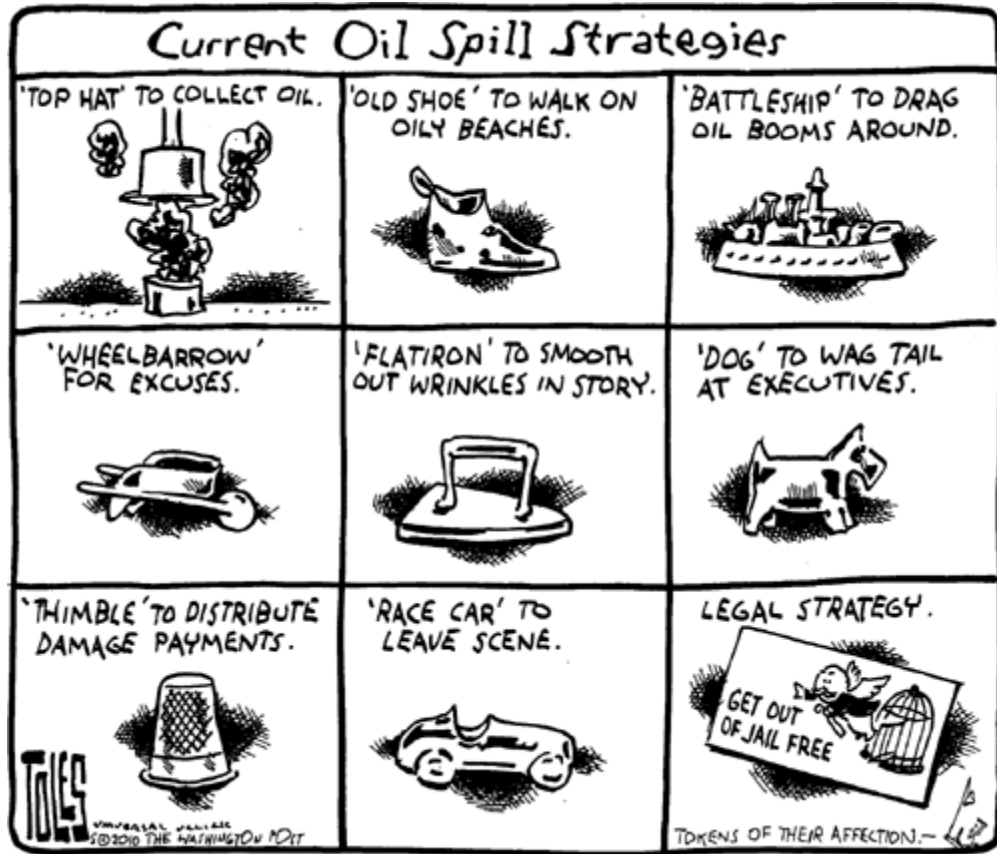
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DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



CLASS WAR REPORTS



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This Is What Popular Rage Tastes Like:

Politicians Heckled, Abused, Attacked At Restaurants, Cafes And On The Greek Streets

May 24, 2010 Occupiedlondon.org/

A series of articles has appeared in corporate press in Greece, showing the difficulties many politicians are faced with here when attempting an appearance in public.

When spotted eating at a restaurant, ex-PM Karamanlis was approached by a woman shouting “shame on you, all you know how to do is eat”.

A few weeks ago ex-president of parliament Apostolos Kaklamanis found refuge in a cafe’s toilets to avoid the crowd’s “congratulations” on his party’s efforts.

Corporate media are now full of anecdotes like this: about the second minister of Economics who was forced to leave a beach in Athens; the once all-powerful minister of Shipping who is now heckled on a daily basis by a group of kids in his home island of Kos.

The heckling and abuse that the ex-minister of Finance, Giorgos Alogoskoufis, has received in virtually all his recent visits to London.

The house of Akis Tsohatzopoulos, a once-powerful figure in the social-democrat PASOK, which has turned into a sort of a monument of discontent, with its outer wall filled with messages of hatred.

Or Giorgos Voulgarakis, who was heading to a cafe in the upper middle class area of Kolonaki only to be confronted (there, even...) with a small mob of people demanding to know “where the money is”.

Random drivers beeping their car horns in disapproval when driving outside the parliament.

The police have issued new, tighter measures of protection for the politicians and advise them to use small, unmarked cars rather than their beloved limos and SUVs for the time being.

The stories are endless, it seems.

What will this translate into concretely is hard to tell, of course – these are the early days of Greece under the IMF. One is for certain: we’ve got the rage!

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