

## **Military Resistance 8E8**

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



May 3, 2010 at the Calverton National Cemetery in Calverton, N.Y. Sgt. Santora died April 23 during a firefight in Logar Province, Afghanistan. Santora was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., and was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. (AP Photo/Stephen Chernin)

**“Our House”**

**“We Are Not Scared Of NATO,  
Or Of The Americans”**

**“Whoever Comes, We Will Kill  
Them”**

**“Sooner Or Later, We Can Make Our  
Way Back Into The City”**

**“We Are Like Water That Finds Its Level.  
It Always Seeps In”**

May 9, 2010 By Laura King, Los Angeles Times [Excerpts]

## Reporting from Kandahar, Afghanistan

Astride a black motorbike, he moves freely about the dusty, chaotic city he boasts the Taliban owns.

“Our house,” he calls it. “Our home.”

His nom de guerre is Mullawi Mohammadi, and he coolly declares that he and the Taliban fighters under his command have nothing to fear here in Kandahar, which the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has vowed to clear of insurgents this summer.

Mohammadi granted a rare interview in a bid to dispel what he said were misconceptions about the insurgents’ aims.

Before settling in to talk, he carefully removed the batteries and SIM cards from his cellphones, a precaution against electronic tracking by U.S. special operations forces and other coalition troops who have been methodically hunting midlevel Taliban commanders, especially in Kandahar province.

“We are safe and comfortable in our many hidden places,” Mohammadi said, adjusting his bulky gray-striped turban and yellow-tinted sunglasses. “We are not scared of NATO, or of the Americans. Whoever comes, we will kill them.”

No one knows how many Taliban fighters have ensconced themselves in Kandahar city, which has a population of nearly 1 million and is the hub of southern Afghanistan.

Mohammadi’s self-proclaimed status as a Taliban commander could not be verified with certainty. But he spoke knowledgeably — and accurately, according to several people familiar with the insurgents’ activities in Kandahar — about matters such as weapons procurement and the massing in the city of Taliban fighters from surrounding provinces.

Though his feet bore pale stripes from sandal straps, the markings of one who spends considerable time outdoors, Mohammadi’s nails were clean and well-tended, his beard neatly trimmed, his white shalwar kameez immaculate.

His attention to appearance was at odds with the popular image of a rough-hewn village Talib, but Western military officials who have regularly dealt with insurgent detainees called his dress and demeanor typical of a religious scholar whose role in the Taliban is mainly organizational.

The interview, arranged by an intermediary whose attempt to meet in a more remote and possibly dangerous venue was deflected, was in some ways in keeping with a Taliban push to counter what the movement derides as Western military propaganda.

During an operation early this year headed by U.S. Marines in Marja, in neighboring Helmand province, Taliban leaders mounted a major public-relations effort, denouncing civilian deaths, inviting foreign journalists to “embed” with their fighters and providing daily accounts of fighting, though with greatly exaggerated claims of the casualties inflicted on coalition forces.

“We want our message to be heard and understood by all the world,” Mohammadi said.

“The foreign occupiers have come to our city, and we will fight them.”

Some longtime observers of the conflict believe the Western goal of ridding Kandahar of the Taliban, either through military or political means, is unrealistic, because the movement’s adherents are so thoroughly entwined with the city’s daily life.

“The Taliban are absolutely part of the fabric of society in Kandahar,” said Alex Strick van Linschoten, a blogger, co-editor of “My Life With the Taliban” and one of the few Westerners to live full time in Kandahar.

Mohammadi said the Taliban believes that disillusionment with the Karzai government will continue to galvanize support for the insurgency.

“He’s a puppet; he doesn’t have authority anywhere,” Mohammadi said dismissively of Karzai. “If he did, he would be able to keep NATO from killing civilians.”

Mohammadi laughed when asked about plans to create “rings of security” encircling Kandahar to keep the Taliban out.

“For how long can they stop us? For a week, two weeks, a month?” he said.

“Sooner or later, we can make our way back into the city. We are like water that finds its level. It always seeps in.”

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## **ACTION REPORTS**

**“There’s More Than One Way To  
Enter A Base - Or An Armory For  
That Matter”**

**“Follow Your Lightbulbs!”  
[Outreach To New York Army National  
Guard]**

From: Alan S  
To: Military Resistance  
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 9:40 AM  
Subject: Yesterday’s outreach to New York National Guard

At one of the NYC commuter terminals I spotted 3 soldiers and approached with the usual intro. All took cards but, politely, refused our publications or DVDs as has been the custom for months.

**This time, however, I followed the glowing light bulb in my head and asked if I could MAIL the most receptive soldier the material.**

**I was quickly given the base address, unit #, etc. A full outreach package, below, will be sent today.**

All this shows there's more than one way to enter a base - or an armory for that matter.

Follow your lightbulbs!

**Outreach Package:**

*Traveling Soldier* newsletter [See below]  
Military Resistance information [See below]  
Rights of Armed Service Members  
Sir No Sir DVD  
Military Resistance cards [See below]

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## **“Seven More Soldiers”**

From: Alan S  
Subject: 7 more soldiers [New York National Guard Outreach]  
To: Military Resistance  
Date: May 6, 2010

7 more soldiers now hold our business cards plus 2 DVDs of “Sir! No Sir!” and some publications [listed above as Outreach Package].

A trip through two of the terminals found some more accepting of more than just cards.

**One soldier inspected the DVD curiously and then acknowledged his sergeant who arrived and expressed even more interest before taking it.**

**They kept the package of publications as well.**

All this took place at around 4 pm.

**MORE:**

## **“Make That Nine More Soldiers”**

From: Sally D  
To: Military Resistance

Sent: May 06, 2010

Subject: Make that 9 more soldiers [New York National Guard Outreach]

Make that 9 more soldiers, as I gave cards [next below] to two very young Guard members in (big) terminal yesterday, passing through.

They were "moving along" and didn't have time to chat, but readily accepted the cards, though looking over their shoulders as I tried to talk with them.

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[Cards designed by Richie M, Military Resistance]

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## **ACTION REPORTS WANTED: FROM YOU!**

**An effective way to encourage others to support members of the armed forces organizing to resist the Imperial war is to report what you do.**

**If you've carried out organized contact with troops on active duty, at base gates, airports, or anywhere else, send a report in to Military Resistance for the Action Reports section.**

Same for contact with National Guard and/or Reserve components.

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If there were favorable responses, say so.

If there were unfavorable responses or problems, don't leave them out. Reporting what went wrong and/or got screwed up is especially important, so that others may learn from you what to expect, and how to avoid similar problems if possible.

If you are not planning or engaging in outreach to the troops, you have nothing to report.

### **NOTE WELL:**

Do not make public any information that could compromise the work.

Identifying information – locations, personnel – will be omitted from the reports.

Whether you are serving in the armed forces or not, do not identify members of the armed forces organizing to stop the wars.

If accidentally included, that information will not be published.

The sole exception: occasions when a member of the armed services explicitly directs identifying information be published in reporting on the action.

### **MORE:**

## **MILITARY RESISTANCE TEN POINTS**

### **Mission Statement:**

1. The mission of Military Resistance is to bring together in one organization members of the armed forces and civilians in order to give aid and comfort to members of the armed forces who are organizing to end the wars of empire in Afghanistan and Iraq. The long term objective is to assist in eliminating all wars of empire by eliminating all empires.

2. Military Resistance does not advocate individual disobedience to orders or desertion from the armed forces. The most effective resistance is organized by members of the armed forces working together.

However, Military Resistance respects and will assist in the defense of troops who see individual desertion or refusal of orders as the only course of action open to them for reasons of conscience.

**3. Military Resistance stands for the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and other occupation troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.**

**Occupied nations have the right to independence and the right to resist Imperial invasion and occupation by force of arms.**

**4. Efforts to increase democratic rights in every society, organization, movement, and within the armed forces itself will receive encouragement and support.**

**Members of the armed forces, whether those of the United States or any other nation, have the right and duty to act against dictatorships commanding their services, and to assist civilian movements against dictatorship.**

**This applies whether a political dictatorship is imposed by force of arms or a political dictatorship is imposed by those in command of the resources of society using their wealth to purchase the political leadership.**

**5. Military Resistance uses organizational democracy.**

**This means control of the organization by the membership, through elected delegates to any coordinating bodies that may be formed, whether at local, regional, or national levels.**

**Any member may run for any job in the organization. All persons elected are subject to immediate recall, by majority vote of the membership.**

**Coordinating bodies report their actions, decisions and votes to the membership who elected them, and may be overruled by a majority of the membership.**

**6. It is not necessary for Military Resistance to be in political agreement with other organizations in order to work together towards specific common objectives.**

**It is productive for organizations working together on common projects to discuss differences about the best way forward for the movement.**

**Debate is necessary to arrive at the best course of action.**

## **Membership Requirements:**

**7. It is a condition of membership that each member prioritize and participate in organized action to reach out to active duty armed forces, Reserve and/or National Guard units.**

8. Military Resistance or individual members may choose to support candidates for elective office who are for immediate withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan, but do not support a candidate opposed to immediate, unconditional withdrawal.

9. Members may not be active duty or drilling reserve commissioned officers, or employed in any capacity by any police or intelligence agency, local, state, or national.

10. I understand and am in agreement with the above statement. I pledge to defend my brothers and sisters, and the democratic rights of the citizens of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

-----**(Signed)**

**(Date)**

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**By: SGT. I.T.A.**

**ARMY LIFE: STUPID IN COMMAND**

**By Soldier R, Traveling Soldier Correspondent**

**Reporting from Germany**

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

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

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Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the wars, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 888.711.2550

## IRAQ WAR REPORTS

### Hattiesburg Soldier, 29, Killed In Iraq



Magee (Submitted photo)

May 1, 2010 By Ben Piper, Hattiesburg American Staff Writer

**For the second time in a month, the Pine Belt is mourning the loss of one of its soldiers serving in Iraq.**

U.S. Army Spc. Anthony Magee, 29, of Hattiesburg was critically wounded in Iraq on April 23 and died Friday in an Army hospital in Germany.

Magee received the Purple Heart on Thursday for being injured in the line of duty.

Army retired Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Davis released a statement his brother, Tony Davis - Magee's father, issued on behalf of the family. "We have lost a son, a father and a hero today who dedicated his life to the service of our nation," the statement read. "His family would like to thank the entire community and nation for their thoughts and prayers."

Dennis Davis said Magee was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq. He said Magee also was injured in his first tour of duty.

Jas N Smith, spokesman for the Hattiesburg Public School District, said Magee graduated from Hattiesburg High School in 2000. Smith said having Tony Davis, chief of resource officers for the district, work with local employees brought the war close to home.

"We have total love and respect for his family, and we just want to let them know our thoughts and prayers are with them right now," he said. "We wish there was some condolence we could offer that would convey the sacrifice Anthony made."

Magee is survived by his mother and father, Patricia and Tony Davis; three siblings; his wife, Courtney Magee; and his 5-year-old son, Kameron Johnson, according to Dennis Davis.

"He had a great sense of humor, he had the biggest heart, which you can see by him being an organ donor," Davis said. "He was one of the nicest young men you'd ever want to come into contact with."

No funeral arrangements had been made as of late Friday. Information on the return of Magee's body to Hattiesburg is not yet complete, Dennis Davis said.

Spc. William Anthony Blount of Petal was killed on April 7 in Mosul, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device was detonated against the vehicle carrying him and members of his Army unit.

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## **Coordinated, Multi-City Resistance Attacks Shake Iraq**

May 10, 2010 (Reuters) & May 11, 2010 By Anne Barker, ABC News & 5.12. Reuters

**Insurgents using silenced weapons attacked at least six checkpoints in Baghdad at dawn, killing seven Iraqi soldiers and policemen, while bombs planted at three others wounded several more, an Interior Ministry source said. Two of the checkpoints attacked by Insurgents were in eastern Baghdad, one in the south and the others in the west. The ones attacked by bombs were all in the south and southeast. At least 26 were wounded in the coordinated assaults in Baghdad.**

**US Major General Stephen Lanza says government forces were the key target in the bombings.**

**“The majority of the attacks were directed against the ISF (Iraq security forces), some at checkpoints and some on houses, such as the attacks in Fallujah,” he said.**



A bomb attack at one of the homes of the police officers in Falluja, 50 km (30 miles) west of Baghdad, May 10, 2010. REUTERS/Mohanned Faisal

A bomber wearing a vest laden with explosives and another driving a car killed eight policemen in a market in Al-Suwayra town, 50 km (30 miles) southeast of Baghdad, a local official said.

Insurgents in cars shot at several police patrols in various parts of Baghdad, wounding several policemen, police said.

A sticky bomb attached to the motorbike of a policeman killed him in the centre of Haswa, 50 km (30 miles) south of Baghdad, police said.

At least two Kurdish peshmerga fighters were killed and three wounded when a bomber in a car drove into a checkpoint manned by U.S., Iraqi and Kurdish forces east of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Five bombs went off at dawn outside the homes of police officers in Anbar province, killing two people in the city of Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, and two in a village 20 km (12 miles) east of Falluja, police said.

A minivan parked in front of council offices damaged the building but caused no casualties in a section of Yusufiya, 20 km (12 miles) southwest of Baghdad, police said.

A car bomb targeting the convoy of the mayor of the district killed three and wounded 16, including the mayor, in Tarmiya, 25 km (15 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

**Among those killed recently by sticky bombs was Sheikh Sami Mussiakh al-Mufraji, head of the al-Mufraji tribe, Lieutenant Colonel Saad Nassief, an officer in the serious crimes unit of the Interior Ministry, and Lieutenant Colonel Alaa Hassan, head of police intelligence in the Kadhimiya district of Baghdad.**

**Interior and Defense Ministry employees driving government-issued white Nissans with black license plates that show they have recently been imported are a frequent target.**

“They target these cars because they know they are used by employees of the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of the Interior or their relatives,” a police official said, speaking on condition he was not identified.

Baghdad security spokesman Major General Qassim al-Moussawi said Wednesday that silencers were increasingly being used by insurgents, some of them imported from overseas and others homemade. Some of the silencers used in the attacks on checkpoints Monday were homemade.



A damaged police vehicle after a bomb attack occurred in Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, May 11, 2010. A car bomb exploded near a police checkpoint, wounding police officers, at the eastern entrance of Falluja, police said. REUTERS/Yasser Faisal

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## More Resistance Action

11 May 2010 VOA News & Reuters

Iraqi officials say two explosions in Baghdad have killed at least five police officers and wounded 14 others. The blasts Tuesday occurred in a neighborhood in southern Baghdad.

A car bomb exploded near a police checkpoint, wounding two police officers, at the eastern entrance of Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi military patrol wounded a soldier in northern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol wounded a policeman in western Mosul, police said.

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## **Withdrawal Of U.S. Troops Is “Expected To Be Delayed By About A Month” “White House Is Closely Watching” To See If The Aug. 31 Deadline For Withdrawal Of All U.S. Troops “Needs To Be Pushed Back”**



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

May 12, 2010 By Lara Jakes, The Associated Press [Excerpt]

BAGHDAD -- U.S. commanders, worried about increased violence in the wake of Iraq's inconclusive elections, are now reconsidering the pace of a major troop pullout this summer, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

The withdrawal of the first major wave of troops is expected to be delayed by about a month, the officials said. Waiting much longer could endanger President Barack Obama's goal of reducing the force level from 92,000 to 50,000 troops by Aug. 31.

A security agreement between the two nations requires American troops to be out of Iraq by the end of 2011.

Two senior administration officials said the White House is closely watching to see if the Aug. 31 date needs to be pushed back -- if only to ensure that enough security forces are in place to prevent or respond to militant attacks.

At the Pentagon, "there's been a renewed focus on Iraq lately," said the senior military official there.

He said all options were being considered, including later delays, adding that "we need to get out in an appropriate way, ... not completely tied to a timeline."

As of last week, there were about 92,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, meaning an average of 10,500 a month would have to be pulled out.

Gen. Odierno can wait only so long to start the "waterfall." Keeping tens of thousands of soldiers in Iraq until the last minute will create a logistical nightmare with a limited number of planes, trucks and ships available to get troops and equipment out.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Two U.S. Marines Killed In Helmand Tuesday**

May 12, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 387-10

The following Marines died May 11 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan:

Cpl. Jeffery W. Johnson, 21, of Tomball, Texas, and .

Sgt. Kenneth B. May, Jr., 26, of Kilgore, Texas.

Johnson and May were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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## **Massachusetts Marine Killed In Helmand Wednesday**

May 13, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 392-10

Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges, 23, of Ludlow, Mass., died May 12 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.

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## **Tennessee Marine Killed In Helmand Wednesday**

May 13, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. No. 391-10

Sgt. Donald J. Lamar II, 23, of Fredericksburg, Va., died May 12 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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## **Foreign “Servicemember” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced**

May 12 ISAF & AP

KABUL, Afghanistan – A foreign servicemember died following a small-arms attack in southern Afghanistan today.

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## **Maryland Marine Killed In Helmand**

May 10, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 378-10

Cpl. Kurt S. Shea, 21, of Frederick, Md., died May 10 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 10th



Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

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## **Tennessee Soldier Killed At Contingency Outpost Zerok**

May 10, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. No. 379-10

Spc. Jeremy L. Brown, 20, of McMinnville, Tenn., died May 9 at Contingency Outpost Zerok, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

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## **U.S. Marine From Perry Dies In Afghanistan**

May 8, 2010 KCCI

PERRY, Iowa -- A U.S. Marine Corps spokesman confirmed Saturday night that a Marine from Perry has died in combat in Afghanistan.

Lance Corporal Joshua Davis was 19 years old. The Marines confirm Davis died Friday morning during combat in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan.

Principal Dan Marburger said Davis is a 2009 graduate of Perry High School. Davis' family plans on meeting his body at Dover Air Base on Sunday.

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## **Romanian Soldier Killed In Afghanistan**

12 May 2010 FOCUS News Agency

Bucharest. A Romanian soldier was killed in Afghanistan Wednesday, Defense Ministry officials said, adding further details would be released later in the day, Romanian Mediafax news agency reports.

"The soldier was on a mission and an anti-personnel mine went off. No one else was injured," they said.

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# Corporal Christopher Lewis Harrison Killed South Of Patrol Base Shuga

May 10 Ministry of Defence

It is with great sadness that the Ministry of Defence must confirm the death of Corporal Christopher Lewis Harrison of Bravo Company, 40 Commando Royal Marines, in Afghanistan on Sunday 9 May 2010.

During a deliberate operation, Bravo Company was conducting a patrol alongside the Afghan National Army in order to help provide security for the local population of Sangin.

At approximately 0620 hours local time on 9 May 2010, south of Patrol Base Shuga, Corporal Harrison was fatally wounded in an explosion.

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## Oak Glen Graduate Wounded In Afghanistan Battle

May 10, 2010 wtov9

A 20-year-old Hancock County soldier is recovering from wounds he suffered during a battle in Afghanistan.

Richie Lockhart joined the U.S. Army after graduating from Oak Glen High School. According to Lockhart's father, a commander said Lockhart was serving at the FOB Blessing Station when he and three other soldiers were attacked by rocket fire Tuesday morning.

Lockhart's father said his son has shrapnel metal throughout his body, and suffered injuries to his stomach, hip, arm and head.

Lockhart received a Purple Heart medal after the attack and is recovering at Walter Reed Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C.

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## Afghanistan: 57 Insurgent Attacks A Day

[Thanks to Felicity Arbuthnot, who sent this in.]

May 9, 2010 By Juan Cole, [Juancole.com/](http://Juancole.com/) [Excerpts]

There were 400 attacks in the past week in Afghanistan, 60 percent of them by roadside bomb. There were over 1,000 roadside bomb attacks in April 2010, twice as many as in April 2009.

**This number of attacks per day, some 57, about 34 of them roadside bombs, is breathtaking.**

**That level of violence is what characterized Iraq in March, 2005 ...**

The year 2005

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## **Resistance Action**



A burning mobile phone antenna in Chahar Dara district in the outskirts of Kunduz, northern Afghanistan, May 10, 2010. REUTERS/Fabrizio Bensch

5/01/10 TREND News Agency & 5.10.10 DPA

Militants hurled a hand grenade in Farah city, the capital of same name province Farah on Friday. As a result, three policemen sustained injuries.

Four policemen were killed and two wounded by a roadside explosion in Helmand's Gerishk district, the Interior Ministry said.

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

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

## “Fuck Off, GI”



An Afghan civilian shouts as he tells U.S. Marines to get out of his compound while they patrol in the area of Karez-e-Sayyidi in the outskirts of Marjah district, Helmand province, May 10, 2010. REUTERS/Asmaa Waguih

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## Occupation Fuel Supply Tankers Blown Up In Pakistan



Pakistani security officials carry a dead body of a man near a burning military supply oil tanker in Chaman near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border May 12, 2010, in Pakistan. (AP Photo/Shah Khalid)

May 12 Associated Press

Wednesday, a bomb ripped through an oil tanker carrying supplies for U.S. forces based in Afghanistan, killing a passer-by, Pakistani border guard Fazal Bari said. The attack took place in Chaman, the main border town in impoverished southwestern Baluchistan province, Bari said.

The tanker caught fire after the blast and police were trying checking whether anyone aboard the tanker was hurt.

Militants set off two explosives in Pakistan's southwestern town of Chaman, destroying two oil tankers.

**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT  
THE BLOODSHED  
THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE  
WARS**

**NO MISSION;  
POINTLESS WAR:  
ALL HOME NOW**



A U.S. soldier crosses an irrigation ditch while on patrol with 2nd Platoon, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment of the 5th Stryker Brigade, May 8, 2010, in Afghanistan's Kandahar province. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)



A soldier from the U.S. Army's Alpha Company, 4-23 Infantry Battalion, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team walks through a poppy field during a recon patrol near the Helmand/Kandahar border April 25, 2010. REUTERS/Tim Wimborne

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## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

### **Insurgent False Flag Attack Kills Deputy Police Commander**

May 11, 2010 Sh. M. Network & GAROWE ONLINE & May 12, 2010 GAROWE ONLINE

MOGADISHU

A roadside bomb targeted on Somali government forces has killed 2 people and injured 8 others as Deputy Police commander of Mogadishu's Dharkenley District was killed by former Al-Shabaab fighter, Radio Garowe reports.

The Monday blast in Mogadishu's Waberi district targeted a vehicle carrying Somali government soldiers.

Witnesses say the explosion killed two people including a soldier and a civilian who was standing nearby.

"I heard big bang and when I look back, I saw smoke everywhere and people laying on the ground," said Deqo Ubeyd, a by-passer.

On the other hand, Dharkenley District Deputy Police Commander Ali Yare was killed by an al-Shabaab deserter who recently joined government forces.

"The deputy police commander of Dharkenley and we don't know he was killed," a government officials told Garowe Online.

“The murderer and the slain commander were together in a meeting before we heard gun shots that killed Ali Yare,” said a security guard.

A land blast targeted to a government soldiers’ vehicle traveling around 21st October school in the Somali capital has killed a soldier, witnesses told Shabelle radio on Monday.

“It was big explosion; every body who was around here could hear the sound of the blast. I saw one dead soldier rolling around where the blast happened. 4 other Soldiers were wounded and one old man and young driver,” said one of the women who was near where the explosion occurred.

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GAROWE ONLINE:

**At least 10 people have been killed and more than 25 others wounded in a fierce clashes between Somali government forces and rebel fighters in the Somali capital Mogadishu, paramedics and witnesses said.**

Government forces attacked bases of fighters loyal to Hizbul Islam in Mogadishu’s northern districts, leading to heavy gun fire exchange.

Hizbul Islam spokesman Sheikh Arus blamed government soldiers on the latest clashes, saying they have raided a base belonging to the fighters.

“Government forces attacked us and we repelled. We are still in control of the contested areas,” he said.

**Former Mogadishu Mayor Mohamed Omar Habeb, better known as Mohamed Dhere, has escaped unhurt from a landmine explosion that was targeted on his car.**

Mohammed Dhere accused the explosion on Al-Shabaab militants.

“One of my security guards was killed and three others injured in the explosion which was targeted on my car. My men arrested the culprit behind the attack and he will be brought before justice,” he said.

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## Insurgents Capture Border Town

May 10, 2010 GAROWE ONLINE

Somalia’s hardline Islamist Al Shabaab rebels have reportedly captured a southern Somali town that borders with Ethiopia after the pro-government forces vacated, local residents and official said.

Heavily armed Al-Shabaab fighters attacked Elberde, which was used as a base for newly trained government forces from regions in southern Somalia.

“Al-Shabaab fighters entered the town and took control,” said Nur Abdow, one of the residents.

“Some Al-Shabaab officials addressed the public and assured them of security. Even the businesses have reopened,” said Sheikh Adan mayow, one of the town’s elite.

No word from the government forces side, who have reportedly crossed the border, regarding the latest Al-Shabaab military advance.

**The US-backed government, which survives under the guard of African Union troops, only controls few blocks in Mogadishu.**

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## **Somali Insurgent Group Saying That Foreign Fleets Patrolling The Waters Were Part Of The Piracy Menace Because They Protected Trawlers Looting Somali Fish Stocks**

May 10, 2010 GAROWE ONLINE

A Somali insurgent group has lambasted a UN-backed anti-piracy mission off Somalia’s long coast, saying that foreign fleets patrolling the waters were part of the piracy menace because they protected trawlers looting Somali fish stocks, Radio Garowe reports.

The Somali Islamist political faction Hizbul Islam said the internationally backed campaign against the Somalia-based sea gangs is having huge impact on the local fisheries sector.

“The UN plan is meant to fight against Somali fishermen, and increase the political pressure in the country,” said a statement from the group.

“Having naval fleets in Somali waters is not the solution for the country and its people, but would instead increase the piracy menace.”

Last week, Hizbul Islam rebels seized the town of coastal town of Harardheere, a notorious pirate hub in central Somalia. The pirates fled north to Hobyo as the Islamist rebels vowed to take more pirate towns along Somalia’s coast.

“Harardhere was experiencing insecurity and that is why we captured it and implemented Sharia Law,” the statement read.

Hizbul Islam is involved in a bloody conflict with the Western-backed Somali Transitional Federal Government (TFG), which controls few blocks in the capital Mogadishu with the aid of a 5,300-strong African Union peacekeeping [translation: occupation] force.



Some experts have argued that there are links between Somali pirates and Islamist factions who dominate the country's south-central regions.

However, the Islamists have denied any claims and the pirates have fled in the face of an Islamist onslaught.

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## Insurgents Set Up New Government In Former Pirate Town

12 May 2010 Abdulkadir Khalif, AllAfrica.com

Mogadishu — Sheikh Mohamed Osman Arus, the Chief of Operations of Hizbu Islam, one of the Islamist groups opposing the Transitional Federal Government in Somalia, has on Wednesday announced that his movement is soon going to establish an authority in Mudug region in Central Somalia.

Sheikh Arus held a press conference for the local media to announce that his forces reached many villages and settlements in Mudug region, including the coastal town of Haradhere, formerly a pirate haven, 490 kilometres north east of Mogadishu.

“We have been welcomed by the people in nearly 30 villages and settlements in Mudug region,” said Sheikh Arus. “The Muslim people in this part want our Sharia (Islamic) based rule,” he added.

If Hizbu Islam's dream is attained, Mudug region will have five parallel authorities. There had already been four administrations in the area, namely Puntland State, Galmudug State, Himan & Heb and Ahlu Sunna wal-Jamea.

Most rule over clan territories, generally considered as one of the chaotic by products of Somalia's two decades-old civil war.

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Lance Cpl. Rick Centanni's casket outside St. Martin de Porres Church in Yorba Linda, Calif. April 6, 2010 during a memorial service for Centanni and Sgt. Major Robert Cottle. Both Centanni and Cottle, 45, were stationed with the 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, out of Camp Pendleton, in southern Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Both were from Yorba Linda and were killed by the same roadside bomb in March while on patrol in Afghanistan. (AP Photo/The Orange County Register, Joshua Sudock)

**“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**

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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**

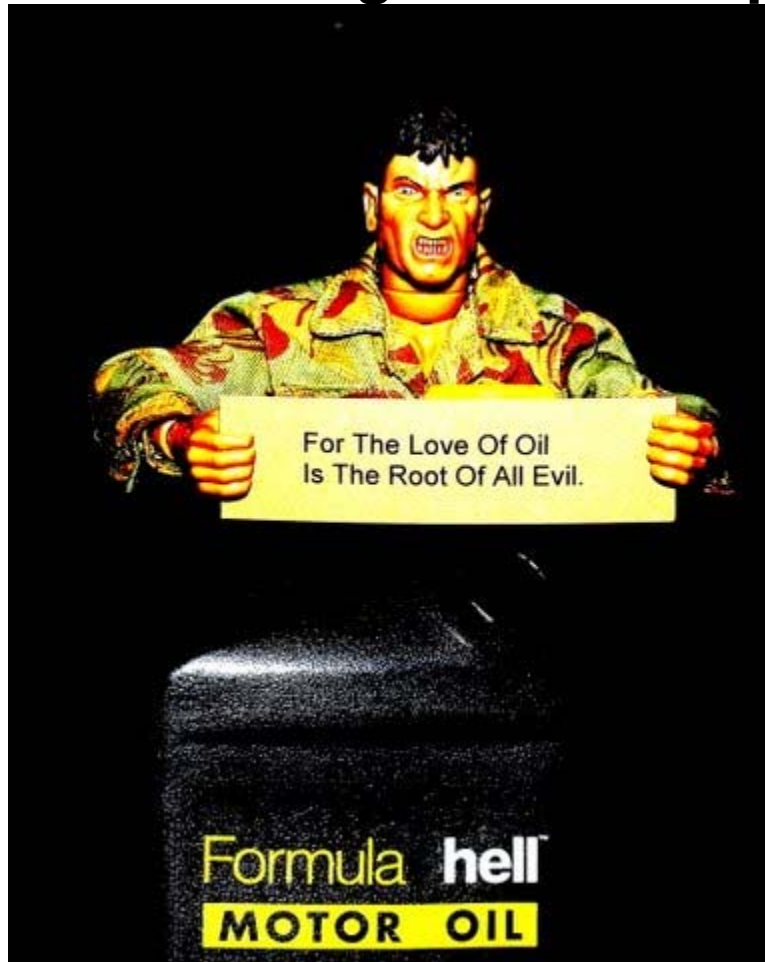
**I say that when troops cannot be counted on to follow orders because they see the futility and immorality of them THAT is the real key to ending a war.**

**-- Al Jaccoma, Veterans For Peace**

**“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**

# It's All Coming Home To Spill



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**Anonymous...**  
**May 9, 2010**

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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

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