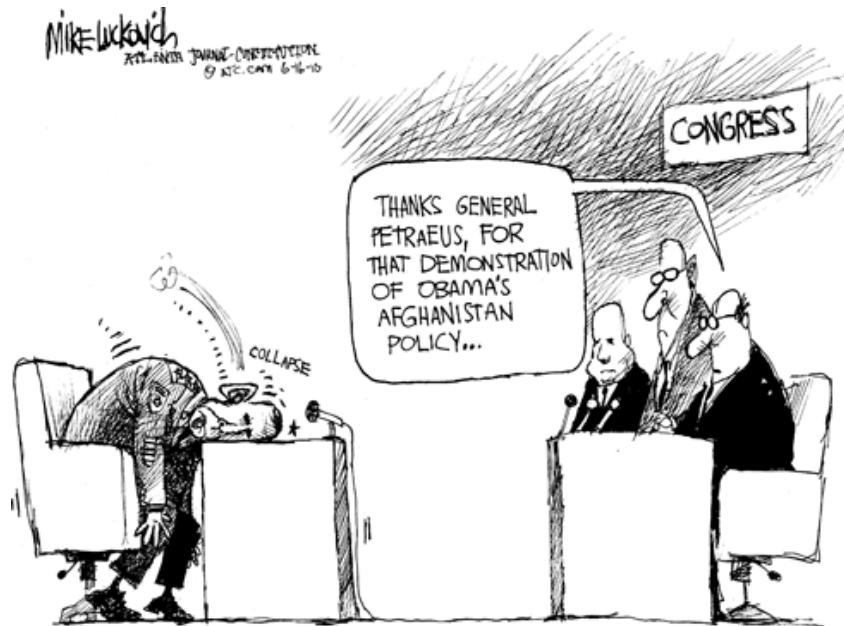


## Military Resistance 8F12



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June 21, 2010 By Lara Logan, CBS

Billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars are fuelling corruption in Afghanistan and funding the insurgency, according to a six-month investigation by the House subcommittee on National Security and Foreign affairs.

The committee’s chairman, Rep. John F. Tierney, D-Mass., told CBS News: “the business is war and the war is business and you’ve got ‘Warlord Inc.’ going on over there.”

That would mean that the U.S. is literally funding the enemy, as violence escalates daily in Afghanistan and more U.S. soldiers and Marines are dying than ever before in this war.

**It also means that while the U.S. has been publicly pointing fingers at the Afghan government and President Hamid Karzai for not cleaning up corruption in his government, in fact the U.S. is a huge part of the corruption problem - and until now, has done nothing about it or even acknowledged that fact.**

The committee investigators focused on one contract - the Host Nation Trucking contract or HNT - that is worth \$2.16 billion U.S. dollars and divided between just eight companies - three of them American, three from the Middle East and two from Afghanistan. Over six months, they conducted dozens of formal interviews, dozens more informal interviews and ploughed through more than 20,000 documents.

They discovered damning evidence of the complete lack of oversight from the U.S. military and other agencies at the sub-contractor level of those contracts - and anecdotal evidence from the eight contracting companies that payoffs were being made to the Taliban to keep the convoys on the roads.

**But the reality of Afghanistan is that the Department of Defense has been following a policy endorsed by the U.S. government from the very beginning of this war: to use various warlords, criminals, corrupt powerbrokers etc where the U.S. deems it necessary.**

From 2001, when the CIA carried in suitcases of cash to pay off tribal leaders, the U.S. strategy has included relying on “bad guys - as long as they are ‘our’ bad guys.”

This is part of what made U.S. allegations of corruption in Afghanistan appear so hollow to many Afghan people. It is widely known and accepted amongst Afghans that Western aid money flooding into the country has created an alternative, more lucrative economy where it's rarely the “nice guys” who are coming out on top.

It's also widely known and accepted in many areas, that to carry out any reconstruction projects or U.S. funded counter-insurgency efforts requires large payoffs to the Taliban.

“The fact that we have such dire times at home, we need money for schools and for health clinics and job creation and job training, and we're spending 2.16 billion dollars - a good part of which is going to criminals and warlords- that's shocking,” Tierney said.

More troubling, is what this means for the U.S. counter-insurgency effort. The implication of the report is that the more money you pour into counter-insurgency efforts, the more corrupt the society becomes and the more money you are giving to the enemy to fight against you.

**Troops Invited:**

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**IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

**“No One Has Been Able To Quell  
Mosul's Violence”  
“American Combat Troops Patrol The  
Streets”**

June 21, 2010 By TIMOTHY WILLIAMS, New York Times [Excerpts]

MOSUL, Iraq — Staff Col. Ismail Khalif Jasim, the top intelligence officer in Nineveh Province, was scrutinizing faces last week as he walked through what the police say is the most dangerous neighborhood in Iraq's most violent city.

The place is so risky that some of his colleagues apologetically offered reasons why they would be unable to accompany him there.

One major admitted he was simply too scared. He was forced, though, along with more than 200 other soldiers and police officers, to go to the neighborhood, Amil.

Iraqi security forces claim to control it. But in reality Amil is in the throes of another spate of killings, as the American military works to root out Islamist militants from the area before it reduces the number of its troops in Iraq to 50,000 from about 90,000 by the end of August.

Colonel Jasim's visit there was aimed at persuading groups of stone-faced residents to cooperate with the Iraqi Army — an entity almost universally loathed here for its unapologetically rough treatment of the area's people.

But, he suggested, the authorities were better than the insurgents holed up there.

No luck. The men did not answer. The colonel, his sunglasses hiding his eyes but not the look of contempt that curled around his lips, moved on to the next cluster of men.

Soldiers walked on either side of him, and in front and behind. Armored police and military vehicles were parked on every corner in the neighborhood, its entrance points blocked to traffic. The street had been strung with concertina wire. Only a few people dared to leave their houses.

This month, the American military said in a statement that it had arrested a man who had committed "assassinations against Iraqi judicial and police officials, and has allegedly coordinated improvised explosive device attacks against" the Iraqi police and army. The man's identity was not released.

Four days later, gunfire in an adjoining neighborhood killed two Iraqi police officers on patrol. The same day, in central Mosul, the deputy governor survived a bomb blast that demolished his armored car.

There are car bombs every day. Some are defused. Some blow up.

Like many here, Mr. Ahmed differentiated between the types of violence that take place.

"There are some terror actions and there are some jihad actions," he said.

Jihad actions are those aimed at American forces or their Iraqi security force allies. Terror actions are those directed at residents.

Whatever the reason, no one has been able to quell Mosul's violence: It is one of the few urban areas in Iraq where American combat troops patrol the streets. Some 18 Iraqi Army battalions are stationed in the city, and hundreds of Iraqi police officers staff checkpoints.

But in Amil, people say they want nothing to do with the Iraqi Army in particular — which in Mosul is composed primarily of Shiites from southern Iraq.

Residents complain the soldiers do not understand their culture, and are rude at best, brutal at worst, suspecting everyone in the neighborhood of being a member of Al Qaeda.

“There's no trust between the security forces and the people,” said one resident, Hazim Mahmud al-Sahan, whose son was recently killed in Amil, not far from an Iraqi Army checkpoint.

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## Resistance Action

Jun 21, 2010 Reuters & June 22 (Reuters) & KUNA & AP & June 23 (Reuters) & June 24 (Reuters) & June 25 (Reuters)

**Three bombers killed five police and army personnel and wounded nine others in two separate attacks in Iraq's restive northern city of Mosul on Thursday, security officials said.**

The first attack occurred when a bomber blew himself up at a police checkpoint, killing four policemen and wounding four others, in a western part of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Two other bombers attacked the main gate of an Iraqi army base in eastern Mosul, killing one soldier and wounding five, an army source said.

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Two Iraqis were killed and another seven were injured shortly before eight Tuesday morning in a blast that targeted an official of the transport ministry, Muayyad Mohammad, in Al-Dourah area of Baghdad. Iraqi Police sources told KUNA a roadside bomb exploded upon the passing of the special transport department official's car in the vicinity of the Athuriyeen market, adding he was severely injured while two of his bodyguards were killed.

Iraqi police also reported another blast in Al-Jameaa neighborhood in western Baghdad. The sources said this was an attempt to assassinate Awqaf official Muhammad Ahmad, in which he was injured along with three other Iraqis who were at the scene.(

A bomber has killed six policemen in the northern Iraqi town of Shirqat, an interior ministry source said. The source says the bomber detonated an explosives belt when police and civilians gathered to inspect the site of a roadside bomb minutes earlier, in

which no-one had been hurt. Shirqat is 300 kilometres north of Baghdad at the northern edge of Salahuddin province, once a hotbed of militants.

BAGHDAD - Two roadside bombs killed two policemen and wounded four police officers, near two police patrols in eastern Baghdad, police said.

The bodies of two members of a government backed militia, or Sahwa, were found dead after being captured overnight by militants wearing military uniforms in the town of Udham, 90 km (60 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

KIRKUK - A roadside bomb went off near a police patrol wounding three policemen, in southern Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Insurgents killed three policemen at a checkpoint in western Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Two policemen and six people inside the vehicles were wounded when a roadside bomb detonated near a convoy carrying a newly-elected member of the Iraqi parliament from the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council (ISCI) [pro-U.S.] near the town of Tuz Khurmato, 170 km (105 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

In Diyala province north of Baghdad, bombs attached to cars belonging to members of an anti-insurgent group killed two of its leaders in separate attacks. Maj. Ghalib al-Karkhi, Diyala's police spokesman, said the blasts killed the chiefs of the Awakening Council in southern Baqouba, and in a village near Buhriz, about 35 miles (60 kilometers) north of Baghdad.

Two senior members of a government-backed Iraqi militia were killed on Tuesday. The Sahwa, or "Sons of Iraq," consist of Sunnis who joined forces with the U.S. military and Iraqi security forces to fight Islamist militants. Raad Tami al-Mujamai and Khamis Sabaa al-Aqabi, Sahwa leaders in the town of Buhriz, 60 km (35 miles) northeast of Baghdad, were killed in separate attacks, both by bombs attached to their cars, police sources said. Mujamai was a senior member of the Mujamai tribe, one of the largest in Diyala, and the more senior of the two Sahwa leaders killed in Buhriz.

A blast killed a vocal insurgent critic as he was driving his car in Fallujah, about 40 miles (65 kilometers) west of Baghdad. Police and hospitals officials said the bomb stuck to Najim Abid al-Issawi's car also wounded his passenger.

A bomb planted in the car of an off-duty army officer wounded him in northwestern Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb went off near an Iraqi army patrol wounding two soldiers, in eastern Mosul, police said.

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

## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Virginia Soldier Killed In Zhari**



U.S. Army Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, Va., Company B, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, died June 18, 2010 when his dismounted patrol encountered an IED in the Zhari District, Kandahar, Afghanistan. (AP Photo/U.S. Army)

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### **Illinois Soldier Killed In Afghanistan**



Army Pfc. Gunnar R. Hotchkin, of Naperville, Ill., was killed June 16, 2010, in Afghanistan from the explosion of a roadside bomb that flipped over the tank he was riding in. Hotchkin was assigned to the 161st Engineer Support Company, 27th Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineer Brigade, 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C. (AP Photo/Courtesy Hotchkin Family)

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## **Three U.S. Troops Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Thursday And Friday**

Jun 25 Associated Press

Three American troops were reported killed in rising violence across Afghanistan.

A U.S. service member was killed in an insurgent attack Friday in eastern Afghanistan and another American died following a roadside bombing in southern Afghanistan on Thursday. NATO did not provide the exact location of the attacks.

A third service member died in an explosion Friday in southern Afghanistan. The U.S. command said he was American.

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## **Female Bomber Kills Two U.S. Soldiers In Afghanistan Monday: “Locals In Kunar Told The Journal That An Afghan Coalition Raided Alimi’s Home And Killed Two Relatives Two Years Ago”**

Jun 23 Yahoo! News

A woman detonated explosives hidden under her burqa in Afghanistan on Monday, killing two U.S. soldiers and injuring more than a dozen bystanders.

Government officials tell The Wall Street Journal’s Maria Abi-Habib and Habib Zahori that the bombing marks the first such attack perpetrated by a woman in Afghanistan.

The Taliban claimed credit for the attack, and said the bomber was named Bibi Alimi. Locals in Kunar told the Journal that an Afghan coalition raided Alimi’s home and killed two relatives two years ago, prompting her to join the Taliban.

House raids are controversial, and Afghan President Hamid Karzai has called for them to end

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## **2 US Service Members Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Tuesday**

6.23.10 AP

The military said Wednesday that two American service members died Tuesday following separate bomb attacks in southern Afghanistan, bringing to 69 the number of international forces killed so far this month.

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## **Two Romanian Soldiers Killed In Afghanistan**

23.06.2010 Ministerul Apărării Naționale

Two soldiers from Battalion 33 Maneuver deployed in Afghanistan have died on duty Wednesday, June 23, 14.30 (Romanian time).

Sergeant Major Dan Ciobotaru and Corporal Paul carp serving a combat mission in Kabul-Kandahar highway A1. At about 30 km from Qalat, Humvee-type vehicle they were in was attacked with an improvised explosive device, operated remotely. Following detonation, two soldiers and killed.

Sergeant Major Dan Ciobotaru, class 2007, was 28 years old and was unmarried. Corporal Paul carp, aged 36, was employed in the Ministry of National Defense in 1996, was married and had two children.

Minister of National Defence awarded posthumously a second lieutenant of two soldiers who sacrificed their lives under the national flag colors by committing acts of exceptional devotion during the execution of the mission in Afghanistan theater. Also, Romania's defense minister has submitted proposals for awarding by President of junior lieutenants posthumously Ciobotaru Dan and Paul carp with Romania's Star National Order in rank of Knight, military, with signs of war.

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## **Oregon Soldier Killed At Ganjkin Village**

June 24, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 535-10

Pfc. Anthony T. Justesen, 22, of Wilsonville, Ore., died June 23 at Ganjkin village, Pusht Rod district, Farah province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to Troop B, 4th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

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## **Kentucky Soldier Killed At Charkh**

June 24, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 536-10

Pfc. Russell E. Madden, 29, of Dayton, Ky., died June 23 at Charkh district, Konar province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his vehicle with rocket fire. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Conn Barracks, Germany.

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## **Massachusetts Soldier Killed In Zabul Province**

June 22, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 521-10

Spc. Scott A. Andrews, 21, of Fall River, Mass., died June 21 at Forward Operating Base Lagman, Zabul province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 618th Engineer Support Company, 27th Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineers Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C.

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## **Royal Marine Killed In Sangin**

23 Jun 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 today, Wednesday 23 June 2010.

The Marine was killed by small arms fire during a firefight with insurgent forces in the Sangin district of Helmand province. He was conducting a security patrol to reassure local nationals in the area around the patrol base when the firefight occurred.

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## **Maine Soldier Dies In Afghanistan**

06/23/10 Ken Christian, Information Center Content Manager; WCSH6

AUGUSTA, Maine (NEWS CENTER) -- The Governor's Office says a soldier from Maine has died in Afghanistan.

Sergeant Brandon Silk, 25, who was from Orono, was killed Monday while serving with the 101st Airborne Division. His family says Silk was a Black Hawk crew chief, stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was on his fourth tour of duty overseas.

“In Maine, we’re all an extended family,” said Governor John Baldacci. “At times like these, we have to reach out and take care of one another. Sgt. Silk was a hero, and we will honor his life and his sacrifice.”

Governor Baldacci will order flags in Maine lowered to half-staff on the day of Sgt. Silk’s funeral, but there is no indication when that will take place.

While the military will not confirm where Silk died in Afghanistan, they did report on Monday an American and three Australian commandos were killed when a helicopter went down in a rugged area of southern Afghanistan.

Fighting has raged there for days, and the Taliban say they shot the helicopter down. But NATO and Australian officials say there’s no evidence that hostile fire caused the crash.

Paul Higgins and Donald Joseph coached Silk on the Orono High School football team. They say he transferred from Calais before his junior year and had never played football before. However his determination and hard work led him to succeed on the field. They say he certainly set an example for his younger brothers David and Blaine, who will both be deployed in 2011.

Silk’s family issued the following statement:

“We are all horribly saddened by the death of Brandon. He was a son, a brother, a nephew, and a cousin - and was well-loved by everyone in this family. We have always been a tight-knit family and Brandon’s spirit will live on through memories of his sense of humor, his love for adventure, and the memories he created through his unique, outgoing, strong personality.”

“Brandon died while serving his country - honorably and with respect. When duty called, he answered that call without hesitation. We miss him and we love him.”

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## **Canadian Soldier Killed By IED In The Panjwa’i District**

June 21, 2010 CEFCON NR

One Canadian soldier was killed after an improvised explosive device detonated during a foot patrol, about 20 kilometres southwest of Kandahar City, in the Panjwa’i District, at approximately 8:00 a.m. Kandahar time on 21 June 2010.

Killed in action was Sergeant James Patrick MacNeil from 2 Combat Engineer Regiment, based in Petawawa, Ontario. Sergeant MacNeil was serving with 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group.

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# Soldier Killed In Afghanistan Had Joined Army To Help Son



Russell Madden's Bellevue High School yearbook picture: Provided

June 24, 2010 By Brenna R. Kelly, Cincinnati.Com

BELLEVUE, KY. - When Russell Madden signed up for the Army two years ago, it was with one purpose – to provide medical care for his son.

Four-year-old Parker suffers from cystic fibrosis.

“Where he had been working he had no benefits or anything like that,” said Madden’s sister Lindsey Madden, “so he joined because he knew that Parker would always be taken care of no matter what.”

Madden’s family learned Wednesday night that the 29-year-old Bellevue High School graduate had been killed in Afghanistan. Madden, a private first class, died that morning when his convoy was attacked with a rocket-propelled grenade, his sister said.

Madden’s parents, Martin and Pamela Madden, his wife Michelle and his son and stepson were all on the way Thursday to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, where Madden’s remains are being returned from Afghanistan.

Madden is the second graduate in the Bellevue High class of 2000 to be killed in combat. Justin Scott died in Iraq in 2004.

An American flag and an U.S. Army Airborne Division flag hung Thursday from the Washington Avenue home where Madden grew up.

“The one thing he was always known for was a good laugh,” recalled his 23-year-old sister. “He was the funniest, most outrageous person. “He was the craziest person I’ve ever met in my life.”

Even when he was overseas, the family communicated regularly through Facebook and the occasional phone call, she said. When Army officials arrived on Wednesday night, Lindsey was on the computer retrieving the last e-mail her brother sent to their parents.

“He had just sent them a message saying how much he appreciated us,” she said, “and that he thinks about us every day.”

His father was upstairs packing a box full of razors, tobacco, wet wipes and food for his son.

“Mom just stood up and said ‘No, no,’” Lindsey Madden said. “She wasn’t even going to let them in.”

News of Madden’s death traveled quickly through the small city and especially among the remaining members of the 56-person Bellevue High class of 2000.

“I think everybody is just kind of in shock. It’s very sad,” said Assistant Principal David Eckstein. “We are very upset for his family and two children. It’s times like this it makes us appreciate being here in America rather than overseas fighting. It’s a real tragedy for the community. It’s a very small community.”

Madden was a tremendous athlete who ran track and played football, lettering all four years at Bellevue High School, where the flag was at half-staff Thursday. “He always laid it on the line for Bellevue, just like he did for his country,” said Charlie Coleman, Madden’s football coach.

Madden’s greatest assets were his speed and overall athleticism, he said. Madden could often be seen running the hallways and steps of the high school in the winter to stay in shape, Coleman said. Madden was a running back, linebacker, place kicker, punter and punt returner on Bellevue’s undefeated 1999 team.

“He was just a gifted kid who had no fear and a tremendous amount of confidence,” Coleman said. “He was a good kid – fun to coach and very respectful.”

Matt Pickeral was Madden’s teammate, classmate and best friend. Last year, before Madden left for Afghanistan, the two spent a night sitting on the 50-yard-line of the Bellevue football stadium.

“We probably sat there until about 4 in the morning, talking, crying,” Pickeral said. “I told him whenever you come back we’re going to get together right here.”

But Madden said: “What if I don’t,” Pickeral recalled.

Pickeral told his friend not to think about that – but if it happened, Pickeral told his friend, “I’ll do whatever I can to help your family.”

Pickeral said he admires what Madden did for his family.

“Knowing that he was willing to literally put his life on the line so that his son could have a better life,” he said. “I don’t know what more you could do.”

While overseas, Madden would use a Webcam to see his family and play guitar for his sons, his sister said.

“He made up songs, not real songs, but funny songs, just to make everyone laugh,” Lindsey Madden said. “He was a riot, always singing and dancing.”

In his frequent messages on Facebook, he would tell his parents, sister and younger brother Martin, 18, not to worry if they didn’t hear from him for a couple days.

“It’s just hard to think that it’s just me and my brother now,” she said, “we are without one.”

Madden was deployed to Afghanistan in November 2009. He was home for a brief visit in March. Last year, the family traveled to Georgia to see Madden graduate from the Army’s Airborne School in Fort Benning, Ga.

After his deployment, his wife of six years, who also grew up in Bellevue, moved the family to Fort Thomas. Funeral arrangements were not yet complete Thursday night.

Michael Foulks, who was principal at Bellevue High School while Madden was a student there, said he knew Madden well.

“He was a very hard-working kid,” said Foulks, a Vietnam veteran who now lives in Peekskill, N.Y.

Foulks said he still has memories of Madden on the football field.

“The kids in Bellevue are not big physically, but they could all reach down inside their hearts and do what they needed to get to the next level,” Foulks said. “Russell stood for what Bellevue is – hard-working, determined and willing to do whatever it takes to succeed.”

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## **“His Right Foot Was Gone, Lost In An Attack On His Guard Tower By A Rocket-Propelled Grenade”**

### **“Pfc. Kelly Beechinor, 23, Was Just One Week Shy Of Heading Home”**

June 24, 2010 By ELY E. BROWN, ABC News [Excerpts]

The combat hospital at Kandahar Air Field may lie deep in Taliban country, but as far as military hospitals go, it is cutting edge.

Doctors there use advanced technology and medical techniques once unheard of this close to the battlefield to ease wounded soldiers' pain, to salvage limbs and to save lives.

In fact, about 98 percent of coalition soldiers who get to the hospital alive survive after treatment.

In the minutes before the injured arrived recently, the trauma team nurses prepared the treatment bays, hanging IV fluids and checking equipment.

The doctors reviewed what little information they'd been given about the patient on his way.

"He has a traumatic amputation of the right leg below the knee," said Dr. Richard Hilsden, the trauma team leader.

"Other than that, we have no other information."

Hilsden is a captain with the Canadian forces, part of the multi-national team of doctors, nurses and medics staffing the U.S.-run hospital. Hilsden had been in Kandahar for only a month. He practices family medicine back in Canada.

When an ambulance pulled up, Hilsden quickly assessed the soldier, an American. His right foot was gone, lost in an attack on his guard tower by a rocket-propelled grenade.

Pfc. Kelly Beechinor, 23, was just one week shy of heading home.

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## **Foreign Military Copter Down In Kunar: Number, Nationality, And Severity Of Injuries Kept Secret**

June 25, 2010 Reuters

KUNAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan – A foreign military helicopter was involved in a hard landing June 25 in Kunar province in eastern Afghanistan.

There were no fatalities in the incident, and all personnel on board have been evacuated to nearby medical treatment facilities.

Reports indicate the helicopter developed mechanical problems and the pilot was forced to make an emergency landing.

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## Occupation Fuel Supply Trucks Destroyed



Two oil tankers carrying fuel to foreign military forces in Afghanistan were destroyed in a bomb blast in the outskirts of Peshawar, Pakistan June 24, 2010. No casualty was reported. REUTERS/K. Parvez

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## Resistance Action



The destroyed vehicle carrying Mullah Azizurehman, a candidate in parliamentary elections scheduled for September, in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, June 23, 2010. Azizurehman was injured when his vehicle was hit by a road side bomb. One person was killed and another four were wounded. (AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)

6.21.10 By Robert H. Reid - The Associated Press & June 22 (Reuters) & 6.24 By AMIR SHAH and HEIDI VOGT, AP & Jun 25 Associated Press



Monday, a bomber believed to be a woman attacked a security checkpoint in Kunar province of eastern Afghanistan, wounding 13 civilians, three policemen and three soldiers, provincial police chief Khalilullah Zaiyie said.

A spokesman for Wardak provincial police, Wakil Sherzai, said the Taliban beheaded the acting chief of the central province's district of Sayyed Abad. Insurgents seized the man at his home four days ago and his body was found Monday.

Two Afghan policemen were killed and two were wounded Monday by a roadside bomb in the Nad Ali district of southern Helmand province, the Interior Ministry said.

Seven Afghan construction workers were killed in a roadside bomb attack in central Afghanistan, the government said Thursday. The group of workers for Qaher Afghan Road Construction Co. was traveling in Uruzgan province on Wednesday when their vehicle was hit by a remote-controlled bomb, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. All the passengers were killed.

A bomber wounded three police officers in an attack on a police check post in the Shigal district of eastern Kunar province on Monday, the Interior Ministry said.

The bodies of 11 men, some beheaded, were found Friday. Mohammad Khan, deputy police chief in Uruzgan province, said a villager in the Bagh Char area of Khas Uruzgan district spotted the bodies in a field and called police. "They were killed because the Taliban said they were spying for the government, working for the government," he said. The acting Uruzgan governor, Khudia Rahim, said five or six of the 11 victims had been beheaded.

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**“When They Try To Develop The  
Capacity Of The Police, To Control  
The Insurgency, You Find That They  
Don’t Have Computers, Often They  
Don’t Have Phones, And Some Areas  
Don’t Even Have Electricity”  
[See Question Below]**

June 20, 2010 By Gretel C. Kovach, UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER [Excerpts]

The U.S. military is under the gun to train the Afghan forces in double time as public support wanes and President Barack Obama's provisional deadline looms to begin withdrawing U.S. combat forces by July 2011.

But the rapid expansion of Afghan security forces has been accompanied by ongoing complaints of widespread corruption and ineptitude, particularly among the police. In addition to off-the-books officers hired by warlords and power brokers, the force also has to cope with “ghost police” who quit but remain on the rolls.

Buying promotions is common, and at least 60 percent of new recruits were put to work with no training.

During widespread screening, almost 14 percent of the police tested positive for drugs, including hashish, opium and methamphetamine, the Pentagon reported.

Eli Berman, a University of California San Diego professor who leads a Pentagon-funded research project on political violence, said “the government is weak or not present in many of the most difficult parts of the country.

**“When they try to develop the capacity of the police, to control the insurgency, you find that they don’t have computers, often they don’t have phones, and some areas don’t even have electricity.”**

**[The same is true for the resistance. Who also don’t have U.S. army trainers or billions of U.S. dollars. All they’re doing is fighting a foreign Imperial invasion and occupation of their country. So how can it be they’re winning? T]**

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### **Notes From A Lost War:**

**“Experienced Educated Afghans Are Not Working As District Judges Or Finance Officers”**

**“They’re Working As Translators For The U.S. Army, Making As Much As \$200,000 A Year”**

June 24, 2010 by Tom Bowman, NPR [Excerpts]

The Taliban insurgency is just one of the major problems in Kandahar, the southern Afghan province where U.S. troops are mounting a new mission this summer and fall.

Fueling the insurgency is the fact that Afghans lack everything from clean water and electricity to schools and health clinics.

As thousands of American troops fan out across Kandahar this summer, Afghan officials are hoping for just a few hundred bureaucrats to run the government here.

Earlier this week, more than 100 American officials, Afghan government officials and tribal leaders gathered to talk about the upcoming military operation at a conference held in Kandahar. The discussion shifted from troops to government workers.

**Currently, some government offices in the province barely have a skeleton staff. Some districts have only a governor and a police chief, said Kandahar Gov. Tooryalai Wesa.**

Jelani Popol, a Cabinet minister in Kabul, is in charge of working with local governments. The problem is that there aren't many local officials to work with.

"The major obstacle for recruiting the bureaucrats is the security, because they are not sure about the security," Popol says.

**A lack of government money to pay decent salaries is another problem. International aid organizations are scooping up educated Afghans in Kandahar, offering salaries that far exceed a government paycheck.**

**Right now, many of those experienced educated Afghans are not working as district judges or finance officers.**

**They're working as translators for the U.S. Army, making as much as \$200,000 a year.**

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## **BEEN ON THE JOB TOO LONG: COME ON HOME, NOW**



U.S. soldiers of the 293rd MP Battalion respond after an informant came forward disclosing the location of a weapons cache in downtown Kandahar City on June 14, 2010. (AFP)

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## **TROOP NEWS**

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



The urn for Sgt. Zachary J. Walters at Ben. F. Brown's Memorial Funeral Home June 18, 2010 in Irving, Texas, who died June 8 in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Walters was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune. (AP Photo/Cody Duty)

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## **“Four Of Five Germans Oppose Their Country’s Involvement In The War” [Since They Also Live In A Political Dictatorship, The Government Continues The Afghan War]**

June 25, 2010 By Borzou Daragahi, Los Angeles Times [Excerpts]

Reporting from Berlin — Omid Nouripour’s effort to keep German troops in Afghanistan is an uphill battle, and he knows it. Not only must the Berlin lawmaker fight his country’s aversion to an increasingly bloody war once billed as a peacekeeping effort, but he must buck his own Green Party’s antiwar platform.

His argument has proved a hard sell to the Germans, reflecting what poll numbers say are persistent doubts here and across Europe about the continued engagement in Afghanistan.

Four of five Germans oppose their country's involvement in the war, according to polls.

"People are getting cynical," said Walter Posch, a Middle East and Africa specialist at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs. "The majority attitude is that whether or not Germany leaves, it won't get any better."

"With every incident of a dead soldier, the discussion bursts out on how do we get out," said Konstantin Kosten, program officer at the German Council on Foreign Relations.

Far-left groups that have recently gained in parliamentary and local elections say they're convinced that opposition to the war in Afghanistan is second only to concerns about the economy in contributing to their successes.

"History shows that a war in Afghanistan is not winnable," said Dagmar Enkelmann, parliamentary leader of the Left, the German political grouping rooted in the former Communist Party of East Germany.

"Germany started there as a humanitarian operation," she said during an interview in her office.

"Now, it's slipping deeper and deeper into a war. At first the German army was liked. That's no longer true."

## **NEED SOME TRUTH? CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER**

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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**

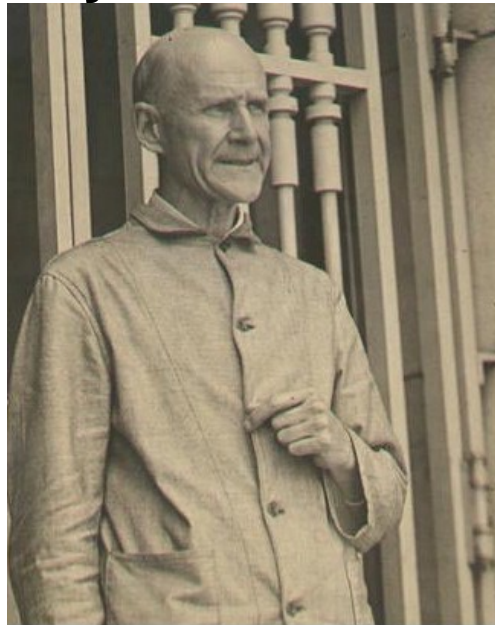
**One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.**

**Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
December 13, 2004**

**“The 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**

## **June 26, 1918: Anniversary Of A Political Atrocity**



Eugene V. Debs when he was a prisoner at the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, sentenced for opposing U.S. entry into World War I.

U.S. Department of Labor, "Labor Hall of Fame Honoree"  
<<http://www.dol.gov/oasam/programs/laborhall/evd.htm>>

[S]ocialist organizer Eugene Debs was arrested for giving an anti-war speech in Canton, Ohio, 10 days earlier.

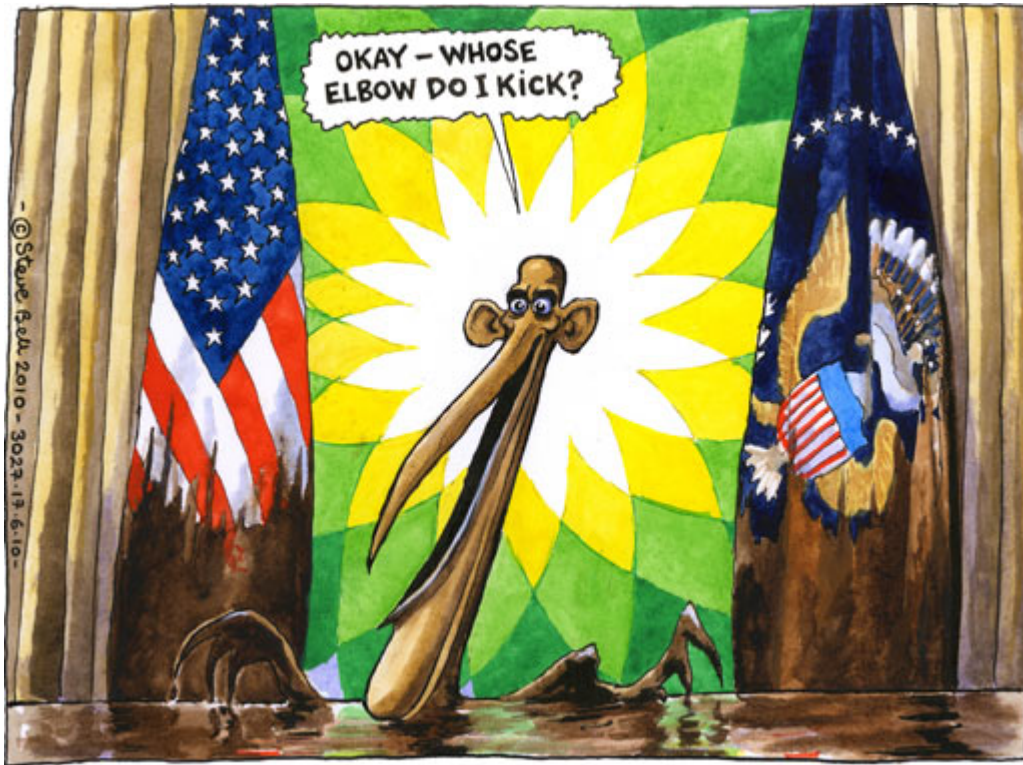
He was charged with “uttering words intended to cause insubordination and disloyalty within the American forces of the United States, to incite resistance to the war, and to promote the cause of Germany,” despite his repeated and vehement criticism in the speech of Germany and its landed aristocracy, known as the Junkers.

“And that is war in a nutshell. The master class has always declared the wars; the subject class has always fought the battles.

“The master class has had all to gain and nothing to lose, while the subject class has had nothing to gain and all to lose — especially their lives.”

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

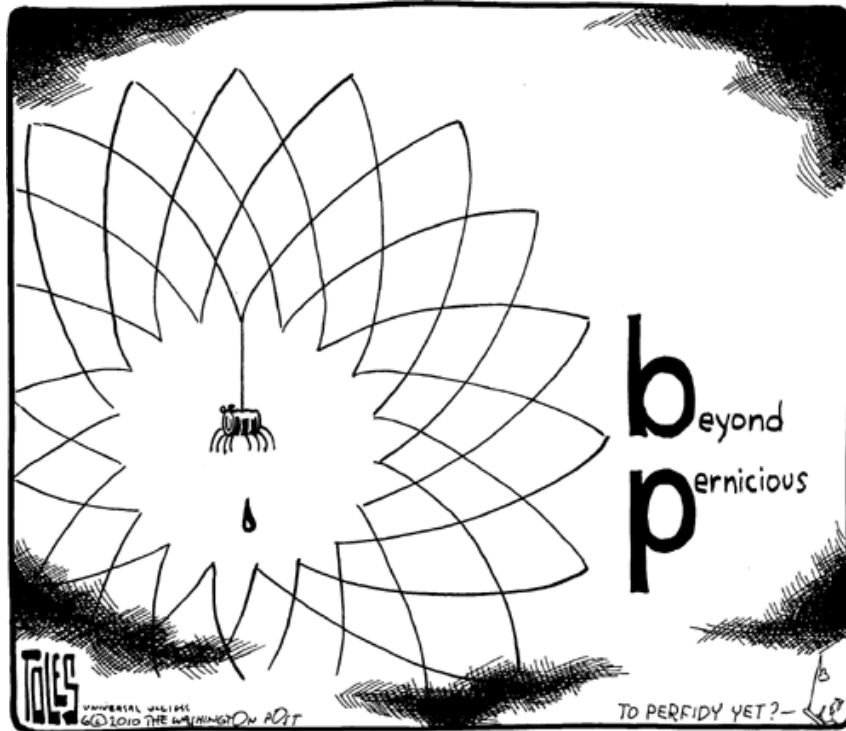


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**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE  
WARS**

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