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HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WAR?



July 19, 2010: United States Marines of the 2nd Marines take cover outside their vehicle as a medevac helicopter leaves the scene with a wounded colleague following an IED strike near Musa Qaleh, in northern Helmand Province, southern Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)

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[Thanks to Michael Letwin, New York City Labor Against The War & Military Resistance, who sent this in.]

July 18. 2010, Chris Sands, Foreign Correspondent; Abu Dhabi Media Company
[Excerpts]

KABUL: In the shadows of the mountains south-west of Kabul, among the apple orchards and cherry trees of the Tangi valley, lies a shrine that has become a site of pilgrimage and part of local legend.

Young and old travel from across the area to offer their respects and pray at the grave of Fazel Rabi, a Taliban commander killed about two years ago.

He spent his last days in Maidan Wardak province on the run, moving from house to house and village to village as foreign troops hunted him down. Then one night they got their man, catching up with him and, the story goes, finishing him off while he slept in a mosque.

The facts surrounding Mr Rabi's final moments are impossible to verify and could, like a lot of what shapes this conflict, be half-truth, rumour, myth or propaganda.

But what seems beyond doubt is that, despite his death, both he and his fellow rebels are still far from defeated.

“If they have the idea that by killing one mujahid the ranks of the mujahideen will decrease, that's wrong. I can tell you that when they kill one mujahid, from one drop of

his blood Allah will make a thousand other mujahideen,” said Omari, 20, a member of the Taliban.

“The mujahideen are all resisting with the help of the people who love Allah and want Allah’s law in the world. The work of jihad will continue until the end of days.”

Maidan Wardak is just a 40-minute journey by road to the south-west of Kabul city. In recent years it has become a key battleground in the war because of this very proximity and the fact that one of the country’s main highways runs right through the province.

With military supply convoys routinely attacked there and concern growing about the Taliban’s clear influence in such a strategically important location, hundreds of extra US troops were sent to the area soon after Barack Obama entered the White House.

Security has since improved in the provincial capital, Maidan Shahr, but that has done little to discourage the insurgency.

During a series of interviews conducted there and in Kabul over a two-month period, residents from all sides have claimed that heavy fighting is continuing elsewhere in Maidan Wardak as the rebels adapt their tactics in the face of US reinforcements.

Omari is from the district of Jaghatu and forms part of a unit of local young Taliban who come from across the province.

Along with his colleagues, he seemed neither remotely tired of the bloodshed nor prepared to accept some kind of peace deal. Indeed, for all of them the only acceptable outcome to the war is an end to the occupation and the creation of a hard-line Islamic state.

Nisar Ahmad Haymat, a fighter from Sayadabad district, also 20, spoke angrily about “Jews and Christians”, and accused foreign troops of being in Afghanistan to kill Muslims and steal its natural resources.

“All the people in our area are happy with the mujahideen. You will not find any man in any village who has a problem with them,” he said.

Although this statement carries the air of exaggeration, the insurgency does enjoy significant support and momentum in large parts of Afghanistan, including Maidan Wardak.

A report published by the International Council on Security and Development, a European-based think tank, revealed that 74 per cent of those surveyed in Kandahar and Helmand provinces believed working with foreign forces is wrong and 55 per cent accused the US and its allies of being here for their own benefit, to destroy or occupy the country, or to destroy Islam.

The report added that 65 per cent of respondents want the Taliban’s spiritual leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, to join the government.

One resident of Maidan Wardak who does not back the insurgency is an unemployed engineer who asked to remain anonymous out of fear for his life. He lives in the Tangi Valley, the home of the former rebel commander Fazel Rabi.

“The Taliban are not naturally strong, but they have become stronger because the government has not been able to fulfil its promises,” he said.

According to the father of eight, the guerrillas have controlled his area with virtual impunity for the past three years.

“They walk from day to night very freely. The people support them and those that don’t still have to live under their control because they don’t have the power to resist or run away,” he said.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

USD-North Soldier Killed By Diyala IED Attack

July 21, 2010 United States Forces – Iraq PAO

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, Iraq – A United States Division - North Soldier died today in Diyala province when the Soldier’s vehicle was attacked with an improvised explosive device.

Following the attack, the Soldier was treated on the scene by unit personnel and then evacuated to the Combat Support Hospital located at Joint Base Balad.

Three Mercenaries Working For U.S. Occupation Killed In Green Zone Attack

7.22.2010 AFP

Three security contractors working for the US government were killed in a rocket attack on Baghdad’s heavily-fortified Green Zone on Thursday, the American embassy said.

British Mercenary Killed, Three More Guards Wounded At Mosul

22/07/2010 By RICHARD BATSON, EDP 24 [Excerpt]

A former Norfolk soldier killed by a suicide bomb in Iraq had penned a poignant message highlighting the unsung bravery of fellow civilian workers.

Nic Crouch, 29, was a private security guard protecting United States Army engineers building a hospital in the city of Mosul when his convoy came under attack.

A car packed with explosives was triggered by a suicide bomber killing Mr Crouch and wounding three of his colleagues and five Iraqi civilians on Monday morning.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

California SSG Killed In Arghandab River Valley



Staff Sgt. Brian F. Piercy, 27, of Clovis, Calif. died July 19, 2010, in Arghandab River Valley, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. (AP Photo/Freedom Remembered)

Copter Down In Area Lashkar Gah;

2 American “Servicemembers” Killed: “Hostile Fire Not Ruled Out”

July 22, 2010 (AP)

A helicopter crashed in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, killing two U.S. service members, NATO forces said. The Taliban claimed it shot down the craft, but NATO said it was still investigating.

Hostile fire has not been ruled out in the crash in Helmand province, said Lt. Commander Katie Kendrick, a spokeswoman for the military coalition.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi claimed in a telephone call to The Associated Press that the insurgent group shot the chopper down.

Daoud Ahmadi, a spokesman for the Helmand provincial government, said the helicopter went down in the area of provincial capital Lashkar Gah.

Tallwood High School Graduate Killed In Afghanistan



Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Cabacoy is a Virginia Beach native who graduated from Tallwood High in 1997.

July 10, 2010 By Kate Wiltrout, The Virginian-Pilot

After Christopher Cabacoy joined the Army and his younger brother Paolo went to college, they didn't get to see each other much - maybe once a year.

So when the siblings from Virginia Beach both ended up in Fairfax in 2008, they relished the chance to reconnect. Paolo Cabacoy moved into a townhouse with his brother, sister-in-law Tami, and nephew, Aidan.

After being away from his family for two years, first in Iraq and then in Korea, Staff Sgt. Cabacoy looked forward to a stable three-year stint in Northern Virginia as an Army recruiter.

War cut those plans short.

Last fall, Cabacoy got orders to head to Fort Drum, N.Y. This spring, he deployed to Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division's 1st Squadron, 71st Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

The 30-year-old cavalry scout died Monday in Kandahar after a homemade bomb detonated near his vehicle. Pfc. Edwin C. Wood, 18, of Omaha, Neb., was also killed.

"When we were younger, we used to hate being in the same room," Paolo Cabacoy remembered with a laugh. "We waited for the day we'd detach our bunkbeds and live in different rooms."

Like many siblings, they appreciated each other's company more after they grew up. Now, the year they spent under the same roof as adults seems especially precious.

"I think the best memory has to be the year I got to spend living with him, seeing him grow from the brother I knew into the husband and father he became," Paolo Cabacoy said. "It was a big impact on my life."

Tami and Christopher met in high school, through friends. He graduated from Tallwood High in 1997; she went to Salem High.

The couple would have celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in August. Paolo Cabacoy said his brother planned to come home in mid-August for two weeks of R&R.

The pair was meant to be, he said: Tami was the only person who could silence his talkative brother.

Whether at the beach or at home, Chris was always surrounded by friends or family - or both. "There was no distinctive line that separated family and friends," Paolo Cabacoy said.

If anyone was having a bad day, his brother could find a way to brighten it.

"Chris was always the one who could find a little bit of laughter to make people smile," he said. It's something they learned from their father, "Life is too short to take it so seriously every day."

Funeral arrangements are pending, but Paolo Cabacoy said he expects his brother will be buried in Virginia Beach.

His body arrived at Dover Air Force Base on Wednesday, according to a military spokesman.

"I want everyone to know what a great person my husband is and what a true hero Hampton Roads had in their own backyard," Tami Cabacoy said in a statement released by a family friend.

Paolo Cabacoy said 7-year-old Aidan is just like his father.

"He's taking care of the rest of our family. When we asked him how he's doing, he says he's okay. He said 'My father's in my heart, and he's in my mind.' "

Diana Meko, who has lived two houses away from Cabacoy's parents for 23 years, remembers Christopher and his younger brother as sweet little boys who'd play in the yard or in the woods that used to stand across from the homes on Palace Green Boulevard, near Mount Trashmore.

She saw a commotion at the Cabacoy house on Tuesday when she got home from work, and wondered whether his parents had thrown a party to welcome him home, as they did when he returned from Iraq. "I was excited to think it was another reunion," Meko said.

The reality was far grimmer. "I needed to do something. I didn't know what to do," she said.

So Meko went into her attic and found some patriotic decorations - red, white and blue cloth banners and bows. She hung them up on her house, passed others out to neighbors and put some up on the Cabacoys' property, too. Wednesday, a bow hung from the magnolia tree in the family's front yard where several years ago, Dennis Cabacoy would push his infant grandson in a swing.

Longtime friends were stunned by the news.

Jacki Harris said she was best friends with Cabacoy when they were students at Princess Anne High School.

"All I can say is I'm pretty jealous of God, because he has an awesome angel up there," she said.

Cabacoy befriended her after she transferred to Princess Anne from Salem High School. They quickly became inseparable, at times bickering like brother and sister. But she couldn't stay mad at him, she said. He was too funny, and she'd end up laughing.

Harris said Cabacoy met his future wife during his senior year, after he transferred to Tallwood.

"When he met Tami, everybody else was obsolete," Harris said. "She was really his first true love....They were an inspiration. Even still, I look at them and I'm like, 'I want a relationship like Chris and Tami.' "

Harris named her own son, now 10, after her friend, though she spelled his name with a K.

His reaction when she told him was typical Chris, she said.

"He was kind of a smart ass. He said, 'What, you couldn't think of a more original name?'"

In what turned out to be his final Facebook post on Friday, Cabacoy was upbeat, thanking friends for their love and support.

"It's been a hard month for us," he wrote, "and we'll take all we can get....thanks again....to my love tami...i love you and can't wait to see you...aidan, keep growing and be good! i love you all...and good night!"

Family Remembers Son Lost In Battle



Sgt. Matthew R. Hennigan Paratrooper, a Silverado High School graduate, is recommended for the Bronze Star

Jul. 08, 2010 By KEITH ROGERS, Las Vegas Review-Journal

With Army soldiers at his side, Joseph Hennigan led his family across the sun-baked tarmac at Henderson Executive Airport Thursday for the honorable transfer of his son's flag-draped casket.

It was a moment he had dreaded to think about ever since a casualty assistance officer had shown up at his doorstep in Barrington, Ill., last week.

He knew immediately what the colonel was about to tell him: that his 20-year-old son, Sgt. Matthew R. Hennigan, had been killed. The 2007 Silverado High School graduate was shot by enemy machine gunfire June 30 in Afghanistan.

"I'm devastated, as one can expect," Joseph Hennigan said, as he waited for the twin-engine, Falcon 20 jet to arrive. "I'm so very proud of Matt. He was a great kid and a very fine young man.

"When he decided to join the Army he was 16 years old. We had to sign for him. We were apprehensive," he said, referring to Matthew's mother, Suzanne Hennigan, of Las Vegas.

A year later, after he graduated from high school, he joined with his parent's consent at age 17.

"I asked him a couple more times. 'Are you sure? Are you sure?' Then when they showed up at my door ... the first thought that went through my mind was that I signed his death warrant. But he died doing what he wanted to do," Joseph Hennigan said. "I'm very proud. He was a great son. He is a hero."

When Matthew Hennigan posed for his Army photo as a specialist wearing a maroon beret and an airborne "sky soldier" patch on his left shoulder, the young man sported a wide smile not typical of paratrooper photos. That smile could launch a million ships, his father said, and it was indicative that Matthew was happy and proud to be in the 173rd Special Troops Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team based in Bamberg, Germany.

Tom Hansen, who married Matthew's grandmother, Barbara Diulus, said the main reason Matthew joined the Army was to get a four-year college education.

In high school athletics, he specialized in wrestling and lettered four years, making the varsity team as a freshman. In his senior year in the Sunrise Region tournament, he won third place in the 189-pound weight class with four wins and one loss.

"He was a tough kid," his dad said.

Matthew Robert Hennigan was born Sept. 21, 1989 in Evanston, Ill. He moved to Las Vegas in 1995 and later attended Schofield Middle School and Silverado High. He was a catcher in Little League baseball.

Joseph Hennigan said his son loved the Army and life in general and lived it to the fullest. He added that his son was "real tight" with the soldiers in his unit.

"This kid was a pistol," he said. "He was taking care of his brothers in arms. I truly believe that."

Joseph Hennigan spent time with him on Matthew's leave in Las Vegas before he deployed for Afghanistan this year on his first tour in Operation Enduring Freedom.

"I was able to love him, hug him, kiss him. That's what I'm running on now," he said. "Our hearts are shattered."

"You live on faith and on true belief that they're over there to protect us over here."

Joseph Hennigan said the Army is still unraveling the details about the ambush that killed his son in Tangi Valley of Wardak province, west of Kabul. Some of the answers won't be known for weeks or months, he said.

What he does know is that Matthew died at Forward Operating Base Shank from machine-gun bullet wounds he received when his platoon was attacked while on patrol.

He was the only U.S. soldier killed in the ambush and was recommended for the Bronze Star medal and promoted to sergeant posthumously.

"He earned it. He wasn't given this," his father said, describing how a review board had approved the rank promotion. "His words to me were, 'I aced it.'"

Joseph Hennigan, who never served in the military, said his nephew, Erik Hennigan, is currently serving 40 miles from where Matthew died at Forward Operating Base Shank.

Matthew Hennigan's platoon leader, Chief Warrant Officer-2 Eric Mayo, said in a news release that Matthew "grew from a wet-behind-the-ears boy into the most disciplined and dedicated soldier that I've served with in a long time. "I could not have asked for a better man to serve in my platoon. Matt was the best in us all and we will all feel his loss in our hearts forever."

Spc. Tyler Zick described Matt, his Company B comrade, as "the best friend a guy could ask for. He was always up to spend time with the guys and was a really positive influence on all the soldiers in Germany who were so far away from home."

According to the news release from the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, Matthew Hennigan was a human intelligence collector who served in the Army for two years, 11 months.

His awards include the Purple Heart medal; Army Achievement medal; Army Good Conduct medal; National Defense Service medal; Afghanistan Campaign medal; Global War on Terrorism Service medal; Army Service ribbon; Overseas Service ribbon; NATO medal; the Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

He is survived by his father, Joseph Hennigan, of Barrington, Ill.; mother, Suzanne Hennigan; and brothers, Joseph, James and Edward Hennigan, all of the Las Vegas Valley.

A public viewing will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Palm Mortuary, 7600 S. Eastern Ave., Las Vegas. A funeral service followed by burial at the same location will begin 1 p.m. Sunday.

Oklahoma Soldier Killed In Afghanistan



Pfc. Ryan J. Grady, 25, of Bristow was killed Thursday in Bagram, Afghanistan.

7.3.2010 By KEVIN CANFIELD Tulsa World Staff Writer

A decorated Oklahoma soldier who was killed last week in Afghanistan was remembered Saturday for his love of his family and his country.

Pfc. Ryan J. Grady, 25, formerly of Bristow, was killed Thursday when the military vehicle he was in was struck by an improvised explosive device near Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, the Department of the Defense announced Saturday.

Grady of West Burke, Vt., was a combat engineer with the Vermont National Guard's 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain).

The Purple Heart recipient died hours after having breakfast with one of his brothers, 27-year-old Kevin Grady, who was also with the Vermont National Guard in Afghanistan.

"He was complaining (to Kevin) that he didn't get to see any action," said Ryan Grady's other brother, James Grady, 31, of Muskogee. "He was kind of upset about it."

All three Grady brothers served in the military, as did their father, James A. Grady of West Burke.

"My dad is not doing very well," James Grady said. "It's the first time I've ever heard him cry."

Ryan Grady attended Bristow High School and joined the Army in 2003.

He received a Purple Heart for injuries he sustained while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom during 2005 and 2006.

"He had an IED hit his vehicle and he got some shrapnel," James Grady said.

He joined the Vermont National Guard in late 2006 before transferring to the Oklahoma National Guard in 2008.

James Grady said his brother Ryan returned to the Vermont National Guard in 2009 in part because he heard units from there would be going to Afghanistan.

"We grew up in a military family and we had high standards for being the best soldiers we could be," said James Grady.

Ryan Grady's step-father, Tom Hudacek of Bristow, said Grady was more than a good soldier. "He was a very caring, loving father," Hudacek said.

And a good brother, according to James Grady.

"We were normal brothers," he said. "We'd fight and after we'd get done we'd hug each other and keep on going."

Ryan Grady died just before his favorite holiday — the Fourth of July.

"He'd launch off a lot of fireworks, that was his favorite thing," said James Brady.

The state of Vermont has posthumously promoted Grady to the rank of specialist. "Spc. Grady has made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of a nation that he both loved and served as a member of the Vermont National Guard," said Maj. Gen. Michael Dubie, Vermont's adjutant general.

In addition to his father, step-father and brothers, Ryan Grady is survived by his mother, Debbie Hudacek of Bristow; his wife, Heaven, of Bristow; and his daughter, Alexis, of West Burke, Vt.

James Grady said his brother would be buried in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Services are pending.

Mother Had Hoped To See Laurel Soldier/Son For His 24th Birthday

July 12, 2010 BY Chad Livengood, The News Journal

LAUREL -- On the morning of July 1, Rebecca Wolter chatted online with her oldest son, Sgt. Andrew J. Creighton, who was a world away performing special operations in the Afghanistan war.

The social networking website Facebook had become a way for Andrew, who went by "A.J.," to connect with his parents on an almost daily basis.

A.J., 23, had good news. That day's mission would be the last of his tour in Afghanistan.

The former Sussex County resident would be at her home in Cuero, Texas, just in time for his 24th birthday on July 24.

"He said, 'It would be the first time I'm home on my birthday in years,'" Wolter said Friday, fighting back tears.

But instead, Creighton arrived at Dover Air Force Base on July 5 late at night in a flag-draped transfer case, becoming the fourth soldier with ties to Delaware to die in the nearly nine-year-long Afghanistan conflict.

During the online chat on July 1, Wolter said, her son discussed how four British soldiers had recently drowned in an Afghan canal, which is not uncommon in the rugged mountains of the south-central Asian country.

"He was shocked at the sheer number of people who have drowned in Afghanistan," Wolter said.

Later that day, Creighton and another soldier apparently slipped and fell in waist-deep water while crossing a river in Afghanistan's Oruzgan province, according to Creighton's parents.

"The current swept both of them away. His body didn't surface," said his father, Timothy Creighton, formerly of Laurel.

The military recovered Andrew Creighton's body three days later, on the Fourth of July.

In addition to his normal gear, Creighton was carrying 40 pounds of communications equipment, according to his mother.

Two soldiers in Creighton's unit who already had crossed the river managed to rescue the other soldier and revive him, Wolter said.

Military officials told Wolter earlier this week that the other soldier remains in critical condition.

"My heart just goes out to him" and his family, Wolter said. "They still hold out hope."

Wolter and Timothy Creighton said they were briefed by the military about their son's apparent drowning death.

Danish Soldier Killed Near FOB Budwan: “First Lieutenant Jonas Peter Pløger Leaves A Boyfriend Who Cohabited With Him And A Father, Mother And Siblings”



Den faldne soldat, premierløjtnant Jonas Peter Pløger.

22-07-2010 Army Operation Command, Royal Danish Army

[Danish to English translation follows: Google.translate.com]

It was the 26-year-old first lieutenant and platoon leader Jonas Peter Pløger that Wednesday morning was killed when he was hit by an improvised explosive device near FOB Budwan.

Jonas Peter Pløger met by the then Queen's Artillery Regiment (DAR) in Varde 1 September 2003. He came to sergeant school and then attended at the Army Academy, where he was appointed lieutenant, 30 June 2008.

He then served as a platoon leader at Gardehusarregimentet in Slagelse and was sent to Afghanistan to Hold 9 in February 2010.

Jonas Peter Pløger leaves a boyfriend who cohabited with him and a father, mother and siblings.

The families do not wish to be contacted by the media.

It is not yet known when lieutenant Ploeg's coffin coming.



Rocket Fire On The Outskirts Of Kabul Forces Plane Carrying U.N. Secretary- General To Be Diverted As It Tried To Land

[Thanks to Michael Letwin, New York City Labor Against The War & Military Resistance, who sent this in.]

20 July 2010 Jon Boone in Kabul, The Guardian [UK]

There will be no quick exit for international forces from Afghanistan, the secretary general of Nato warned this morning at a high-level conference in Kabul.

Opening the conference, held in a government building in central Kabul, the Afghan president, Hamid Karzai, said he "remained determined" that Afghan security forces should take full responsibility of all military and police operations by 2014.

Highlighting the difficulty of locking down the Afghan capital with so many big-name politicians attending the conference, rocket fire on the outskirts of the city

earlier forced a plane carrying [U.N. Secretary-General] Ban and Sweden's foreign minister, Carl Bildt, to be diverted as it tried to land.

They touched down instead at the US airbase in Bagram, outside Kabul, from where they travelled by helicopter to the conference.

"A few unguided rockets landed on the outskirts of Kabul city last night and in the early hours of the morning," said Lieutenant Commander Katie Kendrick, a spokeswoman for the international military coalition.

Attention Christian Extremist Fanatics In The USA: Afghanistan And Its Evil Ways Are Ruining Our Wholesome Innocent Boys: BETTER BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW!



Afghan army soldiers share a special moment as they cool off from the fierce heat with a swim in a canal near a joint Afghan-U.S. base in the Arghandab Valley, Kandahar, Afghanistan, July 22, 2010. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)



(AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

A U.S. soldier flirts with an attractive Afghan boy, seen here using the soldier's camera, as Afghan villagers look on appreciatively in the Arghandab Valley, Kandahar, Afghanistan, July 22, 2010.

A saying among fierce Afghan warriors, reported to British Army observers during the 19th Century, expressed the view that "A wife is a duty, but a boy is a pleasure."

This may be an instance of a U.S. soldier applying COIN counterintelligence tactics, which stress that learning local customs is one way to build ties with local allies.

A British invasion and occupation of Kabul in the mid 19th Century was defeated by the Afghan warriors, who killed 16,500 of the invading forces as they tried to retreat from Kabul and return to India.

Of the 16,500 British only one, Dr. William Brydon, escaped, while a few others were captured.

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**THIS ENVIRONMENT IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR
HEALTH;
ALL HOME, NOW**



US Army soldiers with the 82nd Airborne Division unearth a cache of explosive materials in the village of Kuhakin, Arghandab District, north of Kandahar July 7, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong



United States soldiers the 82nd Airborne patrol in the village of Pir-e-Paymal, Arghandab Valley, outside Kandahar City, July 7, 2010. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)



A U.S. soldier with 2-508 Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, returns fire during a battle with Taliban militants near the village of Jilga in Arghandab District north of Kandahar July 8, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong



U.S. soldiers after receiving fire at Combat Outpost Nolen in the Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar, July 19, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong

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

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

“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

Results Not Causes

[Thanks to Dennis Serdel, Vietnam Veteran, poet, and retired Auto Worker, who sent this in.]

Jul 16, 2010 By Camille Shotwell Brown; Factoryrats Unite!: (Posted by Gregg Shotwell on Soldiers of Solidarity Google Group)

Results Not Causes

**Hunger in my soul, ache in my step
Hunger in my soul, ache in my step
I'm walkin' a line between battle and regret**

**Been waitin' down at the union hall
Been waitin' down at the union hall
Standin' waitin' for the bossman's call**

**When the rumblin' comes, when you hear them drums
Best remember, bosses, they're results not causes**

**Stuck in a rut with a boot on my neck
Stuck in a rut with a boot on my neck
Rather build a Walmart than get no check**

**Livin' hand to mouth just tryin' to get by
Livin' hand to mouth just tryin' to survive
While every two weeks I gotta certify**

**When the rumblin' comes, when you hear them drums
Best remember, bosses, they're results not causes**

**I've seen the strength of desperate men
I've seen the strength of desperate men
We should be askin', If not now, when?**

**Some say we should cut our losses
Buck up and throw a shine at the bosses**

They don't know the difference 'tween results and causes

When the rumblin' comes, when you hear them drums
Best remember, bosses, they're results not causes

footnote: "results not causes" The Grapes of Wrath - John Steinbeck

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

The Fourth Reich: #1 Zionist Military Destroys West Bank Village In Occupied Palestine After Cutting Off Water Supply: Area Declared A “Live Fire Zone”



A Palestinian man inspecting the remains of his tent and belongings, destroyed by the Zionist military on July 19, 2010. Photo by: AP

21.07.10 By Amira Hass, Haaretz

The IDF's Civil Administration destroyed a Palestinian village Monday morning that had earlier been cleared out when its water supply was cut off.

The IDF demolished about 55 structures in the West Bank village of Farasiya, including tents, tin shacks, plastic and straw huts, clay ovens, sheep pens and bathrooms.

These structures served the 120 farmers, hired workers and their families who lived in the Jordan Valley village.

The Civil Administration said they had declared the area a live fire zone and posted eviction orders for 10 families in tents on June 27.

"Since no appeal was filed in the following three weeks, and given the danger posed by the location of the tents, they were removed," they said in response.

The villagers made a living by sheep farming and working land owned by families in the town of Tubas.

Some of them have been living in Farasiya for decades.

A packaging warehouse that was built together with Agrexco in the late 1970s was also torn down.

Atef Abu al-Rob, a photographer for the Israeli human rights group B'Tselem, who arrived at the village hours after the demolition, said mattresses, pipes and broken furniture were lying on the ground in the debris.

Since 1967, Israel has prevented Palestinian communities in the Jordan Valley from growing, whether by cutting off their water supply, declaring large areas as live fire zones or banning all construction.

About a year ago the IDF set up hundreds of warning signs near Palestinian farming communities, marking them closed military areas. Such a sign was set up at the entrance to Farasiya.

The families had recently been forced to leave the village when the Israeli authorities cut it off from its water sources, said the popular committees' coordinator in the valley, Fathi Hadirat.

The villagers were forbidden to use the water wells the Mekorot Water Company had dug in the area.

Hadirat said a few years ago the Civil Administration destroyed the pipe the villages had laid from a nearby stream used for drinking water and irrigation.

Since then they have been watering the sheep and fields with water unfit for human consumption, pumped from a salt water source. They received drinking water in tanks.

About four months ago the IDF confiscated their pumps. On Sunday, 10 families from Bardala, a village north of Farasiya, were given demolition notices.

A farmer who owns 300 sheep was told to leave in 24 hours or his herd would be confiscated.

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Arab Man Sent To Prison For Rape After Consensual Sex With Israeli Woman

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21 July 2010 Jo Adetunji and Harriet Sherwood in Jerusalem; The Guardian

A Palestinian man has been convicted of rape after having consensual sex with a woman who had believed him to be a fellow Jew.

Sabbar Kashur, 30, was sentenced to 18 months in prison on Monday after the court ruled that he was guilty of rape by deception. According to the complaint filed by the woman with the Jerusalem district court, the two met in downtown Jerusalem in September 2008 where Kashur, an Arab from East Jerusalem, introduced himself as a Jewish bachelor seeking a serious relationship. The two then had consensual sex in a nearby building before Kashur left.

When she later found out that he was not Jewish but an Arab, she filed a criminal complaint for rape and indecent assault.

Although Kashur was initially charged with rape and indecent assault, this was changed to a charge of rape by deception as part of a plea bargain arrangement.

Handing down the verdict, Tzvi Segal, one of three judges on the case, acknowledged that sex had been consensual but said that although not "a classical rape by force," the woman would not have consented if she had not believed Kashur was Jewish.

The sex therefore was obtained under false pretences, the judges said. "If she hadn't thought the accused was a Jewish bachelor interested in a serious romantic relationship, she would not have cooperated," they added.

The court ruled that Kashur should receive a jail term and rejected the option of a six-month community service order. He was said to be seeking to appeal.

Segal said: "The court is obliged to protect the public interest from sophisticated, smooth-tongued criminals who can deceive innocent victims at an unbearable price – the sanctity of their bodies and souls. When the very basis of trust between human beings drops, especially when the matters at hand are so intimate, sensitive and fateful, the court is required to stand firmly at the side of the victims – actual and potential – to protect their wellbeing. Otherwise, they will be used, manipulated and misled, while paying only a tolerable and symbolic price."

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Arabs constitute about 20% of Israel's population, but relationships between Jews and Arabs are rare. There are few mixed neighbourhoods or towns, and Arabs suffer routine discrimination.

Israeli MPs are considering a law requiring prospective Israeli citizens to declare loyalty to Israel as a "Jewish, democratic state".

Many Arabs would balk at swearing allegiance to a state which they see as explicitly excluding or marginalising them.

Dan Meridor, a deputy prime minister in Binyamin Netanyahu's government, is opposed to the proposal. "Why does every bill need the word 'Jewish' in it – to show the Arab citizens that it doesn't belong to them? Then we're all shocked when they radicalise their stance.

"The majority doesn't need to remind the minority that it is in fact a minority all the time," he added.

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Because of his experiences with racism and Fascism he became involved in the Palestinian cause.

He was a leader in the fight against both Fascism and Zionism.

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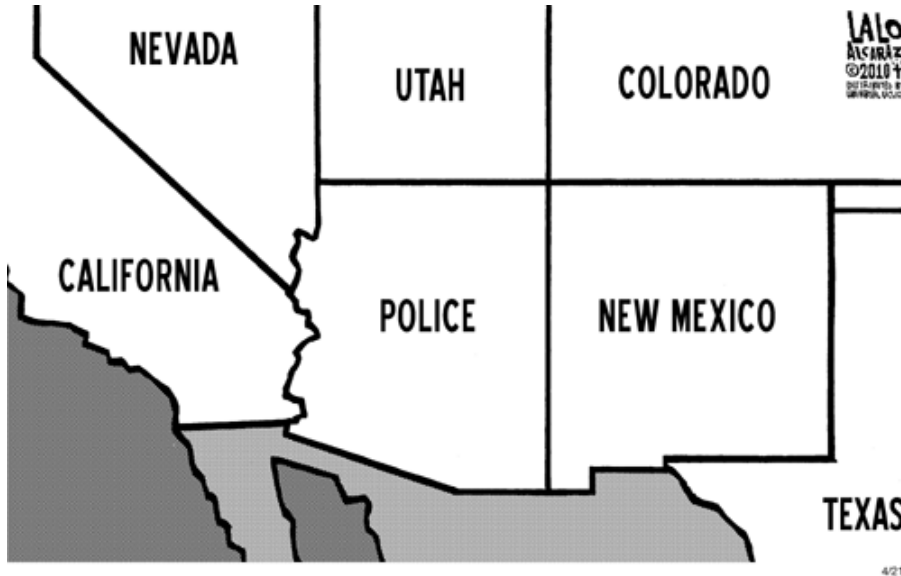
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those who trod you down
a generation ago
into your own blood
and into your own excrement
Do you want to pass on the old torture
to others now
in all its bloody and dirty detail
with all the brutal delight of torturers
as suffered by your fathers?
Do you really want to be the new Gestapo
the new Wehrmacht
the new SA and SS
and turn the Palestinians
into the new Jews?
Well then I too want,
having fifty years ago
myself been tormented for being a Jewboy
by your tormentors,
to be a new Jew with these new Jews
you are making of the Palestinians
And I want to help lead them as a free people
into their own land of Palestine
from whence you have driven them or in which you plague them
you apprentices of the Swastika
you fools and changelings of history
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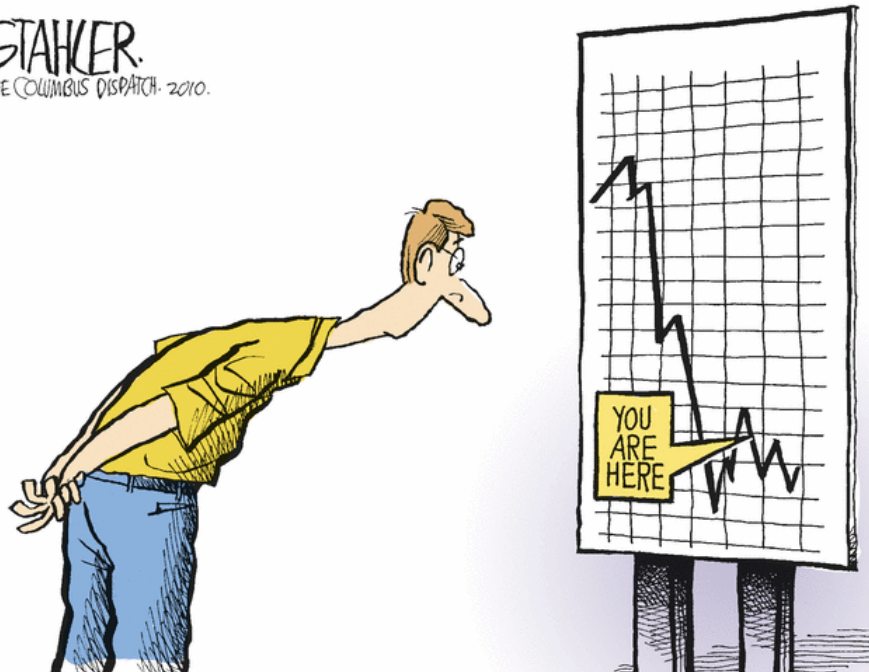
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