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**“If You Wish To Be A Success In The World,
Promise Everything, Deliver Nothing”
-- Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte
[Subsequently Defeated At Waterloo]**



Graphic: New Statesman

5 U.S. Troops Killed In Afghanistan: Four “Died In A Single Blast”

July 24, 2010 The Associated Press

Five American service members died Saturday in bombings in southern Afghanistan.

Four of the victims died in a single blast.

A fifth service member was killed in a separate attack in the south.

U.S. officials confirmed all five were Americans.

The latest deaths bring to 70 the number of international troops killed in Afghanistan this month, including 53 Americans.

Two U.S. Sailors Captured By Afghan Insurgents In Matani: “The Two Americans Were Dressed In Civilian Clothes” Shit-Birds At U.S. Command Offer Pathetic \$10,000 Each To Get Them Back

24 July 2010 Deb Riechmann, Associated Press & BBC & By RICHARD A. OPPEL Jr. and SANGAR RAHIMI, New York Times [Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan — Taliban militants captured two U.S. Navy service members who were driving a civilian vehicle in a particularly dangerous region of Logar Province south of Kabul on Friday, according to officials and local residents.

An Afghan official says the two men were captured in Logar province after an exchange of fire with the militants on Friday.

A spokesman for the Logar governor told the BBC on Saturday that the two Americans had ignored warnings and set out on their own from their base on Friday evening into a known Taliban-held area.

Local officials in Logar began receiving unconfirmed reports late Saturday afternoon that one of the two Americans may have been killed, and that the other one was still alive, said Din Mohammed Darwish, the spokesman for the Logar provincial governor.

The Taliban have reportedly claimed responsibility for seizing the two Americans, but Mr. Darwish said local officials knew little more. “We don’t know what their demands are,” he said.

In a terse statement, the American-led NATO military command said Saturday evening that the two missing Americans had left a compound in Kabul on Friday afternoon, but the statement did not address why they had traveled to Logar.

The two service members “departed their compound in Kabul City in a vehicle on Friday afternoon and did not return,” the statement said, adding that troops in military vehicles and helicopters were now searching for them.

Mr. Darwish, the governor’s spokesman, said the two Americans were dressed in civilian clothes, and were seized while they were driving in an armored sport utility vehicle early Friday evening in the Charkh District of southern Logar Province, a Taliban hotbed.

“The area is very bad in terms of security,” he said. He said they were seized in an area locally known as Matani, inside Charkh, about 10 miles south of the provincial capital, Pul-i-Alam. The area is about 60 miles south of Kabul.

A NATO official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of search operations, confirmed the two were Navy personnel, but would not identify their unit to avoid jeopardizing search operations, or say whether the service members’ trip was sanctioned by the military.

Local residents said the Americans had been taken while they were driving in an armored S.U.V.

Gul, the district chief in Charkh, said that a four-wheel drive armored sports utility vehicle was seen Friday night by a guard working for the district chief’s office. The guard tried to flag down the vehicle, carrying a driver and a passenger, but it kept going, Gul said.

“They stopped in the main bazaar of Charkh district. The Taliban saw them in the bazaar,” Gul said. “They didn’t touch them in the bazaar, but notified other Taliban that a four-wheel vehicle was coming their way.”

The second group of Taliban tried to stop the vehicle, but when it didn’t, insurgents opened fire and the occupants in the vehicle shot back, he said.

“Maybe they wanted to go to Paktia province or to the American base, but they came down the wrong road toward Charkh,” Gul said.

“They didn’t pay any attention to the police. Otherwise we could have kept them from going into an insecure area and now this unfortunate incident has happened.”

Mohammad Nasir Medaruz, director of a radio station in Logar called Meli Pegham, or “National Message,” said he had received a phone call from coalition officials asking that he broadcast a message offering \$10,000 for information about the whereabouts of each missing service member.

“I told them that Logar is not a safe area and if I broadcast that, I could get attacked,” Medaruz said.

He said that if the military officials paid him, he would broadcast the information and say that it was an “advertisement.”

He said he did not broadcast the information, but another radio station, sponsored by the military in Logar, did air the message.

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

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Three U.S. Troops Wounded At Nassiriya Base

July 23 (Reuters)

An explosion inside a U.S. military base in Nassiriya, 300 km (185 miles) southeast of Baghdad, wounded three U.S. soldiers, a police source said.

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July 21 (Reuters) & July 22 (Reuters) & July 23 (Reuters) & July 24 (Reuters)

A roadside bomb went off near a police patrol and wounded two policemen in the Doura district of southern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

Insurgents killed a bystander when they opened fire on a policeman in central Mosul, police said. The policeman and another bystander were wounded in the attack.

MOSUL - Two roadside bombs targeting a police patrol exploded in western Mosul, killing one policeman and wounding four other officers and a civilian, police said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb wounded two soldiers when it exploded near an Iraqi army patrol in western Mosul, police said.

A parked car bomb targeting the chief of police in Kirkuk wounded him and killed his son who is a police officer, in southern Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, police said. Three policemen were also wounded in the attack.

A sticky bomb attached to the car of a traffic policeman wounded him in Palestine Street, northern Baghdad, police said.

Militants raided the house of a policeman and wounded his parents in Abu Ghraib, on the western outskirts of Baghdad, police said. The policeman was not there at the time of the attack.

Militants opened fire at an Iraqi army checkpoint and wounded an army officer in central Baghdad, on Thursday, an Interior Ministry source said.

Insurgents using weapons equipped with silencers shot dead two policemen in western Mosul, police said.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

M-ATV Armored Vehicle Destroyed Near Combat Outpost Nolen; Casualties Not Announced



U.S. Army soldiers walk past a burning M-ATV armored vehicle after it struck an improvised explosive device (IED) near Combat Outpost Nolen in the Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar July 23, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong

Insurgent Attack In Force Besieging “Outnumbered” Nuristan District Collaborators

Jul 24, 2010 REUTERS

Dozens of Taleban attacked a district in mountainous Nuristan province near the Pakistani border, provincial governor Jamaluddin Badar said.

Badar said the government troops, who are also backed by armed villagers, are outnumbered by the insurgents but expect reinforcements from nearby provinces soon. Foreign troops only provide air support, he said.

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July 21, 2010 Reuters & Jul. 23, Amir Shah, The Associated Press & 7.24 AP

Taliban insurgents beheaded six Afghan police during a raid on government buildings in northern Baghlan province, the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said on Wednesday. Tuesday's attack by the Taliban targeted a police post and a district government building in a province where they have been largely absent until recently.

A bomb exploded Friday inside a mosque in eastern Afghanistan, seriously wounding a candidate in upcoming parliamentary elections. The candidate, Mawlvi Saydullah, was making a speech inside the mosque in Mando Zayi district when the blast went off, shattering windows. His bodyguard and at least 15 other civilians were also hurt, said Mubariz Zadran, spokesman for the provincial governor. "He was the target," Mr. Zadran said, referring to Saydullah.

In Uruzgan province, the Taliban shot and killed the head of the Khas Uruzgan district development council and his assistant Thursday night as they were leaving a house, district chief Gulab Khan said.

In Logar, the manager of an Afghan construction company and his driver were captured, according to Din Mohammad Darwesh, spokesman for the governor of Logar province. The two Afghans captured worked with Afghan Korean Construction Co., he said.

Want To Know Who U.S. Troops Are Dying For? Billions Going To War Profiteer Construction Companies And Contractors To Build Shit The Afghans Can't Possibly Maintain

As a result, they are planning to have the complex and other buildings in the country operated over the next 10 years by independent contractors — under agreements they expect to be worth about \$800 million.

July 22, 2010 By Paul Richter, Los Angeles Times [Excerpts]

Reporting from Washington — A federal watchdog criticized U.S. agencies on Thursday for squandering taxpayer money on facilities in Afghanistan that are too complex and costly for the Afghan government to maintain.

U.S. officials acknowledge that they plan to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to hire contractors to operate a complex of buildings in troubled Kandahar and other facilities in Afghanistan for the next 10 years.

A federal auditor complained in a report that the buildings constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Afghan national police represent an “outrageous waste of taxpayer money.” He said the problems are representative of a “regular negative pattern” in overly complex construction in the country.

“Why in the world are we continuing to construct facilities all over Afghanistan that we know, and the Afghans know, they will not be able to sustain once we hand the facilities over?” asked Arnold Fields, the special inspector general for Afghan reconstruction.

[Gee, three fucking guesses. Follow the money. Duh.]

His critique comes at a time when the Obama administration is funneling billions of dollars into projects as part of its efforts to strengthen the country’s central government and security forces. **[That’s “billions” and in billions. Get it?]**

The project in Kandahar, called the Joint Regional Afghan Security Forces Compound, cost about \$45 million. It includes administrative and training buildings, a vehicle maintenance shop, warehouses and barracks.

Still, U.S. officials in Afghanistan acknowledged to the auditor that Afghans don’t have the money or technical expertise to run the compound on their own.

As a result, they are planning to have the complex and other buildings in the country operated over the next 10 years by independent contractors — under agreements they expect to be worth about \$800 million.

The audit also found that the Army Corps of Engineers didn’t prepare a master plan for the complex, with the result that money was wasted on redundant power, water, sewer, heating and air conditioning systems. **[And every dime went is some war profiteers’ pocket. Build six water systems? No problem. More \$ for me!]**

The project also was plagued by delays. Work on three buildings fell six to 12 months behind schedule, and a fourth was delayed by two years, the report said.

The auditor also faulted the agency for locating a barracks building next to the armory building.

The report noted that the armory could become a target for attack, so the proximity “is inappropriate and puts the lives of the Afghan national police personnel living in the barracks at unnecessary risk.”

“We Consider America A Failed State Because America Could Not Fulfill Its Promises”

“Instead Of Bringing Peace And Development, They Brought Destruction And Fighting”

7.21.10 By William M. Welch and Jim Michaels, USA Today [Excerpts]

KALAKAN, Afghanistan — It was nearly nine years ago that Taliban fighters burned everything standing in this dusty village on the Shomali Plain as they fled for the mountains ahead of invading U.S. and allied troops.

The United States vowed to help Afghanistan form a democratic government, raise standards of living and crush the remnants of the Islamist regime.

Safiullah, 27, a villager who like many here goes by one name, is still waiting for that to happen.

“We consider America a failed state because America could not fulfill its promises,” Safiullah said after a recent meeting of village leaders here. “Instead of bringing peace and development, they brought destruction and fighting.”

In Afghanistan, McChrystal encouraged shuras (meetings of Pashtun tribal elders) to garner support for the Karzai government and prompt abandonment of the Taliban. Coalition officers in southern Afghanistan have attended weekly shuras for years to sort out issues and persuade elders to assist them in tracking down insurgents.

“Fake,” is how former Afghan army lieutenant general Abdul Hadi described the shuras.

Hadi, who has held several positions in the Karzai government, says the elders have never signed on to combating the Taliban because they are not sure who will make their lives worse, the Islamists or Karzai. Hadi says the bigger problem for the coalition is corruption.

At his home in Kabul, he rails against the cronies of Karzai, who he says have been handed NATO contracts for troop supplies and construction projects in regions where the residents are awarded nothing.

“U.S., NATO, they are indifferent to that,” he says.

Karzai has denied such allegations, but Khalid Pashtoon, member of the Afghan legislature from Kandahar province, says it is happening. He says many contractors who supply things such as air conditioners or gravel to coalition forces do poor work and cut out local workers.

FUTILE EXERCISE: ALL HOME NOW!



July 8, 2010: United States soldiers from the 82nd Airborne, prepare to cross a deep irrigation canal during a patrol in the Arghandab Valley, outside Kandahar City. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)



United States soldier from the 82nd Airborne on patrol, Arghandab Valley, outside Kandahar City, July 9, 2010. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)



A United States Army soldier from the 82nd Airborne on patrol in the Arghandab Valley, outside Kandahar City, July 10, 2010. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)



U.S. soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division on patrol towards COB Nolan, Arghandab Valley, Kandahar, Afghanistan, July 20, 2010. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Mujahideen Insurgents And Government They Fight Join Hands To Condemn Foreign Occupation Troops For Slaughtering Civilians: “The Heavy Weapons Did Not Liberate A Country”

23 July 2010 MOGADISHU (Sh. M. Network)

The officials of the transitional government of Somalia and Harakat Al-shabab Mujahideen have unanimously accused the African Union [occupation] troops AMISOM for shelling the civilians, officials said on Friday.

More civilians died while many others wounded as heavy shelling targeted to the civilian populated areas in Mogadishu over the past weeks and both the transitional government officials and Harakat Al-shabab Mujahideen had separately talked more on the shelling and denounced AMISOM for the responsibility that more people died in the shelling.

Abdikarin Ahmed Mo'allin, the justice minister of the transitional government of Somalia had suggested in a meeting on the security of the country held in the capital that attended more ministers and MPs that AMISOM uses its heavy weapon to the Somali people expressing surprise about why the people in the capital did not talk on that.

“Earlier, we used to fight small guns and rocket propelled gun, so why did not the people talk to the PM and the tanks,” said the minister.

The Minister of justice of the TFG said that they would go to AMISOM and talk with the reasons they target shell fires to the Somali civilians pointing out that the heavy weapons did not liberate a country.

On the other hand the governor of Banadir region for Harakat Al-shabab Mujahideen had said that the AMISOM troops started shelling to the civilian populated areas in the capital since Kampala's deadly blasts as revenge.

We had tried to contact with AMISOM's spokesman to ask more about the accusations, but declined to comment on it more though there had been several interview he denied involving the shelling of the civilians.

Members Of Somali Presidential Guard Defect And Join Insurgents:

“Insurgents Are Now 300 Yards — A Rifle Shot Away — From The Presidential Palace”

July 22, 2010 By JEFFREY GETTLEMAN and MOHAMED IBRAHIM, New York Times & July 18, 2010 By Sudarsan Raghavan, Washington Post [Excerpts]

NAIROBI, Kenya — Somali officials acknowledged on Thursday that members of Somalia’s presidential guard had defected to the Shabab, the radical Islamist insurgent group...

The defection of some of the president’s best-trained men is the latest setback for Somalia’s beleaguered transitional government, which has lost important pieces of territory in the past few days. Insurgents are now 300 yards — a rifle shot away — from the presidential palace.

The Shabab gleefully introduced three former members of the presidential guard at a news conference in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, on Wednesday.

The soldiers said they quit working for the government because it was being protected by African Union peacekeepers [translation: U.S.-backed occupation troops], who they said were killing Somali civilians with indiscriminate shelling.

“When one kilogram of mortars are fired by al-Shabab, AMISOM replies with 100 kilograms of artillery,” said Abdulqadir Haji, director of a volunteer ambulance service, using the acronym for the African Union force.

“It is America and the West who support them. America and the West are the silent killers in Somalia’s war.”

Somali government officials had initially denied that any of the presidential guard had defected. But on Thursday, Abdullahi Ali Anod, head of the presidential guard, told Somali radio stations: “The soldiers who joined the Shabab asked us permission to leave and visit their families, which they had not visited for so long, but later we were informed they defected.”

The Shabab and their allies rule much of Somalia, with the transitional government controlling a small slice of Mogadishu.

Government officials concede that if it were not for the African Union peacekeepers [translation: U.S.-backed occupation troops], the government would quickly collapse.

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MILITARY NEWS

NOT ANOTHER DAY NOT ANOTHER DOLLAR NOT ANOTHER LIFE



Services for Lance Cpl. Timothy G. Serwinowski, 21, of North Tonawanda, N.Y., outside Amigone Funeral Home in Tonawanda, N.Y. June 26, 2010. Serwinowski was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C., and was killed on June 21, 2010 when he was hit by a sniper in Helmand province, Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Robert Kirkham)

A Lt. Col. Gets It Right: U.S. KIA In Afghanistan “Is Only Going To Get Worse”

Jul 21, 2010 The Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — As fighting in Afghanistan increases this summer, families and friends gathered Wednesday to honor nine soldiers who have died in the 101st Airborne Division’s latest deployment.

Since March, 36 soldiers from the division have died.

Five soldiers came from just one company and were killed by an improvised explosive device.

Lt. Col. Joel Hamby, the provisional battalion commander for the rear detachment, said the ceremony is held monthly and this month's was the largest number of soldiers honored since this deployment started for the division.

"It has been a rough month, a rough couple of months and it is only going to get worse," he said.

Infantile Idiots In Command At Guantanamo:

**"Reporters In The Courtroom
There May Not Chew Gum Or
Stretch During Proceedings"
"Some Have Been Reprimanded For
Doodling In Their Notebooks"
Reporters Can't Go To The Toilet
Without Military Escort**

The dispute flared after the expulsion in May of four reporters who published the name of an Army interrogator whose identity was widely known and had been mentioned in hundreds of news reports since 2008.

Ms. Turner said some small inconveniences seemed punitive, such as forcing reporters to use portable toilets that sit outside all day under the blistering tropical sun rather than allowing them to use bathrooms inside the court.

July 20, 2010 By JEREMY W. PETERS, New York Times [Excerpts]

After nearly a decade of uneasy coexistence at Guantánamo Bay, the Pentagon and the news media are now locked in a dispute that will test how strictly the government can limit what reporters there are allowed to reveal.

A coalition of news organizations has demanded that the Pentagon's public affairs office rescind parts of its guidelines for reporting on Guantánamo.

The 13-page "Media Policy and Ground Rules" packet, which every reporter who travels to Guantánamo must sign, dictates how photos can be taken, who can be interviewed and even what reporters can write in their notebooks.

Top Defense Department officials have agreed to meet with lawyers representing The Miami Herald, The Associated Press, The New York Times and other news organizations next week.

But the Pentagon has so far been reluctant to revise the rules that journalists covering Guantánamo have said are the most limiting, namely those that prohibit reporters from revealing information the Pentagon deems protected even if that information is learned from nongovernment sources.

The dispute flared after the expulsion in May of four reporters who published the name of an Army interrogator whose identity was widely known and had been mentioned in hundreds of news reports since 2008.

But under a broad provision of the Pentagon's ground rules, the man could be identified only as Interrogator No. 1, the anonymous title the government had given him in court documents.

"Certainly the issue of prior restraint on the publication of known information is about as clear a constitutional violation as you can imagine," said David Schulz, a lawyer representing The Miami Herald.

Many of the rules have a clear national security purpose, such as prohibiting photos of military satellite equipment or security checkpoints.

Yet other rules seem arbitrary and excessive, journalists who have covered Guantánamo said. Reporters in the courtroom there may not chew gum or stretch during proceedings (Page 12). Some have been reprimanded for doodling in their notebooks.

Military personnel must escort journalists almost everywhere they go on the base, even to use the bathroom.

The Pentagon says all the ground rules have a purpose, even if that purpose is not necessarily self-evident.

The rules about stretching and chewing gum, for example, are intended to preserve decorum in the courtroom, said Mr. Whitman of the Defense Department.

The rule that has generated the most pushback from media organizations is one that the four banned reporters — Carol Rosenberg of The Miami Herald, Michelle Shephard of The Toronto Star, Steven Edwards of Canwest and Paul Koring of The Globe and Mail in Toronto — ran afoul of when they printed the name of the interrogator, Joshua Claus, who is a defense witness in the case of a Canadian citizen being held in Guantánamo on charges of killing an American soldier.

The Pentagon has lifted the ban for Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shephard and Mr. Edwards.

But as a condition of their return, they were required by Mr. Whitman to write letters saying they understood why they were banned.

Mr. Koring refused and remains unable to return to Guantánamo.

Ms. Rosenberg said she fought her expulsion on principle.

Of the few American newspapers that still cover the commissions, The Herald is the only one that sends a reporter to Guantánamo on a routine basis. “I only go down there because nobody else does — to report on a court that nobody else can see,” she said.

The restrictions on the press appear excessive to some independent observers.

“It reminds many people of reporting in the Soviet Union — behind the Iron Curtain,” said Jennifer Turner, a human rights researcher for the American Civil Liberties Union who has been traveling to Guantánamo Bay to witness the military commissions for the last two years.

Ms. Turner said some small inconveniences seemed punitive, such as forcing reporters to use portable toilets that sit outside all day under the blistering tropical sun rather than allowing them to use bathrooms inside the court. (Mr. Whitman said reporters lack the security clearance needed to enter the area of the court where the bathrooms are.)

“It’s these small indignities that just feel intentional,” Ms. Turner said.

“I can’t think of a legitimate reason not to let journalists use the plumbing.”

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**

“And Now, They’re Coming For Your Social Security Money” [George Carlin Had It Right]

4.26.2009. George Carlin, American Dream [Excerpt]

And now, they’re coming for your Social Security money - they want your fucking retirement money - they want it back - so they can give it to their criminal friends on Wall Street.

And you know something? They’ll get it.

They’ll get it all from you sooner or later. Because they own this fucking place. It’s a Big Club: and you’re not in it.

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OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Zionist Occupation Forces Hold 10,000 Palestinians In Prisons



Out in the streets: People across the world are protesting against the Gaza blockade.
PHOTO: AFP

Jul 18, 2010 By Mike Marqusee, The Hindu [Excerpt]

Some 10,000 Palestinian prisoners are currently held in Israeli jails, including over 300 children, some 50 elected members of the Palestinian Legislative Council, plus mayors, municipal councilors and even a few ministers of the Palestinian National Authority.

Six hundred are being held without charge under "administrative detention"; others have been charged, but are indefinitely detained awaiting trial.

**Zionists Occupation Torturers
At Work:
“We Can ‘Disappear’ You. You
Should Know That The Next Time
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Your Family Again For A Long
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“I Used To Tell My Husband, Ameer Makhoul, ‘One Day, They’ll Come For You’”

“He Was ‘Forced To Explain To Them In A Very Detailed Way How Exactly I Did What I Didn’t Do, Ever’”



Ameer Makhoul

21 July 2010 by: Janan Abdu, Truthout Op-Ed [Excerpts]

I used to tell my husband, Ameer Makhoul, “One day, they’ll come for you.”

As chairman of the Public Committee for the Protection of Political Freedoms, he’d begun to organize an awareness-raising campaign to push back against the security services’ harassment of our community, the Palestinian citizens of Israel.

Come for Ameer they did, late one night this May, pounding at our door, ransacking our house and terrifying our two teenage daughters.

And now, I’ve joined the ranks of Palestinian prisoners’ wives, many thousands of us from the occupied territories as well as within Israel. His July 13 hearing - persecution really - would begin the legal nightmare that ruptures our family for many years. This is the likely course of events unless Ameer gets a fair trial and his coerced statements are rejected or suppressed by the court.

We may be a minority of 20 percent, but our rights to organize and insist on full equality and civil rights ought to be sacrosanct. That’s what our entire community believes. The Public Committee that Ameer chaired was established within the framework of the High Follow-up Committee for the Arab Citizens of Israel, the community’s overall

coordinating body. It's a vital position and the leading organization protecting our civil rights.

And now he faces the most serious charges leveled against a Palestinian citizen of Israel since the creation of the state in 1948. He is accused of being a spy (for the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah) and having contact with a foreign agent. His trial will likely last for months.

After his arrest, Ameer was held incommunicado for 21 days and tortured. Then Israeli officials pressed their charges, based on the "confession" he made during this time, when he was deprived of sleep, shackled in a painful position to a small chair and not allowed to see his lawyers.

Ameer denies all charges. As he said in his first letter from Gilboa Prison, he was "forced to explain to them in a very detailed way how exactly I did what I didn't do, ever."

And if the prosecution needs any more information to make its case, all they have to do is use "so-called secret evidence, which my lawyers and I have no legal right to know about."

Ameer is a civil society activist. He directs Ittijah, the Union of Arab-Based Community Associations - a coalition that brings together 84 nongovernmental organizations.

Throughout his life, Ameer has struggled for the rights of the Palestinian citizens of Israel - there are more than 35 laws on the books that discriminate against us - as well as those of the Palestinian people overall. He has the ability to lead and to convene diverse viewpoints, bringing them together across sect and ideology. His ability to network locally, at the Arab level, and internationally, coupled with his clear strategic vision - this is what Israel is trying to silence.

The youth also look to him for leadership, which infuriates the Israeli security services.

They told Ameer so when they hauled him in for questioning during our community's protests against Israel's assault on Gaza in December 2008 to January 2009.

During that interrogation, they threatened to put him away if he kept up his activism, saying, "We can 'disappear' you. You should know that the next time we bring you in you will not see your family again for a long time."

The few times we've been allowed to visit him, thick glass separated us and our meetings were taped.

Ameer asked me for a copy of my new book to read in jail, but they wouldn't let me even take him that.

My daughters really miss their father. They often say, "If only we'd been able to hug him before they took him away." That's one of the things that hurts them most, not being able to hug their father.

Ameer still suffers from the torture and abuse inflicted on him, and they still try to break his spirit. They only allow 20 people into the courtroom even though it can hold many more, so when he sees it empty, he thinks no one cares. But far more people want to attend the trial than they allow in - family, community activists, politicians and supporters from all over the world.

I have never thought of myself as a “wife,” but rather as Ameer’s partner in life and in activism. But these days, as I wait with the other wives for our allotted visit, I find myself reflecting on the traditional Christian marriage vows: “What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” No man, I think, unless he’s an Israeli jailer.

Ameer deserves the protection of the law: the right to meet his lawyers in private - Israeli officials have been taping those meetings, too; the right to see the evidence against him, much of which the prosecution plans to withhold on security grounds; freedom from torture; and inadmissibility of confessions secured under torture.

The Zionists Segregate Ethiopian Jewish Kids



Hey Kid, Get Away From Us Master Race Zionists [Falasha child: Google.com]

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NAZARETH:

An Israeli kindergarten in Beir al-Saba' (Beersheba) in southern occupied Palestine was reported in the Israeli media to segregate Jewish children of Ethiopian descent from the rest of Jewish children.

Israeli channel 2 television reported that the kindergarten uses two separate rooms for the two groups of children and that the room used for the children of Ethiopian descent is much smaller than the room used for the other group.

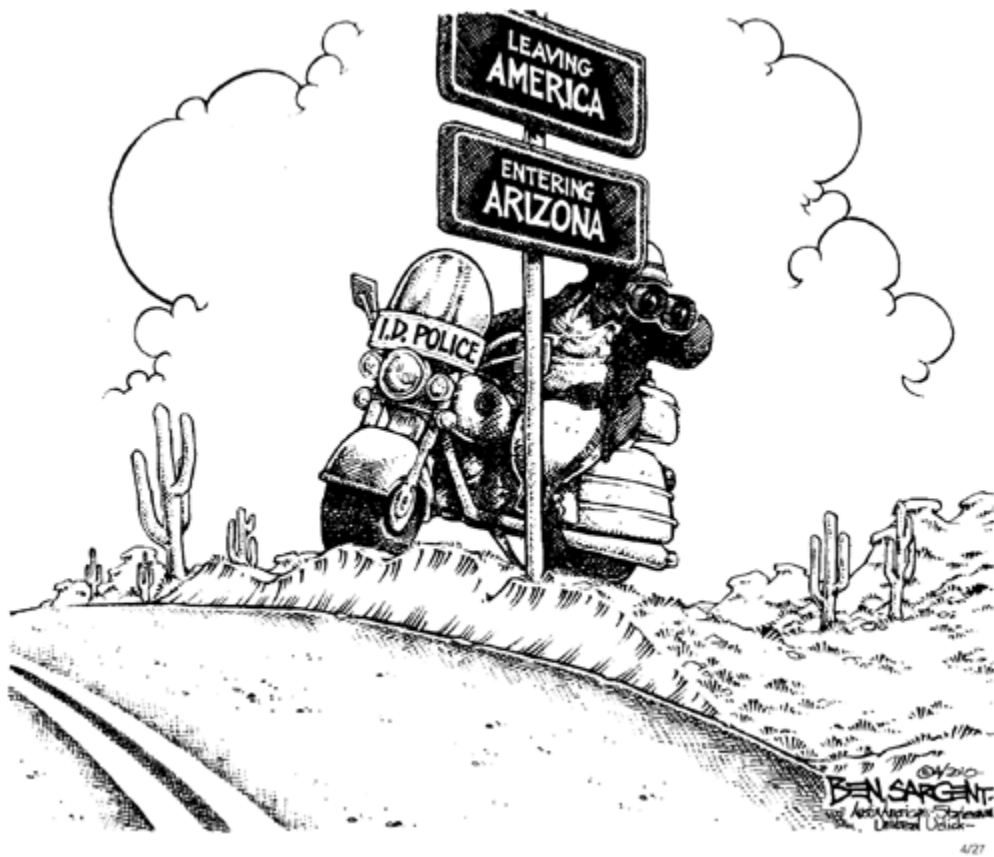
Ethiopian Jews suffer discrimination in Israeli society basically because of the colour of their skin.

Sometime ago they discovered that the blood they donate is disposed of and not used fearing that it is infected with aids.

Palestinians aside, Ethiopian Jews, or Falashas fare worst on the Israeli scale of discrimination, other Jewish groups such Mizrahis and Sephardis do suffer from discrimination too.

[To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation by foreign terrorists, go to: www.rafahtoday.org The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves "Israeli."]

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



Sadistic Freak Cops Riot In Oakland California;

Non-Violent 69 Year Old Teacher Lady Beaten Bloody: “Under A Court-Ordered Crowd Control Policy, OPD Officers ‘Are Never Allowed To Hit Someone On The Head’ Who Is Protesting Nonviolently”

[One reason to have our National Guard troops at home, rather than in Afghanistan or Iraq, is so they may come out to defend us, ordering rioting police to disperse, and opening fire on them should they refuse to do so.

[Sadistic freak cops carrying weapons and using them on unarmed, unresisting civilians, as in this instance in Oakland, are the most dangerous armed gang in the United States. Time to sweep them off the streets once and for all. T]

23 July 2010 By Jonathan Nack, Socialist Worker [Excerpts]

LAWYERS AND activists are decrying the tactics used by the Oakland Police Department (OPD) and other law enforcement during protests in the city's downtown on July 8.

The protests were in response to the verdict of involuntary manslaughter in the trial of BART officer Johannes Mehserle for the killing of Oscar Grant on an Oakland transit platform on New Year's Day last year.

At a press conference called by the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) and held at 14th Street and Broadway in Oakland--the same corner that was the site of a mass speakout and protest the evening of the Grant verdict, police actions were slammed.

Speakers charged police with using excessive force, including violently attacking people who were nonviolent; arresting many demonstrators who did nothing wrong; holding people in jail who were arrested for minor offenses; deliberately provoking protesters; failing to protect small businesses; and violating a court-ordered crowd control policy, as well as state and federal laws.

“What we've found from our investigation so far is that there was police misconduct,” summarized Walter Riley, a well known Oakland-based civil rights attorney. “Police were overly aggressive, they were violent...We intend to investigate to get more details about the police procedure that was in place that night...We want to see some hearings.”

“Police made a number of attempts to provoke a confrontation,” charged Riley.

Riley described how he himself was arrested and choked by a police officer while trying to clear the area, following OPD's declaration of an unlawful assembly. “I was arrested

right at my front door Thursday night...I was moving out of the street and urging others to," said Riley.

He described how he was using his key card to the secure office building where his law office is located at the time he was arrested. Riley said that he tried to explain to an officer that he was an attorney going to his own office, but was subsequently choked by an unidentified police officer.

"I don't appreciate being choked," said Riley bitterly.

"I was here in the crowd as part of the protest, because the murder of Oscar Grant is a murder that requires justice... The National Lawyers Guild had members out here that night, working with other citizens of this community, to insure that people had the right to peaceful protest," explained Riley.

SUSAN HARMAN, a 69-year-old retired teacher and principal, said she was at the protest to help protect protesters from police attack. She described how she joined with others who nonviolently positioned themselves between police and protesters, and linked arms.

"I was hit on the head by a police baton. I'm wearing the shirt today that is stained with my own blood," said Harman.

She told how her arms were wrenched behind her back when she was arrested, and how she was kept overnight in a crowded cell in which the toilet wasn't working. "It's frightening that this happened in a country that is using security to justify repression," said Harman.

Under a court-ordered crowd control policy, OPD officers "are never allowed to hit someone on the head" who is protesting nonviolently, said Rachel Lederman, a San Francisco-based attorney who represented plaintiffs who sued the city of Oakland over OPD's shooting of nonviolent demonstrators and workers at the Port of Oakland during an antiwar protest in 2003.

The city settled that suit for \$2 million. As part of the deal, the judge issued a settlement order, which requires OPD to adopt a specific crowd control policy, according to Lederman. "We're very disappointed that the court-ordered policy was thrown out the window, and that state laws and the U. S. Constitution were violated," said Lederman.

Among the violations Lederman cited was the failure to provide adequate time for protesters to clear the area, and holding protesters overnight who were arrested for minor offenses. "The abusive and provocative actions of the police were just shameful," said Rachel Jackson, of the Coalition for Justice for Oscar Grant.

Anne Weills, another Oakland-based attorney who was a NLG legal observer at the protest, described the police actions as "surreal" and that they "created an armed camp downtown."

“The police were so angry,” said Weills. “Who is running this city? OPD, the police union, or the people of Oakland,” asked Weills.

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From: New York City Labor Against The War
Subject: Puerto Rico: Thousands protest violence of colonial government
Date: Jul 19, 2010

More than 30,000 people took to the streets of San Juan, Puerto Rico July 18 to protest the increasingly violent character of the administration of governor Luis Fortuño.

After contingents from various points of the capitol converged on the business district known as the "Milla de Oro" literally, The Mile of Gold, they then marched to police headquarters.

After Luis Fortuño became governor, the police of Puerto Rico have used violence against workers, striking students, residents of poor rural communities, public housing residents and peaceful demonstrators in front of the legislature.

In fact, most victims of the violence have been the very people who voted overwhelmingly for the neo liberal, pro statehood governor.

The previous governor Acevedo Vila also used the police against striking teachers and other workers.

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In fact, the opposition Popular Democratic Party, including Acevedo Vila, took part in the march to police headquarters.

Marching were also contingents of many labor unions, the broad labor front known as FASyL; another coalition known as All Puerto Rico with Puerto Rico; the Socialist Front (which recently read a message stating that the people have a right to self defense against police violence); the Communist Party of Puerto Rico (which upholds the same position); the Movimiento Al Socialismo; the Movimiento Socialista de Trabajadores; Movimiento Independentista Hostosiano (formally PSP); the Puerto Rican Independence Party; and many thousands of students and their parents.

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