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HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WARS?



U.S. Soldiers with the 101st Airborne Division work to save a comrade after an Improvised Explosive Device exploded just outside Combat Outpost Nolen in the Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar July 30, 2010. One soldier lost a leg in the blast and another was wounded in the face by shrapnel. REUTERS/Bob Strong

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30 Jul 10 By IWPR-trained reporters – Afghanistan; Institute for War and Peace Reporting [Excerpts]

Officials downplay local concerns that Taleban are growing in strength and may retake crucial area of Helmand.

Residents of Marja, the focus of a major operation by NATO-led coalition forces earlier this year to rid the Helmand district of Taleban forces, have spoken of growing insecurity and fear the insurgents could re-establish themselves there.

Marja resident Asadullah said he had been employed in a Cash for Work project but abandoned it due to the threat of violence.

“I worked in a project for one month,” he said. “We were cleaning the streams and drains and they paid 250 afghanis (5 US dollars) per day, but the number of Taleban fighters increased so much that every day they were conducting attacks. The attacks increased and I left the work.

“There are Taleban on every road and intersection, but few of them carry guns. Some are monitoring the situation, collecting intelligence and information about the movement of the American patrols. And some armed Taleban stay at home and prepare for attacks.”

After returning from a ten-day visit to Marja where he consulted with local elders, Helmand deputy governor Sattar Marzakwal said he had decided to create a special police unit to combat Taleban intimidation of locals.

But Mohamad Aqa Takra, a former officer in the communist regime and now a military specialist, said this initiative would not bring security to Marja.

“If the Quetta Shura puts its main focus on Helmand, as officials claim, the Marja district cannot be secured by 200 or 300 men - even 10,000 American and Afghan soldiers couldn’t do it,” he said.

Jabir, a police officer in Marja, said that the district was extremely insecure, and feared the Taleban could soon be back in charge unless something was done.

“Everything has changed here,” he said. “We are afraid of every farmer, and think that there might be a Taleban fighter behind every stone and every tree.”

He said that the only way that Afghan police can patrol is with American soldiers. “The Taleban are very audacious and brave,” he continued. “They have very new machineguns and everyday they conduct more than ten attacks on us in Marja. It is completely horrifying.”

The Taleban claim that their success is due to the help and cooperation of local people.

Taleban spokesman, Qari Usuf Ahmadi, said the insurgents are very powerful in Marja and will never concede defeat to the US and Afghan forces.

“People help us, they give us food and support us and that is why our operations go so well,” he said.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

**Six Soldiers Killed, 17 Wounded
Outside Baghdad;
Nine Soldiers And Police Killed As
Baghdad Checkpoint Overrun By
Insurgents;
Soldiers Bodies Publicly Burned**

July 25 (Reuters) July 27 (Reuters) & July 29 (Reuters) & VOA News & July 30 By
Rebecca Santana THE ASSOCIATED PRESS & (Reuters) & July 31 (Reuters)

BAGHDAD - The deadliest assault occurred in a district of Baghdad, al-Azamiyah. Militants opened fire on an army checkpoint and then detonated roadside bombs on police and civil defense teams rushing to the scene. The coordinated attacks killed at least nine security force members while wounding about 15 other people.

Witnesses say the insurgents burned several of the soldiers' bodies and brazenly raised a black flag in the Iraqi capital.

Police and army officials said between 16 and 20 assailants took part in the highly orchestrated attack; all appeared to have escaped.

FALLUJA - A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol killed three soldiers and wounded four others in northeast of Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, a police source said.

SHIRQAT - A car bomber targeting an Iraqi army base killed four soldiers and wounded ten in Shirqat, 300 km (190 miles) north of Baghdad, army and police sources said.

FALLUJA - A roadside bomb went off near an Iraqi army patrol wounding five soldiers in Falluja, police said.

A bombing killed a policeman and wounded two others in the northern city of Mosul.

Two roadside bombs wounded two policemen in the New Baghdad district of eastern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

A roadside bomb wounded two policemen when it exploded near their patrol south of Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb near a police patrol in Baghdad's western district of Ghazaliya wounded two policemen.

Eight policemen were wounded when two roadside bomb struck a police patrol in the Ghazaliya district of western Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - One policeman was killed and three wounded when two roadside bombs targeting an on foot patrol went off in the Doura district of southern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb went off near a police patrol killing one policeman and wounding another in western Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - A sticky bomb attached to a car carrying an off-duty policeman killed him in Baghdad's southern Saidiya district, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAAJ - A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol killed a soldier and wounded three others on Thursday in the town of Baaj, 375 km (233 miles) northwest of Baghdad, police said.

BUHRIZ - A roadside bomb killed four members of a family of a member of the Sahwa, or Sons of Iraq, militia members formerly employed by the United States government, when their car drove near Buhriz, about 60 km (35 miles) northeast of Baghdad

KIRKUK - Insurgents in a speeding car opened fire and wounded an off-duty policeman near his house in northern Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

YUSUFIYA - Two roadside bombs targeting an Iraqi army patrol wounded seven soldiers in Yusufiya, 20 km (12 miles) south of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi police patrol wounded five policemen and in western Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Police found the body of an Iraqi soldier who had gunshot wounds in Qaiyara, 330 km (205 miles) north of Baghdad, police said. The soldier had been captured a few days ago.

A bomb attached to the car of Daham Hussein, a police brigadier, killed one person and wounded four others, including Hussein, on his way to work in Shirqat, 300 km (190 miles) north of Baghdad, on Friday, police said.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Six More U.S. Soldiers Killed In Deadliest Month Of Afghan War

[Thanks to Clancy Sigal, who sent this in.]

Jul. 30, 2010 The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — In a summer of suffering, America's military death toll in Afghanistan is rising, with back-to-back record months for U.S. losses in the grinding conflict. All signs point to more bloodshed in the months ahead, straining the already shaky international support for the war.

Six more Americans were reported killed in fighting in the south -- three Thursday and three Friday -- pushing the U.S. death toll for July to a record 66 and surpassing June as the deadliest month for U.S. forces in the nearly nine-year war.

Five of the latest reported deaths were a result of hidden bombs -- the insurgents' weapon of choice -- and the sixth an armed attack, NATO said in statements.

The month has brought a sharp increase in the tragic images of war -- medics frantically seeking to stop the bleeding of a soldier who lost his leg in a bombing, fearful comrades huddled around a wounded trooper fighting for his life, the solemn scenes at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware when shattered relatives come to receive the bodies of their loved ones.

After a dip in American deaths last spring following the February capture of the southern town of Marjah, U.S. fatalities have been rising -- from 19 in April to 34 in May to 60 in June. Last month's deaths for the entire NATO-led force reached a record 104, including the 60 Americans.

This month's coalition death count stands at 89, including the 66 Americans.

MORE:

U.S. Troops Aren't Dying In Vain: They're Dying So Corrupt Scum Can Grab Billions Of Dollars: "Officials Put The Yearly Price Tag Of Corruption And Black-Market Business At \$12.3 Billion, Just Shy Of Afghanistan's Gross Domestic Product"

July 29, 2010 By Joshua Partlow, Washington Post Staff Writer [Excerpt]

From police shakedowns to profits from drug trafficking, NATO officials put the yearly price tag of corruption and black-market business at \$12.3 billion, just shy of Afghanistan's gross domestic product.

Citing U.N. statistics, they estimate that about half of that comes from the smuggling industry and illicit taxes levied on trucks crisscrossing the country.

About \$2.5 billion is paid in bribes each year, stolen Afghan government revenue tops \$1 billion, and billions more is pilfered from foreign aid and NATO contracts, according to a briefing prepared by NATO's anti-corruption task force.

"It has progressively gotten worse. It's at all levels," said one senior NATO official who works on corruption issues.

Texas Soldier Killed In Afghanistan



Capt. Jason E. Holbrook of Burnet, Texas. Holbrook, 28, was killed on July 29, 2010, when an improvised explosive device hit his military vehicle. Holbrook was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C. (AP Photo/Department of Defense)

New Hampshire Soldier Killed In Afghanistan



Staff Sgt. Kyle R. Warren of Manchester, N.H., 28, was killed on July 29, 2010, when an improvised explosive device hit his military vehicle. Warren was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C. (AP Photo/Department of Defense)

One U.S. Soldier Loses Leg, Another Wounded By Shrapnel At Combat Outpost Nolen



July 30, 2010: Soldiers with the U.S. Army's 1-320 Field Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division shield themselves from the dust as a Medivac helicopter takes off outside Combat Outpost Nolen in the Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar July 30, 2010. One soldier lost his leg and another was hit by shrapnel after an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blew up during a patrol near the base. REUTERS/Bob Strong

SA Marine Seriously Injured In Afghanistan



July 30, 2010 KSAT

SAN ANTONIO -- A decorated marine from San Antonio was seriously injured in Afghanistan last week.

Staff Sgt. Dominic Fernandez, 31, fractured his spine and had to have a leg amputated after he was injured in a roadside bomb explosion.

Fernandez is recovering in Bethesda, MD. He is graduate of Edison High School. Fernandez married his wife Claudia in 2002 and they have a young son and daughter.

Family and friends in San Antonio will help support Fernandez's recovery by selling barbecue plates next Saturday.

The BBQ plates will be offered Aug. 7 for \$6 a piece at the VFW Post 76 at 10th Street and Broadway between 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

U.S. Mercenaries' Vehicles Attacked After They Kill 4 Afghan Civilians In Auto Accident Angry Afghans Shout "Death To America!"



Afghan protestors destroy a car belonging to U.S. mercenaries outside the US embassy in Kabul on Friday after it crashed into a civilian car killing occupants, officials and witnesses said. (AFP/Yuri Cortez)

July 30th, 2010 Reuters & CNN & The Associated Press & AFP

Afghan police fired shots on Friday to disperse hundreds of people protesting the deaths of civilians in an accident involving a U.S. embassy SUV, police said.

Television pictures showed at least one armoured vehicle in flames as young Afghan men threw stones at it.

A police official at the scene said four Afghan civilians were killed in the accident in the capital Kabul, when a vehicle carrying U.S. mercenaries hit a car carrying Afghan civilians.

“According to our report, six Afghan civilians were involved in this incident and four of them have already died,” head of police criminal investigation, Sayed Abdul Ghafar Sayedzada, told reporters at the scene.

The accident, near the Masood Circle landmark in the airport/diplomatic area, sparked anger among local residents who torched two embassy cars, stoned the mercenaries and threw rocks at police rocks when they tried to intervene.

Angry Afghans shouted “Death to America!” “Death to foreigners” and “Death to Karzai,” referring to President Hamid Karzai.



The remains of a U.S. embassy vehicle burns in Kabul July 30, 2010. Afghans torched two vehicles used by foreign mercenaries following a fatal traffic accident. REUTERS/Omar Sobhani

The contractor, DynCorp International, confirmed that its employees, working on a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, were involved in an accident on the main road to the Kabul airport.

In a statement, DynCorp said that when its employees got out of their vehicle, they and other DynCorp employees, who arrived at the scene to help, were attacked by the crowd.

People at the scene claimed foreigners fired shots, killing and wounding Afghan civilians.

“It is our right to raise up our voice and protest when innocent Afghans are harmed,” said Azizullah, a 25-year-old student, who like many Afghans uses one name.

Ahmad Jawid, who also was at the scene, asked: “Are we not Muslims? Are we not from Afghanistan? Infidels are here and they are ruling us. Why?”

The AFP reporter on the scene said police helped the foreigners leave as the riot continued for about an hour before people started to disperse.

Lame Lying Stupid Bullshit Press Release Of The Week: Occupation UAV Down In Kunduz

7/28/10 | ISAF Public Affairs Office
ISAF Joint Command - Afghanistan
2010-07-CA-204
For Immediate Release

KABUL, Afghanistan (July 28) - An International Security Assistance Force unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) went down in Kunduz province today. The vehicle, a Luna UAV, was remotely piloted from a ground station and contains no weapons or intelligence that could be exploited by enemy forces.

“The Luna is slightly larger than an average toy remote-controlled airplane purchased from a hobby shop.” **[See a bit more about that below.]**

“Reports of the Taliban ‘capturing a reconnaissance plane’ after it made a emergency landing are misleading. Even if the vehicle was intact after it went down, it has absolutely no value to enemy forces.” said Col. Hans Bush, ISAF Joint Command spokesperson.

The unmanned system suffered from mechanical problems and went down in the Taliban stronghold area of Qal’ah-ye Zal district.

“Because the aircraft went down in an area known to be littered with IEDS and has absolutely no benefit to the enemy, we decided not to recover it,” Bush said. **[“Decided?” They had no fucking choice. That’s as stupid as some German officer announcing it had been “decided” not to recover a German aircraft shot down over London in World War II.]**

The Luna is 2.28 meters (**approximately 7 feet**) long has a take-off weight of 37 kilograms, or about **80 pounds**. It is powered by a two-cylinder, two-stroke engine similar to a lawnmower motor.

Sure, Col. Bush, Go Buy The Bird And The Two Support Vehicles At A “Hobby Shop”



The LUNA medium-range reconnaissance and surveillance UAV system



Truck mounted launching platform for the LUNA medium-range reconnaissance and surveillance UAV system. Command and control vehicle on the right.

**The Great Afghan Collaborator Training Fiasco Rolls On:
“The Commander, Who Goes By The Single Name Sharabuddin, Said The Villagers Would ‘Cut Our Heads Off’ If U.S. Soldiers Left”**

“As For The Afghan Police, Many Afghan Citizens Appear To Loathe Them, Considering Them Little Better Than Uniformed Thieves And Addicts”

“Soldiers Turned Showers Into Toilets And Some Were Found Sexually Pleasuring One Another In The Weight-Lifting Room”

JULY 28, 2010 By MATTHEW ROSENBERG, Wall St. Journal [Excerpts]

KHADAKALAY, Afghanistan — It took a few tense seconds for U.S. and Afghan soldiers to realize that a sudden burst of gunfire and explosions one recent afternoon wasn't aimed at them but at a different patrol a mile away.

Everyone relaxed. A U.S. lieutenant resumed chatting with village elders.

And four Afghan soldiers leaned back on some idle farm equipment and lit up a joint in full view of U.S. troops and an American reporter.

Use of marijuana, opium and heroin among Afghan troops, even while on patrol, is just one of the challenges coalition forces face in working with the Afghan National Army as they begin a major push against the Taliban in and around the southern city of Kandahar.

The latest evidence of discipline problems within the Afghan forces came to light this past weekend in the trove of documents made public by the website WikiLeaks, mostly raw coalition field reports from 2004 through 2009.

A report from April 11, 2009, said border police in southern Afghanistan were high on opium and having a party when they got into a fight with interpreters used by coalition forces who shared the base. The fight ended with a single gunshot that killed one of the police. The coalition soldiers writing the report said they weren't sure who fired it.

Another report in the leaked documents described an incident just two days earlier in which an Afghan soldier was said to have shot his sergeant after an argument at their base in Helmand province in the south. The report said the soldier was arrested and the sergeant evacuated for treatment; it wasn't clear whether he survived.

The frequency of incidents in which Afghan soldiers and police get into fights or shoot each other or civilians is alarming, a senior officer of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization said on Monday. The leaked documents described at least 72. The NATO officer described such fights and shootings as a consistent problem.

Problem soldiers most often are new recruits, pushed quickly out of basic training to fill recruitment goals, say U.S. and Afghan officials. The Afghan army has grown rapidly to almost 134,000, while the police force is quickly closing in on 109,000, a target set for October. By the end of 2011, the goal is 171,600 soldiers and 134,000 police.

Yet they often lack the ability and wherewithal, according to Western officials and experts. And even when offering praise of veteran Afghan troops, U.S. soldiers often end up criticizing what they consider the occasional belligerence of their comrades.

Consider a recent meeting between U.S. and Afghan officers at a small base west of Kandahar, Combat Outpost Ashoqeh.

The Americans were trying to plan an operation to rout the Taliban from a nearby village and hoped to launch the mini-offensive within days.

There were problems, said the Afghan commander, Capt. Safi Ahmad. He would need some men from another Afghan army company, but its commander didn't want to spare them.

There had been some kind of shooting a few days earlier between men from the two Afghan units, so they would have trouble working together, he said.

The U.S. officers nodded patiently. They tried, without success, to get a clearer explanation of the shooting.

They left the meeting resigned to postponing the operation until at least late September, after the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan that starts in about two weeks.

"It may take even longer. We don't know," said Capt. Brant Auge, the U.S. commander at the outpost.

Earlier this month at Combat Outpost Ashoqeh, U.S. soldiers thought they were going to watch Afghan soldiers test-fire mortars on a mountain behind their shared base. Instead, they found the Afghans getting ready to bombard a village that is frequently used by Taliban fighters to launch attacks.

No Taliban attack was taking place at the time, so shelling the village was more likely to kill civilians than insurgents. Capt. Ahmad, the Afghan commander, said later that his brigade commander had told him to shell the village in revenge for recent attacks.

After frantic calls by U.S. and Afghan officers up their respective chains of command, Capt. Ahmad was ordered to stand down.

A report on the Afghan army by the International Crisis Group, a Brussels-based think tank, described a force riddled by ethnic and political divisions and plagued by corruption.

“As a result, the army is a fragmented force, serving disparate interests, and far from attaining the unified national character needed to confront numerous security threats,” the report said.

In Zhari, a district that includes the village of Khadakalay, most people are Pashtun, the ethnic group at the core of the Taliban. But many Afghan officers deployed in the area are ethnic Tajiks from the north.

At Combat Outpost Ashoqeh, Capt. Ahmad proudly displayed, in the windshields of his Humvees, pictures of the famed Tajik anti-Taliban militia leader Ahmad Shah Massoud, who was murdered by assassins on Sept. 10, 2001. Mr. Massoud is a hero in Tajik areas but despised by many Pashtuns.

As for the Afghan police, many Afghan citizens appear to loathe them, considering them little better than uniformed thieves and addicts. U.S. soldiers say that in Zhari, police openly grow marijuana and shoot heroin at some stations.

At a police post on the edge of Senjaray, the district's largest village, the commander, who goes by the single name Sharabuddin, said the villagers would “cut our heads off” if U.S. soldiers left.

His eyes were bloodshot, his clothes filthy, his manner indifferent; he mumbled through much of the interview.

Basing Afghan and U.S. soldiers together is presenting unforeseen cultural challenges. At one outpost in Zhari, according to coalition soldiers, some Afghan soldiers turned showers into toilets and some were found sexually pleasuring one another in the weight-lifting room.

In the village of Khadakalay, the four Afghan soldiers who were smoking marijuana while on patrol had recently been sent to replace men who were wounded or went AWOL, said Capt. Ahmad.

After the patrol returned to its base, U.S. Sgt. Kazukietas was livid.

“They were just sitting there blazing away on a joint,” he said to his soldiers at a post-patrol debriefing.

A few other U.S. soldiers said they'd seen some of the eight Afghan soldiers on the patrol smack children who were playfully begging pens from the Americans.

“They were the worst we've ever had,” Sgt. Kazukietas said.

“They're going to end up with a reputation like the police.”

**WELCOME TO OBAMAWORLD:
WHERE EVERY DEATH IN COMBAT
ACCOMPLISHES NOTHING AT ALL**



A U.S. soldier coming under attack at Combat Outpost Nolen in the Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar, July 19, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong



US soldier as shots are fired as a patrol leaves Combat Outpost Nolen in Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar, July 20, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong



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



United States Marine from the 2nd Marines fires a machine gun during battle near Musa Qaleh, in northern Helmand Province, southern Afghanistan, July 23, 2010. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)

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

KABOOM



A military supply tanker burns after bomb planted underneath it exploded, near a foreign military airbase in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, July 29, 2010. (AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)

MILITARY NEWS

1st Battalion 194th Field Artillery Unit Off To Obama's Imperial Slaughterhouse



A sendoff for the 1st Battalion 194th Field Artillery Unit, July 30, 2010, in Eagle Grove, Iowa, heading to Afghanistan in October. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

Heroic U.S. Soldier Moved To Jail At Quantico

[Thanks to Elaine Brower, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

July 30, 2010 By Associated Press & July 29, 2010 DoD 1AD, USD-C

The Army intelligence specialist charged with leaking U.S. military secrets to the WikiLeaks website has been moved from Kuwait to a military jail in Virginia.

In a statement Friday, the Army said Pvt. Bradley Manning was flown Thursday to Quantico Marine Base where he will be held while awaiting trial for leaking top-secret military intelligence to WikiLeaks.

Manning remains in pretrial confinement pending an Article 32 investigation into the charges preferred against him on July 5.

Manning was transferred because of the potential for lengthy continued pretrial confinement given the complexity of the charges and ongoing investigation. The field confinement facility in Kuwait is designed for short-term confinement.

With this transfer to Quantico, Manning is now under the General Courts-Martial Convening Authority of Maj. Gen. Karl Horst, the commander of U. S. Army Military District of Washington. Manning will remain in pre-trial confinement as the Army continues its investigation.

The 22-year-old intelligence analyst is accused of leaking a classified helicopter cockpit video of a 2007 firefight in Baghdad that left a Reuters photographer and his driver dead.

He's also come under suspicion in the leak of tens of thousands of secret Afghanistan war logs WikiLeaks posted this week on the Internet.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?

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

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

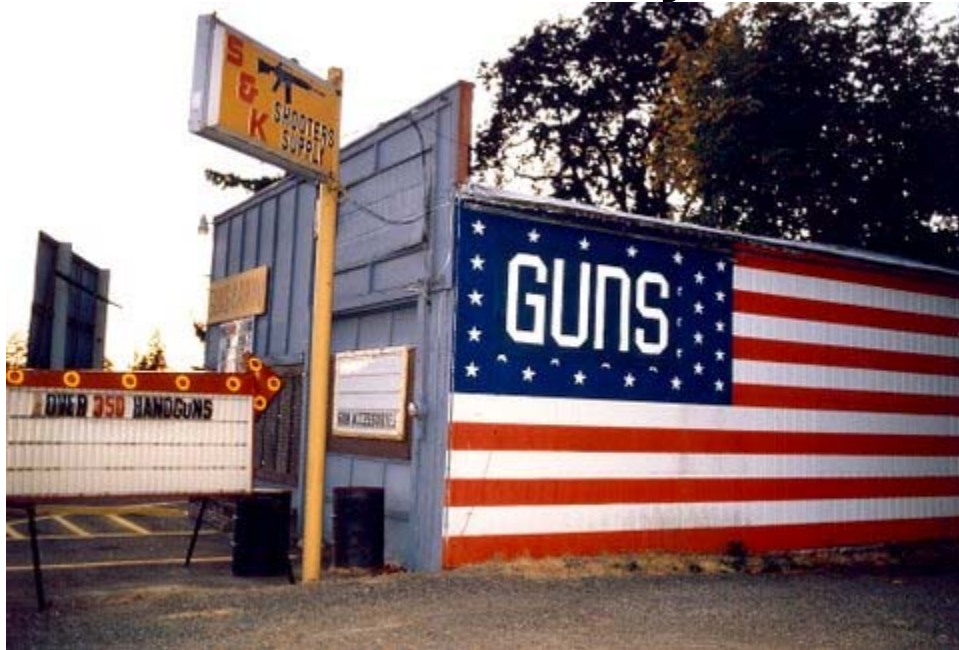
I say that when troops cannot be counted on to follow orders because they see the futility and immorality of them THAT is the real key to ending a war.

-- 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

Dead Canary



Photograph by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance
Sent: July 29, 2010
Subject: Dead Canary

Dead Canary

**The Pentagon has become a violent
bulldozer on a bullet train.**

**Mike Hastie
Vietnam veteran
July 29, 2010**

**Hastie, chill out guy with the negative vibes.
Go out and have a nice meal and drink
several bottles of good wine. Relax...
everything is going to be OK.**

**Photo and caption from the portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam
1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at:
hastiemike@earthlink.net) T)**

**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

OCCUPATION HAITI

**The Struggle Is Just Beginning!
“We Burned A Brazilian Flag Which
Was Intertwined With An American
One”**

**“Expel These Governments That Lie To
Us, Selling Us As Cheap Merchandise
And Do Not Defend Us For Anything”**



From: Batay Ouvriye
Subject: July 28th mobilization [Excerpts\
Via: Les Evenchick
Date: Saturday, July 31, 2010

On Wednesday July 28th, 2010, with various other friend organizations, we were in front of the Haitian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to demonstrate our complete rejection of the occupation/tutorship that is oppressing the Haitian people.

In our mobilization leaflet, we clearly explained our anti-imperialist stand, countering too the many other political trends that took to the streets on the same day, protesting the Préval administration's corruption or simply other technical aspects.

With some 100 people, we functioned in 3 teams: one, in front of the ministry with our signs and demands, another with banners, which stopped the traffic and took over this main road, with agitation.

And the last that was distributing our leaflets and posters and spraying our demands.

At the last moment, we burned a Brazilian flag which was intertwined with an American one, while that of our internationalist comrades, Conlutas, was paraded with us throughout the whole picket.

During the sit-in, a PNDPH (political party) walked by us. The worst occurred almost at the very moment we had closed; an armed civilian clearly recognized as being linked to the government fired gunshots directly from his car, wounding one of these demonstrators, in front of the police that did not even attempt to arrest him.

Just as we have been denouncing since a long time, the Papa/Baby Doc period is resurging! It's up to us to know what we have to do.

On another hand, a march more specifically organized by Batay Ouvriye was held in Cap-Haitian too. With roughly 150 participants, the march paraded around the whole city with the same message, banners, leaflets and posters.

Both in Port-au-Prince and Cap-Haitian, as well as in other areas of the country, the distribution of these materials continued the rest of this week.

Finally, we will be receiving news and pictures of the many other demonstrations that happened in the United States, Brazil and other Latin American countries.

THE STRUGGLE IS JUST BEGINNING!

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
“RISE UP, RISE UP, RISE UP!”

Statement: Batay Ouvriye (BO), the Democratic Popular Movement (MODEP, in Creole), Duvivier Recovery Committee (KRD), Platform of Victim Employees of the Public Service (PEVEP), National Coordination of Disaster Victims (KONASI)

To overcome this fatal situation oppressing so many of us workers, poor farmers, workers of all sorts and other members of our People's Camp, to get rid of the imperialistic domination killing us and, presently, the occupation that humiliates us so much and destroys our existence...; if we want, finally, to expel these governments that lie to us, selling us as cheap merchandise and do not defend us for anything, if we want to get rid of these opportunistic politicians and other spineless parliamentarians - footmen of the last degree -, to be ourselves, to be the masters of our existences, to live... there is no another solution but to RISE UP!

Organize ourselves and rise up.

Organize ourselves to RISE UP! RISE UP in all the factories, all the camps, all the rural plantations, rise up for a different education in the university and the schools, for a different public health, a different future, a different life, in which our economy, our politics, our TERRITORY is ours, where we, of the people, are the masters of EVERYTHING that is ours.

RISE UP, RISE UP, RISE UP!

In this uprising, presently evermore fundamental for us, we must see clearly that it is the MINUSTAH'S [Foreign occupation troops under UN command and backed by the U.S. government] PRESENCE that most protects the capitalists' domination and their exploitation: this is the entity organizing our domination and guaranteeing the exploitation.

THIS IS THE ONE BLOCKING OUR ACTIONS! As a people and as a nation. Each and every progressive, all patriots must BE CLEAR ABOUT THIS.

But to "understand" or "not agree" in our heads is not sufficient, WE HAVE TO FIGHT TO END THIS SITUATION. Finally!

Today July 28th, we all remember how much we suffered under the first Yankee occupation of 1915.

But now, once again under the imperialistic military boots, it is even more important to concretely construct how to get out of this situation!

And, this time, to have our own interests ahead, we must BE IN FRONT! In our mobilizations, our alliances, our battles.

Thus, we will mark, on the way, the next August 22nd, day of the general uprising of our enslaved ancestors; constructing September 19th, when these MINUSTAH forces of death landed; aiming then October 15th when the great traitor, the supreme footman, the most despicable, every year signs the renewal of the "contract" with the UN at the service of imperialism.

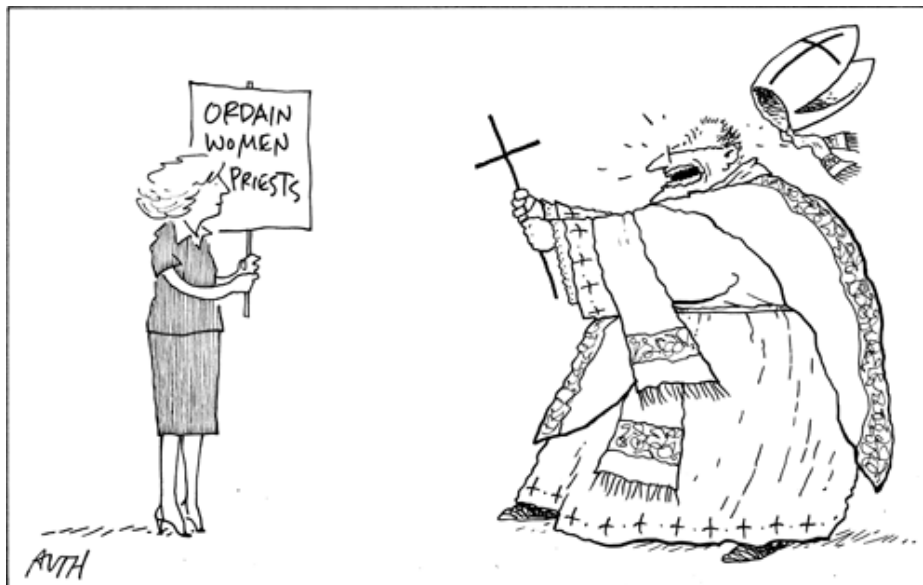
For this, we ask all consequent progressives, all patriots, all comrades and friends of the entire world, ALL! to unite with us and STAY MOBILIZED in order to truly attempt to stop their death plan.

In the same movement, we say to the police that, up to date, as men and women, they have something of a spine, and they MUST NOT CONTINUE OBEYING THE ORDERS OF THESE VAMPIRES THAT HAVE COME TO DOMINATE US IN OUR OWN HOME, for the unique benefit of the most bloodthirsty multinationals, of the most retrograde bourgeois, the most archaic landowners and “big-eaters”, “governments”, presently stooges by nature.

**DOWN WITH THE OCCUPATION!
DOWN WITH THE EXPLOITATION! DOWN WITH THE REPRESSION!
DOWN WITH THE IMPERIALIST DOMINATION PROJECT!**

**FORWARD THE WORKING CLASS’S BATTLE!
FORWARD THE DOMINATED AND EXPLOITED FARMERS’ BATTLE!
FORWARD THE SMALL CRAFTSMEN’S BATTLE!
FORWARD THE PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS’ BATTLE!
FORWARD THE SMALL MERCHANTS’ BATTLE!
FORWARD THE UNEMPLOYED’S BATTLE!
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FORWARD ALL THE CONSEQUENT PROGRESSIVES’ BATTLE!
FORWARD THE FIGHT OF ALL THE POPULAR MASSES!**

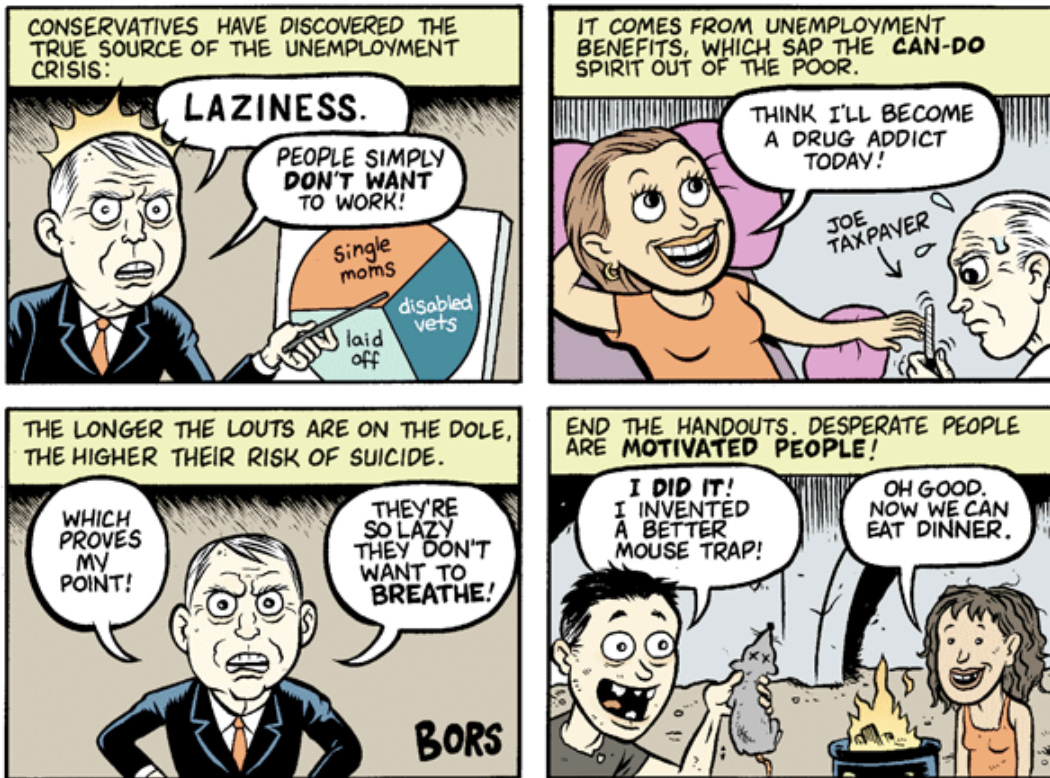
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[Thanks to Alan Stolzer, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

29 July 2010 By Malcolm Brabant, BBC [Excerpts]

Greek police have fired tear gas to disperse hundreds of lorry drivers protesting in Athens.

The drivers are refusing to obey an emergency government order for them to end a crippling strike.

The strike, now in its fourth day, has paralysed Greece, depriving petrol stations of fuel and prompting tourists to cancel holidays.

The BBC's Malcolm Brabant in Athens says the drivers are very angry, demanding compensation for reforms that aim to liberalise the freight sector.

The drivers argue that new licence charges are unfair - well below the start-up fees of up to 300,000 euros (£250,000) that existing operators had to pay.

Our correspondent says police are supposed to hand out papers to the drivers telling them that their lorries are being requisitioned. But many drivers have abandoned their lorries so the papers cannot be served.

There are queues outside the few garages that are still open, and shortages of supplies mean some workers are being laid off at factories.

The Greek government has used a rare emergency order to force the lorry drivers back to work. The measure is usually reserved for times of war or natural disaster.

The government wants to open the freight sector to more competition as part of austerity measures agreed with the IMF and the EU.

The back-to-work order was issued hours after negotiations between the government and the drivers broke down.

The country's tourism industry said it was suffering from the strike, with bookings down and many cancellations.

An Athens resident called Christina told the BBC that her husband “usually travels to work by car but there is no petrol now”.

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