

Military Resistance 8H21

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Offensive Sweeps
Through Iraq, Hitting 13
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“A Population That Seems As Angry As At Any Time Since The Invasion”

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August 25, 2010 By ANTHONY SHADID, The New York Times [Excerpts]

BAGHDAD — Insurgents unleashed a wave of coordinated attacks across Iraq on Wednesday in a demonstration of their ability to strike at will, offering their counterpoint to American aspirations of bringing the war in Iraq “to a responsible end.”

In attacks in 13 towns and cities, from southernmost Basra to restive Mosul in northern Iraq, insurgents deployed their full arsenal: hit-and-run shootings, roadside mines and more than a dozen car bombs. The toll was in the dozens, but the symbolism underscored a theme of America’s experience here: Its deadlines, including the Aug. 31 date to end combat operations, have rarely reflected the tumultuous reality on the ground and have often been accompanied by a wave of insurgent attacks.

“The message the insurgents want to deliver to the Iraqi people and the politicians is that we exist, and we choose the time and place,” said Wael Abdel-Latif, a judge and former lawmaker.

In coming days, the Obama administration will seek to portray the reduction in troops here to fewer than 50,000, reached Tuesday, as a turning point in seven years of invasion, occupation and war.

The president will deliver a speech on Monday marking the deadline.

The following day, the mission will be renamed “New Dawn” at a ceremony expected to draw much of the military brass to a sprawling base near the Baghdad airport.

Throughout the partial withdrawal, American officials have insisted that, while work remains, Iraq’s army and police force are ready to inherit sole control over security here.

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Beginning with a car bombing of a police station in the northern Baghdad neighborhood of Qahira, the attacks seemed to sow chaos and confusion among the Iraqi police and soldiers who responded.

Twice, police officers brawled with soldiers at the scene, where the blast sheared the top floors off six houses and bent street lights like paper clips. In each confrontation, a shot was fired into the air before officers broke up the fight.

The police kept angry residents away, but the residents, in turn, heckled them for their impotence in stopping a blast that cut like a scythe through the street. While dismembered bodies were pulled from the rubble, others remained entombed.

“You get millions of dinars in salaries and you won’t let us help our families?” one youth shouted. Another cried, “You just take money and don’t care about us!”

An Iraqi investigator walked by. “This is the state?” he muttered. “This is the government?”

For weeks, there had been a sense of inevitability to the assaults, and American military officials had warned that the insurgents would seek to show their prowess during the holy month of Ramadan.

But the anticipation seemed to do little to prepare security forces for the breadth of the strikes, which followed what has become a daily campaign of bombings, hit-and-run attacks and assassinations against security forces and officials in Baghdad and elsewhere.

The names of the towns and the cities where the police were attacked read like a history of the war: Falluja, Ramadi, Tikrit, Kirkuk, Basra, Karbala and Mosul.

In one of the worst assaults, in the southern city of Kut, Iraqi officials said a car bomb detonated by its driver killed 19 people and wounded 87, most of them police officers, in an attack that destroyed the police station near the provincial headquarters.

In Diyala Province, five roadside bombs detonated in the morning in Buhriz, the first against a police patrol, a second against reinforcements who were heading to the scene and three others targeting houses belonging to policemen, officials said.

They were followed by a car bomb that struck the provincial headquarters in Baquba, northeast of Baghdad, killing three people.

“The beginning of the storm,” said Saleh Khamis, 38, a teacher in Buhriz.

It is remarkable the degree to which the Aug. 31 date has gone unnoticed among Iraqis; many believe the American military will never really leave, despite a deadline of 2011 for its departure.

Indeed, a sense of repetition seems to color everything in a summer of discontent, where American assurances of positive “long-term trend lines” meet the disbelief of a population that seems as angry as at any time since the invasion.

American soldiers in Humvees and armored vehicles, with a token Iraqi escort, drove through parts of Baghdad on Wednesday.

The city's sun-soaked streets were snarled with traffic, as police and army vehicles, sirens blaring, tried to break through traffic jams.

ACTION REPORTS

“One Sergeant Said He Was Against The Iraq War” [Outreach To New York National Guard]

From: Alan S, Military Resistance Organization
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: August 18, 2010
Subject: Outreach To New York National Guard

Last night two sergeants at a commuter terminal accepted packets of our material made ready for distribution for our last armory excursion.

These included the last 2 Traveling Soldiers [see below], GI Rights pamphlets, and extra Military Resistance cards [see below] as one Sergeant said he was against the Iraq War having been deployed there in 2005.

He was the one who took extra cards and was given a Military Resistance Newsletter issue I happened to have as well.. Both received "Sir! No Sir!" DVDs Sorry, I wasn't carrying any cookies - this time.

Later on at another terminal another sergeant was curious and couldn't quite get us outreaching to anti-war troops and us being anti-war. He questioned this then refused material (he said he would read it anyway) but took cards.

Moral?

Not all sergeants are alike.

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ACTION REPORTS WANTED: FROM YOU!

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

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

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

They don't have to be long. Just clear, and direct action reports about what work was done and how.

If there were favorable responses, say so.

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

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

NOTE WELL:

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

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

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

If accidentally included, that information will not be published.

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

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<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/TS31.pdf>

THIS ISSUE FEATURING:

ARMY LIFE: "THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND THEIR GENERAL SELFISHNESS AND HABITUAL EXPLOITATION OF THE LOWER ENLISTED"

**By Soldier R, Traveling Soldier Correspondent
Reporting from Germany**

"EVEN BEFORE I HAD LEFT THE NAVY I REALIZED THAT I WAS NOT PROTECTING FREEDOM OR DEFENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITES STATES"

By F. Bouthillette (USNR, Veteran, Iraq Theatre)

MORE ARMY LIFE: "INTELLIGENCE IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE A SENIOR IN THE MILITARY"

**By Soldier R, Traveling Soldier Correspondent
Reporting from Germany**

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

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

If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers. <http://www.traveling-soldier.org/>

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Military Resistance Mission Statement:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. Military Resistance uses organizational democracy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Membership Requirements:

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

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

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

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

-----**(Signed**

(Date)

----- **(Application taken by)**

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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

MORE IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Nationwide Resistance Action In Force

Aug 24 (Reuters)

A sticky bomb attached to the car of a local government official wounded him and two others in central Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol wounded four policemen in Balad Ruz, 90 km (55 miles) northeast of Baghdad, police said.

Two policemen were wounded when a roadside bomb went off near their vehicle in Saadiya town, 100 km (70 miles) northeast of Baghdad, police said.

Insurgents shot dead a government employee in a market in the town of Khalis, 80 km (50 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

A car bomber targeting an Iraqi police checkpoint killed two policemen in eastern Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, police said.

A sticky bomb attached to car carrying a government-backed Sahwa militia leader killed him when it went off in Baghdad's southwestern Radhwaniya district, an interior ministry source said.

Insurgents threw a hand grenade at a police checkpoint, wounding one policeman in western Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Insurgents opened fire and wounded two policemen when they attacked their checkpoint in Baghdad's western district of Amiriya late on Monday, an interior ministry source said.

Aug 25 (Reuters)

MOSUL - Gunmen opened fire at an Iraqi army checkpoint killing one soldier and wounding another in western Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - A car bomber killed 15 and wounded at least 56 in an attack on a police station in the northern Qahira district of Baghdad, Interior Ministry and police sources said.

KUT - A car bomber killed at least 30 and wounded 87 in an attack on a police station in the southern Iraqi city of Kut, 170 km (105 miles) southeast of Baghdad, a police officer said.

DUJAIL - A parked car bomb targeting a police station in Dujail, 50 km (30 miles) north of Baghdad, wounded five policemen, police said.

BASRA - A parked minibus packed with explosives went off near a police station and wounded 12 people in the center of Basra, 420 km (260 miles) southeast of Baghdad, police and hospital sources said.

FALLUJA - A car bomber attacked an Iraqi army patrol, killing one soldiers and wounding one soldier, in Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD – Guerrilla forces using weapons with silencers attacked a police checkpoint killing one policeman and wounding another in the Baghdad's southwestern district of Amil, an Interior Ministry source said.

MUQDADIYA - Five Iraqi soldiers were wounded when a parked car bomb went off near a police checkpoint close to the municipal council building in Muqdadiya, 80 km (50 miles) northeast of Baghdad, police said.

RAMADI - A parked car bomb inside a bus station killed two policemen, and wounded 13 in central Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, police and hospital sources said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb went off near an Iraqi army patrol and wounded three soldiers in Baghdad's western district of Amiriya, an Interior Ministry source said.

SAMARRA - The commander of Facility Protection Services of Salahuddin province Colonel Mustafa Hameed was attacked when two roadside bombs blew up near his convoy, wounding him and three of his bodyguards in central Samarra, 100 km (62 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

TIKRIT - A roadside bomb wounded two policemen in central Tikrit, 150 km (95 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Obama's Lying Bullshit Reeks On #1:

Obama Says There Are No More U.S. Combat Troops In Iraq, So These Must Be Tooth Fairies



A U.S. soldier stands guard at the site of a bomb attack in Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad August 25, 2010. REUTERS/Ako Rasheed



U.S. soldiers patrol at the site of a bomb attack in Kut, 150 km (95 miles) southeast of Baghdad August 25, 2010. A car bomber killed at least 30 and wounded 87 in an attack on a police station in the southern Iraqi city of Kut. REUTERS/Jafer Abed

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

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

New Jersey Soldier Killed In Arghandab



Spc. Pedro A. Millet Meletiche, 20, of Elizabeth, N.J., was killed Aug. 22 in Arghandab River Valley, Afghanistan, by an improvised bomb. He was assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo. (AP Photo/Defense Department)

Three Spaniards Killed: Two Policemen And Interpreter Shot By Afghan Police Recruit At Spanish Military base in Qalay-I-Naw: “Hundreds Of Men Attacked The Base Shouting And Throwing Stones”

25 August 2010 BBC & By Manuel Baigorri, Bloomberg [Excerpts]

An Afghan police driver has shot dead two Spanish police officers and their interpreter in Badghis province, north-western Afghanistan, officials say.

They were shot by their driver, who opened fire during a training session in a premeditated attack, according to Spanish Interior Minister Alfredo Perez Rubalcaba.

After the shooting, a crowd of angry locals violently protested outside a Spanish base in Qalay-i-Naw.

The BBC's Quentin Sommerville in the capital, Kabul, says hundreds of men attacked the base shouting and throwing stones.

Some attempted to scale the walls and shots were also fired, our correspondent says.

The protest has now ended, and a local hospital spokesman said 24 people had been injured - some with bullet wounds.

The two Spanish officers were from the paramilitary Civil Guard.

"In a class, one of the students apparently opened fire on the two Civil Guard policemen and the interpreter, who was also Spanish, and killed all three," Mr Rubalcaba told the Cadena Ser radio station.

The Civil Guards were training a group of 47 Afghan policemen, as part of a unit in Afghanistan that trains local forces. Both Galera and Bravo had been in Afghanistan since March and expected to return home on Sept. 22, Rubalcaba said.

He said the Spanish authorities were looking into who ordered the attack.

The Taliban says the cadet was working for them, but the militant claims could not be verified.

"I can't say whether the Taliban was behind it or not, what is clear is that it was a premeditated attack... it was a terrorist attack," Mr Rubalcaba said.

A spokesman for the governor of Badghis, Sharaf Uddin, told the BBC's Pashto service that the killings happened after an Afghan policeman had quarrelled with the two Spanish officers.

Such rogue attacks are rare, but our correspondent says they do damage morale.

Foreign Occupation Soldier Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Tuesday: Nationality Not Announced

August 24 Reuters

A foreign soldier was killed in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, via an improvised explosive device.

Australian Soldier Killed In Uruzgan

Aug 24 AFP

An Australian soldier was killed in an "intense" gunbattle with Taliban militants in southern Afghanistan, officials said Wednesday, taking the country's losses to 10 since early June.

The "very experienced" soldier, who was not immediately named, died on Tuesday in a three-hour clash in a western area of Uruzgan province, where Australia's 1,550 troops are based.

The man was "killed in action during an intense firefight with Taliban insurgents", the Australian Defence Force's Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston told journalists.

Northwest High School Grad Died Serving Country In Afghanistan

Aug. 20, 2010 By Chris Vaughn, Star-Telegram

When Benjamin Chisholm enlisted in the Army -- as an infantryman, no less -- it surprised absolutely no one who knew him.

"He called me one day and said, 'Guess what I did?'" said his grandmother, Annie Reynolds. "'You enlisted,' I said. He said, 'Yes, I did.' I just knew."

He had made no secret from about the fifth grade on that he saw himself wearing a uniform as a grown man. He participated in Junior ROTC in high school and the Young Marines, too. "That was his dream," said his mother, Linda Reynolds.

Pfc. Chisholm's dream ended early in his career.

The 24-year-old Northwest High School graduate was killed Tuesday in the Kunar province of Afghanistan when his military vehicle rolled over after a roadside bomb explosion. Killed at the same time was Pvt. Charles M. High IV, 21, of Albuquerque. Both men belonged to 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry, part of the storied 101st Airborne Division.

Pfc. Chisholm's mother, who lives in Fredericksburg, said her son was manning the 50-caliber machine gun from the turret when the explosion flipped the vehicle.

Pfc. Chisholm shipped out for Afghanistan in late May, his first deployment. Just two weeks before, he had married a fellow soldier, Spc. Amber Ferguson, who left for Afghanistan shortly after that. They were assigned to outposts about 80 miles apart.

After meeting his body at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, Ferguson returned to Texas with Linda Reynolds on Thursday. They are planning his services in Fredericksburg through Schaeffer's Funeral Home.

The death of Pfc. Chisholm brings the war to Tarrant County again. The last casualty with Tarrant County ties was Army Spc. Joseph M. Lewis, 26, who was reared in Bedford and killed in Afghanistan in November.

Pfc. Chisholm was born in Silver Spring, Md., and spent most of his early years in Colorado and Utah. He moved to Flower Mound in 1998. He attended schools in Flower Mound, but when the family moved to Haslet, he attended and graduated from Northwest High.

Before enlisting, his mother said, he wanted to get to know his father better, so he moved to Oregon for a few years. He returned to the Fort Worth area in 2007 and enlisted in the Army the next year.

He took very little in life seriously. His family compared him to actor Jim Carrey, always ready to make people laugh with a comment or facial expression. Two of his friends in the Fort Worth area -- Josh Wahlen, 25 and Emily Clarkson, 21 -- agreed that he was fun-loving but was deeply committed to joining the service.

"I would rather give my life for my country than let some other man die because I wasn't there," Clarkson said he had told her.

Because he loved to volunteer at the Rocky Top Therapy Center in Keller, which provides equine therapy for disabled people, his mother asked that donations be made there in his name.

Pfc. Chisholm is also survived by his father and stepmother, Glenn and Karma Chisholm of Oregon; two sisters, Alyssa Breuel of Lewisville and Tammy Breuel of Fredericksburg; and a brother, Jay Breuel of Fredericksburg.

The Naik Massacre: [Great Moments In U.S. Military History] “If Coalition Forces Kill One Civilian, 20 Other Family Members Will Pick

Up Weapons And Stand Against Them”

August 24, 2010 By DEXTER FILKINS, The New York Times [Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan — A team of investigators from the American-led forces here headed to a volatile corner of northeast Afghanistan on Tuesday after local officials reported that a nighttime raid by NATO commandos there had left 8 civilians dead and 12 wounded.

Details were sketchy, but the governor of Tala Wa Barfak, a district in Baghlan Province, said the Afghans had been killed in the village of Naik early Sunday by what appeared to have been a raid carried out by special forces.

The governor, Mohammed Ismail, said a group of tribal elders he had sent to the village had returned with details. Among the dead were two women and a child, he said. Six of the dead were found in Naik, and two more villagers were found later in a field farther away, he said.

“It was a cruel act against the civilians,” he said.

Witnesses said the raid began Sunday at about 2 a.m., when a number of helicopters descended on Naik. Groups of commandos entered a pair of houses, where the gunfire began, the witnesses said.

“As they entered our neighbor’s house, we heard some shouting and yelling and then gunshots,” said Ahmad Shah, a resident of Naik.

Afghanistan is a tribal society, and the results of botched raids are often difficult to overcome. Mahmood Haqmal, a spokesman for the governor of Baghlan Province, put it this way: “If coalition forces kill one civilian, 20 other family members will pick up weapons and stand against them.”

NEED SOME TRUTH? CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER

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And join with Iraq Veterans Against the War to end the occupations and bring all troops home now! (www.ivaw.org/)

ENOUGH OF THIS SHIT; ALL HOME NOW



August 4: A US soldier sits on top of an anti-rocket attack barrier fence in Kandahar province Arghandab Valley. (AFP/File/Yuri Cortez)

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Insurgents Attack Hotel For MPs And Government Officials Next To Presidential Palace: Seventy Dead And “Killed More MPs, Reports Say”

August 24, 2010 Mareeg.com & By Bill Roggio, Longwarjournal.org [Excerpts]

Well armed insurgents with the dress of the transitional government of Somalia have attacked Muna hotel in Hamarweyne district in Mogadishu and killed more MPs, reports say.

The Muna hotel is adjacent to the Presidential Palace and is frequented by members of parliament and other officials, according to Garowe. The hotel is in one of a handful of zones under the nominal control of the Somali government and African Union forces.

Sheik Ali Moahmud Raghe (Sh. Ali Dere), the spokesman of Al-shabab has held press conference in the capital and claimed the responsibility of today's bombers carried out the attack who lastly exploded themselves.

The spokesman said that members of well trained Al-shabab group had carried out the attack saying that they had informed them they killed about 70 people in the attack pointing out that it was part of the war against the TFG and AMISOM in the capital.

He said there were no civilians in the hotel asserting his speech that they would continue their clashes against the TFG and the African Union peacekeeping [translation: U.S.-backed occupation] forces in the Somalia capital Mogadishu.

Sources said the group were three people and heavily armored and imitated government soldiers and forcibly entered into Muna hotel where there had been more of the parliamentarians and other businessmen in Hamarweyne district in Mogadishu.

Government officials said that the insurgents had opened fire inside the hotel as they entered the hotel adding that the sound of big blast was heard inside the hotel.

It is unclear the real number of the casualties of the MPs and the other people killed in the hotel so far, but reports say that more government forces had had cordoned at the hotel where insurgents remained and exchanged gunfire.

Some of the MPs said that there several MPs in the hotel pointing out that the insurgents had explode themselves.

Heavy fighting between the rivals in the Somali capital Mogadishu has broken out, killing 20 injuring 80 others on Monday.

The fighting came as the spokesman of Al-shabab Sheik Ali Mohamud Rage (Sh. Ali Dere) declared war on Monday and started clashes in north and south of the Somali capital Mogadishu.

Residents said that several districts as Hodan, Hawl-wadag, and Bondere districts in the north of the capital were the zones that the fighting continued.

Insurgent Take Radio Station IQK In Mogadishu

August 24, 2010 Mareeg.com

The administration of Harakat Al-shabab Mujahdeen for Banadir region took over the control of local FM of IQK/Holy Quran radio in the Somali capital Mogadishu on Monday according to the director.

The director of the radio Mohamed Abdiwahab Abdullahi told reporters Harakat Al-shabab Mujahideen administration for Banadir region had brought a taking over letter to them and written several articles in the letter:

Began from today 1431 Hirjia, the 23rd Aug. 2010; Al-shabab administration will manage the radio station.

All the instruments and properties of the radio station would belong by all the Muslims and there will no be any one who would be owned it particularly.

Lastly the administration of Al-shabab for Banadir region congratulates for the listeners of the radio and would get the religious programs of the radio and other programs hat would be increased. More of Al-shabab men had taken over the control of the radio and started releasing Arabic lectures and other lessons prepared by Al-shabab shortly after the takeover.

Al-shabab fighters had taken over several local FM radio stations in more towns as Merka, Baidoa, Kismayu in southern Somalia.

MILITARY NEWS

Soldier Asks: Why Bar Wikileaks? “I Don’t Think The Military Can Even Control What Someone Does On Their Personal Internet”

Letters To The Editor
Army Times
August 23, 2010

The Wikileaks site is not illegal; it’s not as if it were a child pornography site.

For one, I don’t think the military can even control what someone does on their personal internet. Also, it’s going to cause people to get “curious” about what the documents stated, and what has gotten the Pentagon in a serious uproar.

— xxAres029xx

**THIS IS HOW OBAMA BRINGS THE TROOPS HOME:
HOME:
BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE**



The coffin of U.S. Army Spc. Scott Anthony Andrews of Fall River, Mass., at Holy Name Church in Fall River, Mass., July 3, 2010. Andrews was killed in Afghanistan June 21, 2010. (AP Photo/Robert E. Klein)

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.

“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.

“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

Frederick Douglass, 1852

**Hope for change doesn't cut it when you're still losing buddies.
-- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

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

**“What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms.”
-- Thomas Jefferson to William Stephens Smith, 1787**

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

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

**“The Nixon administration claimed and received great credit for withdrawing the Army from Vietnam, but it was the rebellion of low-ranking GIs that forced the government to abandon a hopeless suicidal policy”
-- David Cortright; Soldiers In Revolt**

**It is a two class world and the wrong class is running it.
-- Larry Christensen, Soldiers Of Solidarity & United Auto Workers**

Since 2004, The Number Of Soldiers Going AWOL, Deserting And Missing Movement, Has Increased 234%: “If You Are Interested In Gaining Insight Into What Is Happening In The Military Today, I Suggest Reading Soldiers In Revolt”

From: SANFORD KELSON
To: 'The Meadville Tribune'
Sent: August 15, 2010
Subject: Letter To Editor: Army Reports AWOLs up 234 %

Dear Editor:

Buried in a 350 page Army report on suicides in the military is a statistic that many Americans may find shocking: Since 2004, the number of soldiers going AWOL, being absent without leave, deserting and missing movement (failing to deploy when ordered), has increased 234 percent.

Another statistic reported is that misdemeanor crimes committed by active duty members has risen at the rate of more than 5,000 per year.

The report concludes that good order and discipline are on the decline.

Add to these statistics the epidemic of military and veteran suicides and post traumatic stress disorder and one is forced to wonder how does one really Support the Troops.

The Vietnam War may help answer that inquiry.

Colonel Robert D. Heinl, in June 1971, reported in vivid detail: “The morale, discipline and battle worthiness of the U.S. Armed Forces are, with a few salient exceptions, lower and worse than at any time in this century and possibly in the history of the United States. By every conceivable indicator, our army that remains in Vietnam is in a state approaching collapse, with individual units avoiding or having refused combat, murdering their officers and non-commissioned officers, drug-ridden and dispirited where not near mutinous. Elsewhere than Vietnam the situation is nearly as serious.”

If you are interested in gaining insight into what is happening in the military today, I suggest reading *Soldiers In Revolt* by David Cortright [see below], currently a professor at the University of Notre Dame, and watching the DVD, *Sir! No Sir*, directed by David Zeiger.

Both document why US combat soldiers, who became disillusioned by what they learned during their Vietnam combat tour, in stark contrast to what their government had told them, resisted the war and were instrumental in bringing it to an end.

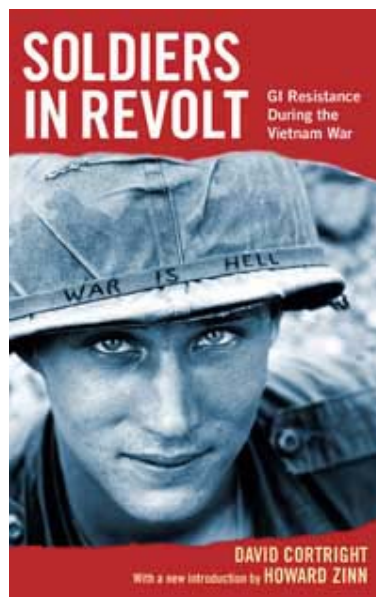
Another important parallel from the Vietnam War to the recent WikiLeaks' release of secret government documents is Daniel Ellsberg's release of secret files that came to be known as The Pentagon Papers that documented the lies US leaders used to justify an immoral and illegal war of aggression.

Reflect carefully. In the Iraq and Afghan wars 5,619 US soldiers have been killed and 39,323 have been wounded. Credible estimates are that over 1.4 million Iraqis and Afghans have died. How many more and for what?

MORE:

A Vietnam Soldier Wrote The Book All About How An Armed Forces Rebellion Stopped An Imperial War

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Noble Anniversary:
August 25, 1969
The Rebellion Of Company A;
“One Of Hundreds Of Mutinies
Among Troops During The War”



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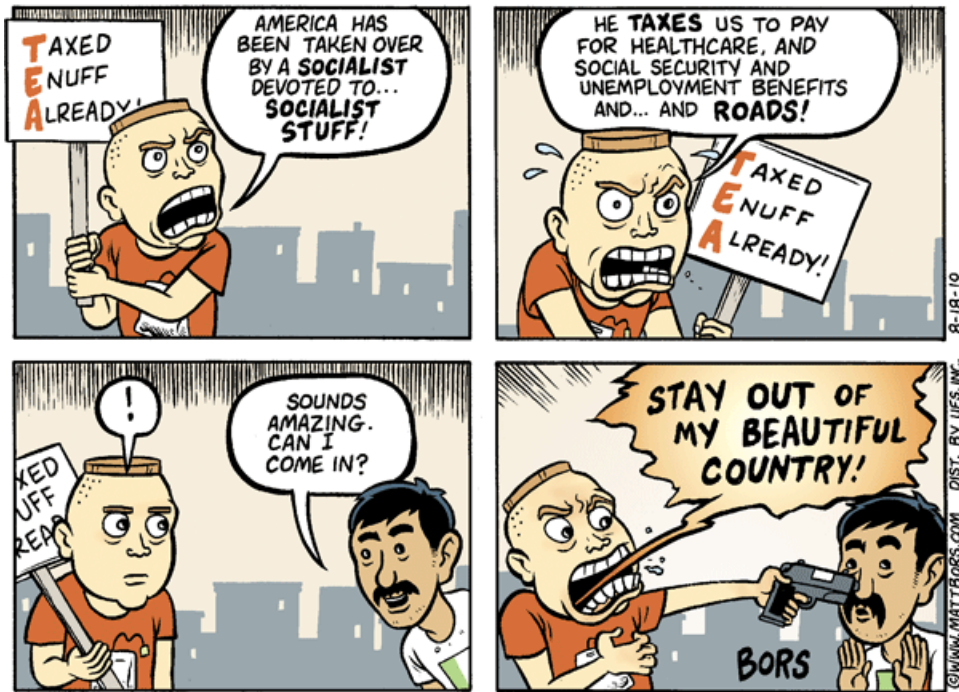
Company A of the 3rd Battalion the 196th Light Brigade refused to advance further into the Songchang Valley of Vietnam after five days of heavy casualties; their number had been reduced from 150 to 60.

This was one of hundreds of mutinies among troops during the war.

“He (President Nixon) is also carrying on the battle in the belief, or pretense, that the South Vietnamese will really be able to defend their country and our democratic objectives (sic) when we withdraw, and even his own generals don't believe the South Vietnamese will do it.”

James Reston in the New York Times

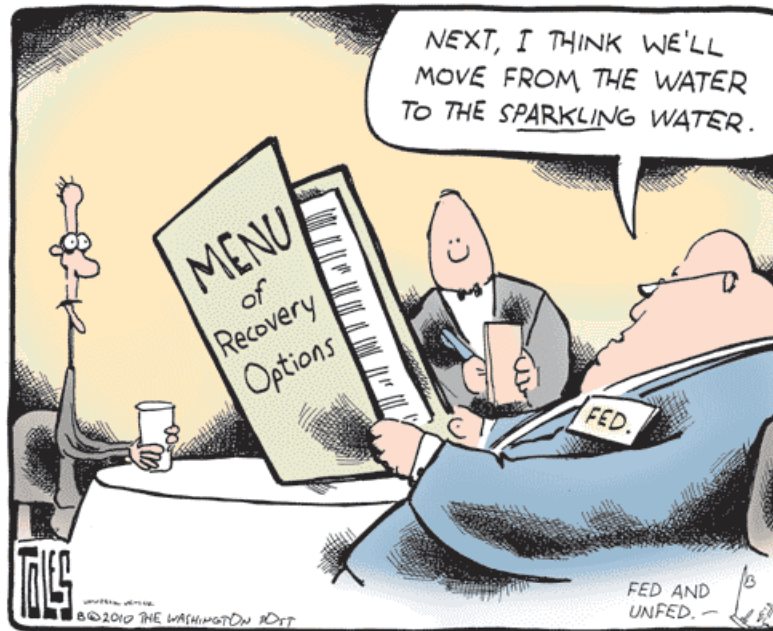
DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO
HALT THE BLOODSHED**

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

CLASS WAR REPORTS



Welcome To The Occupied USA: Denver Police Sadistic Freak Scum Knock Down, Beat And Arrest Citizen Offering To Be A Witness

August 17, 2010 Heidi Hemmat Investigative Reporter, KDVR, Denver, Colorado

DENVER - What started as a walk to the park with his dogs ended with a trip to the hospital for a Denver dog owner. 32-year-old Mark Ashford says he was beaten black and blue by two Denver Police officers.

"They punched him and pinned him up against the fence and forced his head into the concrete." Ashford's attorney, Will Hart, said the beating that was caught on camera is a clear case of Excessive Force.

"This happened when he was walking his dogs, he has a conversation with another citizen that the police officer doesn't like and as a result, he ends up in the hospital," said Hart.

Hart says Mark Ashford was walking his dogs near 20th and Little Raven in LoDo, when he saw police pull over a driver for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Ashford told the driver he saw him stop and would be willing to testify in court. Hart says the officer overheard him and "wasn't very happy."

That's when Ashford says the Denver police officers demanded his I.D. and detained him.

Ashford tried to take a picture of the officers to document the incident, and a few second later he was on the ground.

Police charged Ashford with interference and resisting arrest.

Hart says, the charges were later dropped because the officers violated Ashford's 4th amendment rights, "they had no reason to stop him, take his ID or detain him."

An Excessive Force complaint was filed against both officers involved. A Denver police spokesperson says the internal affairs department has completed its investigation, but they are now turning the case over to the independent police monitor. Police won't say if the officers were disciplined in any way until the investigation is complete.

Troops Invited:

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More Than One Million South African State Workers Go On Strike For More Pay

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

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JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - More than one million South African state workers went on strike for more pay on Wednesday, threatening a prolonged action they say will bring the government in Africa's largest economy to a halt. Public sector workers in South Africa have begun an open-ended strike, having rejected the government's offer of a pay rise.

South Africa's schools and hospitals were transformed into battlegrounds yesterday as the nationwide strike escalated into a sometimes violent test of strength between the government and unions.

However, any hopes that the government had of a swift victory over South Africa's trades union congress, Cosatu, disappeared as other smaller unions joined the walkouts. The country's influential auto workers' union is also threatening to expand a strike they began last week, demanding a 15 per cent increase in wages.

This week the Cosatu leader Zwelinzima Vavi took a personal potshot at [President Jacob] Zuma and how much he is earning as a state employee. "If my memory serves me right he is earning more than R2.2m (£195,000)," he told protesters outside parliament on Tuesday. "He has blood like we have blood. He has a big family like we do... Our needs are the same. We want geld."

Some union officials were threatening to carry the pickets over to private schools and hospitals where the political elite educate their children and send their relatives.

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