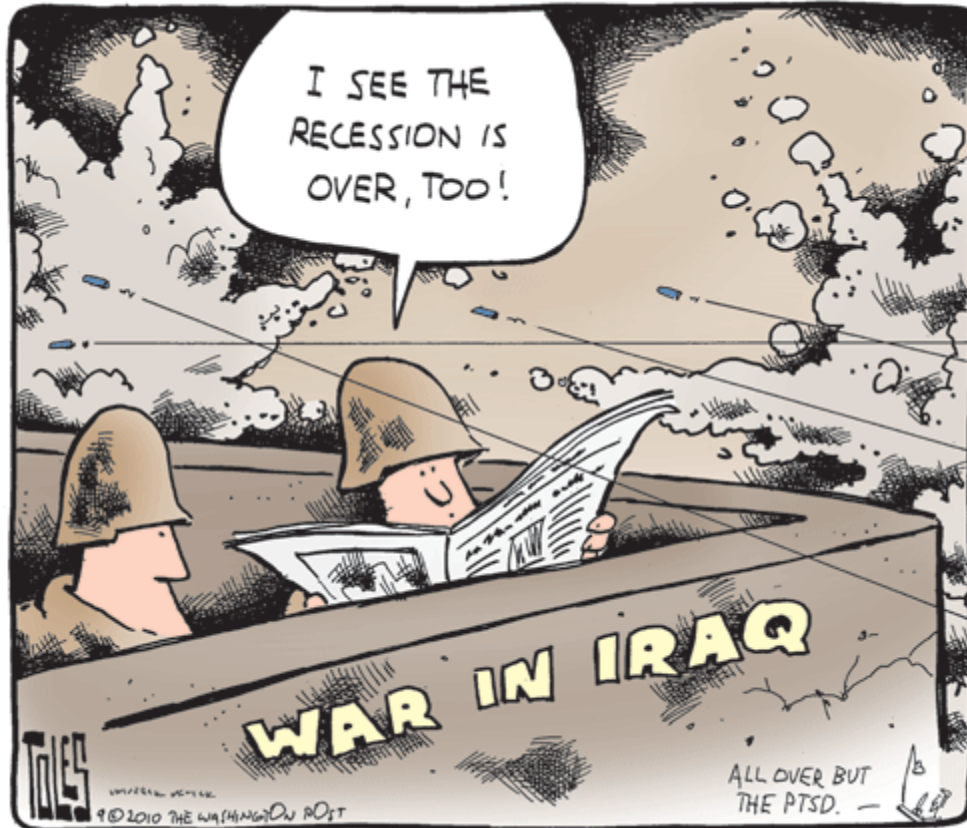
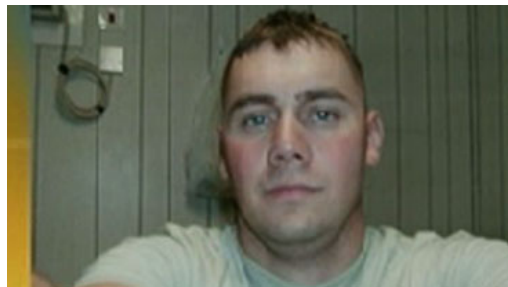


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IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Decatur Soldier Killed In Iraq



Sep 09, 2010 WTHR

Decatur - Friends are paying tribute to an Indiana soldier and father who died in Iraq this week.

Phillip Jenkins was killed when an Iraqi soldier opened fire on his security group. A second US soldier was killed and several others were wounded in what the US military calls a "deliberate act."

"Phillip was a very dedicated and motivated young man. Always had a smile for you," said Janice Reynolds, Jenkins' band director at Belmont High School.

A smiling Philip Jenkins is pictured with his wife and two young daughters. His family and friends now mourn the 26-year-old.

"You ask why," said Reynolds.

Jenkins played saxophone in Belmont High's band. "Very punctual. Did exactly what you asked and always went above and beyond," said Reynolds.

Reynolds says Jenkins always knew he wanted to join the Army. "He was very excited he was there and ready to do his job. He was dedicated. He loved what he was doing in the Army," she said. Fritz Bultemeyer served with Henkins in Afghanistan. He says he'll always remember Jenkins' passion to serve. Although it's painful to see a life cut so short, his loved ones want to remember him for his sacrifice. "He's a great American fallen hero. He has died for his country. He's died for his principals to keep this country free. And that's what we always need to remember him for," said Bultemeyer. "I'm very proud of Phillip and I want to thank him very much," said Reynolds.

Jenkins' body is expected to be brought back to Decatur Friday night.

Resistance Action

9.25.10 Canadian Press & September 26, 2010 By HAMID AHMED, The Associated Press & (Reuters)

BAGHDAD - Two mortar rounds landed in Baghdad's fortified Green Zone government and diplomatic enclave, a source in the Ministry of Interior said.

A car packed with explosives blew up Sunday near the former insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, killing four policemen. Police and hospital officials in Fallujah, about 40 miles (65 kilometers) west of Baghdad, said the dead in Sunday's bombing included a police lieutenant colonel. A policeman was also injured.

In Baghdad, militants killed a Culture Ministry employee.

BAGHDAD - Insurgents in a car opened fire and killed Laith Muhanad, an employee of the government's Integrity Commission, on Airport Road in western Baghdad, a source in the Ministry of Interior said. Assailants flagged down the car as he was driving on Baghdad's airport road and shot him.

Baghdad: An Electricity Ministry employee was wounded in a shooting, while two Cabinet aides were wounded in a car bombing, police said.

In Baghdad, a bomb attached to a car killed a traffic police officer in the centre of the city, said an official at Ibn al-Nafees hospital.

Elsewhere in Baghdad, police said a roadside bomb exploded in the western Mansour district, wounding two Iraqi soldiers

Near the Syrian border in northern Iraq, a bomb exploded near a passing army patrol, killing one soldier and wounding four, said officials at the Mosul police command.

A separate bombing in Mosul, about 225 miles (360 kilometres) northwest of Baghdad, wounded four police officers on patrol, the officials said.

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



The remains of Army Pvt. James F. McClamrock, Sept. 9, 2010 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. McClamrock, 22, of Huntersville, N.C., died Sept. 7 in Balad, Iraq of wounds sustained from small arms fire. (AP Photo/Steve Ruark)

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

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Two Foreign Occupation “Servicemembers” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Saturday: Nationality Not Announced

Sept. 25 Reuters

Two foreign servicemembers died following an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan today.

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Sept. 26 Reuters

Two foreign servicemembers died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan today.

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Sept. 25 AP

A foreign servicemember died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan today.

Soldier Killed By IED On Fifth Combat Tour

September 12, 2010 By David Laughlin, The Duncan Banner

DUNCAN — “I told them I didn’t want them here,” Vinson B. Adkinson Jr. said of the two military officials who he greeted on his porch Aug. 31.

Without being told, Adkinson knew why they were there. He was told that Staff Sergeant Vinson “Trinity” B. Adkinson III, his son, lost his life while serving his fifth tour-of-duty for the United States Army.

Adkinson Jr. had seen his son three months earlier while he was stateside for some rest and relaxation.

“We spent some time together a few months ago. We had a bonfire and went to the zoo,” Adkinson Jr. said. “The last time I talked to him he was in Dallas about to head back over.”

Interest in the armed forces was stoked early for the young Adkinson III. His father recalled the first toys Adkinson III played with were “G.I. Joes.”

“He played army outside, he trick or treated as an armyman,” Adkinson Jr. said. “Me and him spent a lot of time outside in the woods. He was born to be a soldier.”

When Adkinson III graduated from high school, he sought his father’s advice on what to do next with his life. Adkinson Jr. presented him with the idea of driving trucks. He told his son that he could get his truck driver’s license by joining the Army. Adkinson III needed no further instruction, he heeded his father’s advice and enlisted. “I taught him to be Army from an early age,” Adkinson Jr. said.

Adkinson III’s first tour was in Iraq, his father said.

“The truck he was driving got hit with an IED (improvised explosive device),” Adkinson Jr. said. “He lost some brothers. But, he volunteered to go back. He didn’t want to drive a truck, he drove on top of the Humvee with a .50 caliber.”

Adkinson III served two more tours in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. He served five tours overseas.

During Adkinson III’s fifth tour-of-duty, his second in Afghanistan, he lost his life when an IED exploded near his unit. Three other soldiers lost their lives in the attack: Sgt. Raymond C. Alcraz Jr., Spc. James A. Page, and Spc. Matthew E. George.

Sgt. David Shearouse, 24 of Georgia, was given the task of escorting Adkinson III’s remains home. Shearouse served with Adkinson III. “He always wanted to take point, he wanted to be the leader,” he said of his fallen comrade. “Everybody wanted to be like him. He was a good man. I lost my friend, my brother and my hero.”

Although Adkinson Jr. is facing unexplainable anguish, he finds strength in knowing his son's eternal home. "I wasn't afraid, I wasn't expecting it," Adkinson Jr. said. "He stands with God now and is walking on the streets of Gold."

A full military honor burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin. Anyone wishing to send condolences to the family can send them to PO Box 159 Comanche, Oklahoma, 73529.

Virginia Beach Soldier Killed In Afghanistan



Spc. Matthew Eric George, 22, had completed more than 180 missions with his platoon, serving as driver, gunner and dismount.

September 8, 2010 By Bill Sizemore, The Virginian-Pilot

A soldier from Virginia Beach was near the end of his deployment when he was killed in combat in Afghanistan last week.

Spc. Matthew Eric George, 22, was one of four American troops killed when insurgent s attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device.

George was assigned to the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, based in Bamberg, Germany.

The blast occurred Aug. 31 in Logar province.

A native of Portsmouth, George played Little League baseball and was an outdoors-man who enjoyed fishing and hunting. He attended Kempsville High School.

He enlisted in the Army in March 2009.

He had completed more than 180 missions with his platoon, serving as driver, gunner and dismount.

He is survived by his parents, Donnie and Bridget George of Virginia Beach, two sisters and a brother.

George was “a family person” who enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephews, said Crystal Hardy, his former wife. “He loved them to death,” she said. “They were his world.”

George and Hardy met while working at Kmart. Their marriage was brief, but the two stayed in touch.

He was looking forward to coming home in November, she said.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rosewood Kellum Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held later in Arlington National Cemetery.

In The First Eight Months Of 2009, IEDs Killed 322 And Wounded 1,813 Foreign Occupation Troops: “Because Of Their Simplicity, Many Of The Devices Continue To Avoid Detection Even By New Sophisticated Countermeasures Being Developed”

September 25, 2010 By Walter Pincus, Washington Post Staff Writer [Excerpts]

Through August, there have been 1,062 effective IED attacks against coalition forces that killed 292 and wounded 2,178 others. In the first eight months of 2009, there were only 820 such attacks that killed 322 and wounded 1,813, according to the latest figures released by the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO).

IEDs remain the main cause of troop deaths in the war with more than half the coalition’s 531 fatalities this year coming from the roadside bombings.

In its annual report for fiscal 2009, released earlier this month, Army Lt. Gen. Michael Oates, director of JIEDDO said, “IEDs in Afghanistan continued to present a significant threat” to coalition forces.

He described them as based on “simple, yet effective, technologies and designs such as Victim Operated IEDs (e.g., pressure plates) and Command Wire IEDs that often used large net explosive weight charges.”

Because of their simplicity, many of the devices continue to avoid detection even by new sophisticated countermeasures being developed, Oates said.

According to a JIEDDO fact sheet, 80 percent of the Afghan IEDs use homemade explosive components such as farm fertilizer, ammonium nitrate along with wood, saw blades and other everyday materials.

U.S. Military Fuel Supplies Blown Up In Pakistan, As Usual



Fire caused by an attack by militants on oil tankers for foreign military forces in Afghanistan, in Khyber near Peshawar, Pakistan on Sept. 24, 2010. (AP Photo/Qazi Rauf)

**There Is Hope For Afghanistan!!
“2,000 Afghan Police Officers Have Been
Killed Or Injured By Insurgents In The
Past Six Months”
“The Force Is Generally Regarded By
Ordinary Afghans As Ill-Disciplined,
Predatory And Corrupt”**

26 September 2010 ANP/AFP

Almost 2,000 Afghan police officers have been killed or injured by insurgents in the past six months as many are forced onto the frontline in the war against the Taliban, an official said Sunday.

Taliban-style bomb attacks, suicide bombings, direct clashes and military operations had killed 595 police officers and wounded another 1,345, said Zemarai Bashary, spokesman for the interior ministry.

Afghanistan's police force has long been asked to fight the spreading insurgency alongside soldiers, despite lacking the training and equipment of the army.

At the same time, the force is generally regarded by ordinary Afghans as ill-disciplined, predatory and corrupt, though a massive recruitment and training programme is boosting numbers and competence.

Police In Ghazni Defect To Taliban

26 September 2010 TOLONews

At least 4 police soldiers, along with two Ranger cars had disappeared Saturday in Afghanistan's Ghazni province, local officials said

The soldiers, along with two Ranger cars and some ammunition have been missing in the province's Muqur district since Saturday, Sayed Ismail Jahangir, a spokesman for the governor of Ghazni told TOLONews reporter.

Muqur is a relatively insecure district of Ghazni province that has witnessed insurgency attacks recently.

Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, said these soldiers, along with two cars and some ammunition, have surrendered themselves to the Taliban.

Killing Hearts And Minds For The Empire: “It Was Not Really A Protest,” Mr. Aziz Said. “It Was Actually An Insurrection”

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

September 25, 2010 By ROD NORDLAND, The New York Times [Excerpts]

Two separate airstrikes killed more than 70 Taliban insurgents on Saturday, NATO officials said, although some local residents said that civilians were among the victims.

In eastern Laghman Province, a combined force of Afghan and coalition soldiers airlifted troops into the Masooda village in the Alishing district to clear the area of insurgents, the international forces said in a statement. After coming under fire, they called for air support, and 32 insurgents were killed, according to Afghan police officials. NATO officials separately put the death toll at "more than 30."

Several hours after the early-morning engagement, according to the provincial police chief, Ghulam Aziz, a group of more than 100 local residents held an angry demonstration in Mihtarlam, the capital of the province, and police dispersed them with fire hoses and gunshots in the air.

"It was not really a protest," Mr. Aziz said. "It was actually an insurrection by some elements who want to disrupt security."

A Taliban spokesman, Zabiullah Majaheed, interviewed by cellphone, said that there had been no Taliban activity in the area and that all the victims were civilians.

U.S. Troops Dying To Defend A Pack Of Putrid Scum Called A Government:

Widespread Fraud In Latest Afghan Elections:

**"Candidates Accused The
President's Influential Half Brother,
Ahmed Wali Karzai, Of Drawing Up A
List Of Winners Even Before The
Sept. 18 Election"**

**"Ballot Stuffing; The Strong-Arming Of
Election Officials By Candidates' Agents;
And Even The Handcuffing Of Election
Workers"**

Lawmakers and opposition candidates openly accused the Karzais, and in particular Ahmed Wali Karzai, the most powerful official in Kandahar, of fixing the election for a list of favored candidates.

“Of the list of 50, it is already decided who will come” to Parliament, said Izzatullah Wasefi, an opposition candidate from Kandahar.

September 24, 2010 By ALISSA J. RUBIN and CARLOTTA GALL, The New York Times [Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan — Evidence is mounting that fraud in last weekend’s parliamentary election was so widespread that it could affect the results in a third of provinces, calling into question the credibility of a vote that was an important test of the American and Afghan effort to build a stable and legitimate government.

The complaints to provincial election commissions have so far included video clips showing ballot stuffing; the strong-arming of election officials by candidates’ agents; and even the handcuffing and detention of election workers.

In some places, election officials themselves are alleged to have carried out the fraud; in others, government employees did, witnesses said. One video showed election officials and a candidate’s representatives haggling over the price of votes.

Many of the complaints have come from candidates and election officials, but were supported by Afghan and international election observers and diplomats. The fraud appeared to cut both for and against the government of President Hamid Karzai, much of it benefiting sometimes unsavory local power brokers.

But in the important southern province of Kandahar, where election officials threw out 76 percent of the ballots in last year’s badly tainted presidential election, candidates accused the president’s influential half brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai, of drawing up a list of winners even before the Sept. 18 election for Parliament was carried out.

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Nur ul-Haq Uloomi, a member of Parliament who won the largest vote from Kandahar in 2005, and has since become an outspoken critic of the corruption and inefficiency of the Karzai government, accused Ahmed Wali Karzai of manipulating the vote to deny him another term.

He said he had sent one of his campaign managers to the chairman of the Independent Election Commission, Fazal Ahmad Manawi, in Kabul to warn of potential fraud before the election, but he was rebuffed.

“Mr. Manawi said: ‘We can do nothing about Kandahar because he is the brother of Karzai,’ “ Mr. Uloomi recounted.

In one Kandahar border district, Abdul Karim Achakzai, an independent candidate from Spinboldak, said three groups of election workers were handcuffed and detained for the entire day of the election by border police officers and prevented from conducting the vote in the Maruf district.

In the evening the polling papers with the results were brought to them to sign, but they refused. They were freed the next day after promising not to complain, he said.

Mr. Achakzai accused the provincial head of the border guards, Abdul Razziq, an ally of Ahmed Wali Karzai, of orchestrating the detention.

A cellphone video from an adjoining district showed men ticking dozens of ballots in favor of certain candidates.

The video, which was recorded surreptitiously by a candidate’s agent, also captured a candidate’s representatives and election officials inside a polling station haggling over the price of votes.

“You will get as many votes as you asked, just pay 72,000 Afghanis (\$1,500),” said the election official, who identified himself as the head of the polling center.

In the northern province of Takhar, several witnesses described gunmen threatening election workers and dragging voters to polling stations to vote for their candidate, Abdul Baqi. The abuse happened in Farkhar district, according to one witness, Hassibullah, 35.

“Mr. Baqi and his gunmen were slapping and pulling people to the ballot boxes to vote for him,” he said. “He is a very cruel man.”

After that, he added, they went to the women’s section of the polling station and forced the female employees of the Independent Election Commission to put more than 200 votes in their ballot box.

Abdul Haq, 50, another voter in Farkhar district, said that when he asked the security guards to stop beating people, one of them attacked him with a knife.

Mr. Baqi could not be reach by phone for comment.

The Independent Election Commission official for the district, Engineer Kebir, said that the supporters of the candidate “did make some disturbances and violent acts and were threatening each other.”

But, he insisted, “They did not disrupt the election process.”

As U.S. Troops Die In Vain, The Great Afghan Aid Fraud Rolls On: [No, This Is Not From The Onion] Afghan Government Cops Beat Up Kids And Steal U.S. Funded Kites From Them To Promote “Justice”

Asked why one of his officers was loading his truck with kites, Maj. Farouk Wardak, head of the criminal investigation division of the 16th Police District, said, “It’s okay, he’s not just a policeman, he’s my bodyguard.”

September 24, 2010 By ROD NORDLAND, The New York Times [Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan — It was an engaging idea.

Hundreds of children would gather on the iconic Nader Khan Hill in the capital, Kabul, on a gorgeous Friday in September and fly kites emblazoned with slogans lauding the rule of law and equality for women.

The kites, along with copies of the Afghan Constitution and justice-themed comic books, would be gifts of the United States, part of a \$35 million effort “to promote the use of Afghanistan’s formal justice system.”

“The mere portrait of 500 kites soaring in the winds, against a backdrop of beautiful mountain ranges, is enough to instill hope in even the most disheartened observer of the war-torn country,” said a promotional release for the festival, organized by an American contractor for the United States Agency for International Development.

What could possibly go wrong?

Almost everything but the wind.

For starters, Afghan policemen hijacked the event, stealing dozens of kites for themselves and beating children with sticks when they crowded too close to the kite distribution tent.

To be fair, the children were a little unruly, but they were also small.

Sometimes the officers just threatened them with sticks, and other times slapped them in the face or whacked them with water bottles.

“I told them to stop the policemen from taking the kites,” said Shakila Faqeer, a communications adviser for the contractor, DPK Consulting.

But the policemen appeared to ignore her.

Asked why one of his officers was loading his truck with kites, Maj. Farouk Wardak, head of the criminal investigation division of the 16th Police District, said, “It’s okay, he’s not just a policeman, he’s my bodyguard.”

The District 16 police chief, Col. Haji Ahmad Fazli, insisted on taking over from the American contractors the job of passing out the kites. He denied that his men were kite thieves. “We are not taking them,” he said. “We are flying them ourselves.”

At least he had not lost sight of the event’s goal. “It is so people can understand the rule of law, and it lets the kids get together instead of wandering on the streets,” he said.

It was not clear that the children had a much better grasp of the concept, but some did manage to get kites and were flying them, irregularly shaped patches of color soaring to impressive heights.

Most bore messages about the importance of gender equality, but there was hardly a girl with a kite, although plenty of girls were around.

One DPK staff member pushed through the crowd to give 10-year-old Shaqila Nabi a kite; her sister Farzana, 8, had wanted one, too, but a policeman had just swung at her with a stick and she had darted out of harm’s way, and out of sight.

The law and justice comic books were also a big hit. At one point, fed-up policemen, most of whom cannot read, just tossed piles of them in the dirt.

Mike Sheppard, the DPK project head, pronounced the event a success. “We just gave out a thousand kites in 20 minutes,” he said.

But another DPK staff member, Abdul Manem Danish, stood watching the kite thievery and casual police brutality with disdain.

His job was to administer a “kite event effectiveness survey” at the end to see if the festival had affected anyone’s attitudes about justice.

**THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO COMPREHENSIBLE
REASON TO BE IN THIS EXTREMELY HIGH RISK
LOCATION AT THIS TIME, EXCEPT THAT THE
PACK OF TRAITORS THAT RUN THE
GOVERNMENT IN D.C. WANT YOU THERE TO
DEFEND THEIR IMPERIAL DREAMS:
That is not a good enough reason.**



U.S. soldier from Task Force 1-66 returns fire after attack by the Taliban on the bank of the Arghandab River in Kandahar province September 9, 2010. REUTERS/Oleg Popov



U.S. soldiers from Task Force 1-66 call for air support as their unit is attacked by the Taliban, while patrolling on the bank of Arghandab River in Kandahar province September 9, 2010. REUTERS/Oleg Popov



U.S. marines from the 1st Light Armoured Reconnaissance Battalion search for roadside bombs while on patrol in a desert in Helmand, Afghanistan September 13, 2010. REUTERS/Erik de Castro

Comment Unnecessary



American soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division, at the edge of a field of marijuana plants, began to move after being fired on by insurgents on Tuesday near Haji Musa, Afghanistan. September 21, 2010 New York Times. Photo: Tyler Hicks/The New York Times

MILITARY NEWS

**Iraq And Afghanistan Veterans
Rally At Quantico To Defend
Pfc. Bradley Manning:
“Those Who Leak Such
Information To The Public Are
Doing A Service To The Country”
“What Endangers The Lives Of These
Soldiers Most Is The Government
That Sends Them To War”
“They’re Deployed In The First Place Into
Senseless Places”**



Rally for Bradley Manning. (Photo: mar is sea Y / Flickr)

At a rally Sunday, September 18, 2010, outside of the gates of Quantico Marine Base in Virginia, Iraq veterans spoke on behalf of a soldier imprisoned inside, Pfc. Bradley Manning.

Manning has been held in solitary confinement at Quantico for almost three months now, accused of being the source of the “Collateral Murder” video which was released in April by the online whistleblower web site WikiLeaks. The video shows US forces firing 30 mm cannons from helicopter gunships into a crowd in Baghdad, killing over a dozen Iraqis, including two Reuters journalists, and seriously wounding two children.

A former soldier from the ground unit that responded to the helicopter shooting seen in the now-infamous video described the incident as a typical moment in his 2007 deployment to Baghdad as part of the Surge. “It was by no means abnormal,” said the former soldier, Josh Stieber, who served 14 months in the New Baghdad neighborhood.

“That’s what the war looks like,” he told the crowd Sunday, while explaining that those who leak such information to the public are doing a service to the country.

“It’s important in order to even have a conversation on where soldiers are supposedly fighting on behalf of the American public,” he added, “for the American public to realize what kinds of situations soldiers are being put into.”

Matt Southworth, a former soldier who now works for the Friends Committee on National Legislation, a Quaker lobby on Capitol Hill, spoke to the crowd as well and echoed Stieber’s experience. “So many things were commonplace,” he said of his 2004 deployment to Mosul and Tal Afar in northern Iraq. “Abuses of Iraqi detainees, unjustified raids, unjustified trashing of peoples homes,” he says. “It was hard to qualify what was ‘right’ and what was ‘wrong.’”

Like Stieber, Southworth has a specific interest in the case of Manning.

As an intelligence analyst with the Army’s 2nd ID, Third Brigade, 1-14 Cavalry Squadron, he shared the same Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) as Private First Class Manning, which means they had roughly the same job.

And as a former intelligence analyst, he believes that whoever leaked the “Collateral Murder” video and the “Afghan War Diaries” was justified in doing so. “Exposing the things that happen, I think, is actually crucial,” he tells me. “It’s imperative that we really think about these things.”

Jacob George, a three-tour Afghanistan veteran who served with the Army Special Operations Command’s 528th Special Operations Support Battalion, has been publicly supporting Manning as well.

He too calls the accused a hero, if indeed he is the WikiLeaks source.

“He’s doing this country a favor,” he states bluntly. “I think whistle blowing is the only way to challenge the narrative of war that we have right now. The media and our government, which closely controls the media, doesn’t allow transparency

and cultivating transparency is the thing that (the WikiLeaks source) did. It is a heroic act.”

Though some military officials and political leaders have accused WikiLeaks of putting US troops and Afghan allies in harm's way by leaking the “Afghan War Diaries” documents, these former soldiers do not see this as an honest assessment.

“First and foremost” says Southworth, “we have to point out that what endangers the lives of these soldiers most is the government that sends them to war ... There is a legitimate concern about keeping people safe, but I don’t think these documents make anyone less safe than the fact that they’re deployed in the first place into senseless places, fighting just to fight.”

George does not see the “Afghan War Diaries” as exposing much more than what the average Afghan or US troop already knows, but rather, he sees it mainly as an intelligence report for the American public.

“The one thing that probably was alarming was that in almost every military operation that I looked through, there were civilian casualties,” he says. “One here, two there, sometimes five to ten ... when five to ten people are killed daily over the course of a few weeks, that adds up.”

“I really hope (we) spend more time thinking about the content of the documents rather than how whomever leaked them should be punished,” Southworth says.

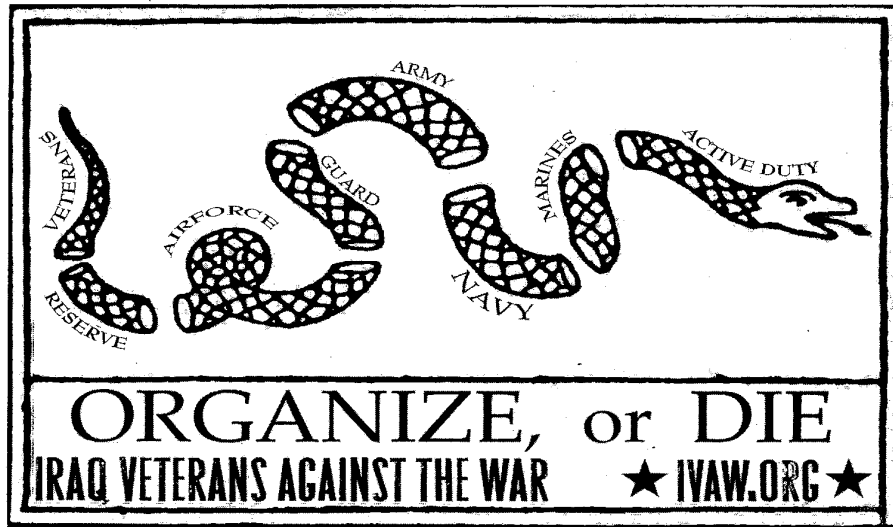
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POLITICIANS CAN’T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT THE BLOODSHED

THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE WARS

Standing Up For Bradley Manning At The Gates Of Fort Lewis: “The Response From Motorists On The Freeway Below The Rally Was Mostly Very Positive”



September 22, 2010, By Steve Leigh, Socialist Worker

SEATTLE--As part of a national day of action in support of Pfc. Bradley Manning, 50 members and supporters of Veterans for Peace and Iraq Veterans Against the War picketed outside the gates of Fort Lewis, 40 miles south of Seattle, on September 18.

Manning is accused of leaking military video and other documents on the U.S. war against Afghanistan to the muckraking Web site WikiLeaks. Manning is currently in a military prison in Quantico, Va., charged with the unauthorized use and disclosure of classified information. If convicted, he faces up to 52 years in prison.

Veterans for Peace feels that whoever leaked this information is a hero, since exposing the truth about the U.S. military's role in Afghanistan could help build even more opposition to a disastrous war--and ultimately save many lives.

To emphasize their support for whistleblowers, protesters blew whistles, waved to motorists and passed out leaflets in support of Manning and all whistleblowers.

The response from motorists on the freeway below the rally was mostly very positive--in line with polls that show public opposition to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In spite of attacks from the U.S. government and especially the Pentagon, support for Manning is growing around the U.S. and the world. The military brass say that the

WikiLeaks report will endanger the lives of U.S. troops and supporters of the U.S. in Afghanistan.

But what's really killing the troops and civilians in Afghanistan is the U.S. war itself.

Lawsuit Accuses CIA Of Using Inaccurate Pirated Software In Drone Attacks Murdering Civilians In Pakistan And Afghanistan: “They Want To Kill People With My Software That Doesn’t Work,’ Software Exec Tells Court”

[Thanks to Felicity Arbuthnot, who sent this in. She writes: “Not only do they regard killing as a computer game, they don’t even bother that’s it’s a faulty line sell off which doesn’t work (and at what point did killing from the air, so totally unable anyway to identify who you shouldn’t be aiming for in the first place become “legal”?) Truly sick, lawless times. With friends like US, Pakistan sure doesn’t need any enemies.”]

September 24th, 2010 By Daniel Tencer, Rawstory.com

‘They want to kill people with my software that doesn’t work,’ software exec tells court

The CIA used illegally pirated software to direct Predator drone attacks, despite apparently knowing the software was inaccurate, according to documents in an intellectual property lawsuit.

The lawsuit, working its way through a Massachusetts court, alleges that the CIA purchased a pirated and inaccurate version of a location analysis program, which may have incorrectly located targets by as much as 42 feet.

The allegation raises fresh questions about the CIA’s execution of drone attacks in Afghanistan and Pakistan, which are believed to have killed hundreds of civilians in the past four years.

And if the court decides to grant an injunction against users of the software, it could potentially halt the CIA’s drone attacks, at least temporarily, as the agency works to find a replacement.

Massachusetts-based Intelligent Integration Systems Inc., or IISI, has asked a judge to stop clients of IT firm Netezza from using software IISI says is pirated, reports The Register.

According to IISI, Netezza reverse-engineered a location analysis program called Geospatial and installed it on its own hardware, which it then sold to the CIA. Netezza had contracted IISI to build the software, but decided to create its own unauthorized version after the project suffered delays, the lawsuit alleges.

The CIA accepted the pirated software despite reportedly knowing it “produced locations inaccurate by up to 13 metres (42.6 feet),” reports The Register.

In a sworn deposition, IISI chief technical officer Richard Zimmerman said a Netezza executive pressured him to deliver the product before it was ready and told him it was their “patriotic duty” to build location software for CIA-operated drones.

Another Netezza executive reportedly asserted that the CIA would accept flawed software.

“My reaction was one of stun, amazement that they want to kill people with my software that doesn’t work,” Zimmerman said.

According to court documents, Netezza delivered its reverse-engineered software to the CIA in 2009.

“The potential for a software malfunction to cause serious havoc with an unmanned aerial vehicle, such as a Predator Drone, is no longer a matter of pure theory,” writes Bill Conroy at NarcoNews.

“Last month a Navy drone entered the airspace of the nation’s Capitol after being out of control for a half hour due to what the Navy called a ‘software issue.’

“If the CIA is using flawed software re-engineered by Netezza ‘to target predator drones in Afghanistan,’ as IISI’s pleadings in the lawsuit assert, then it is likely only a matter of time before innocent lives are compromised due to a ‘software issue.’ In that sense, IISI’s motion for a preliminary injunction, if successful, could be seen as a lifesaver,” Conroy argues.

Last year, the New American Foundation estimated that Predator drones killed 750 to 1,000 people in Pakistan between 2006 and 2009. About one third -- an estimated 320 people -- were believed to be civilians.

Pentagon Stupidity Achieves A New Pinnacle Of Success:

**9,500 Copies Of Afghanistan War
Memoir Are Bought And
Destroyed By Drooling Idiots Of
DoD “To Prevent The Disclosure
Of What It Considered To Be
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But 100 Copies Had Already Been
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There, Get It?]**

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September 24, 2010 By SCOTT SHANE, New York Times

The Defense Department confirmed on Friday that it had destroyed 9,500 copies of an Afghan war memoir by a former intelligence officer to prevent the disclosure of what it considered to be classified information, a Pentagon spokeswoman said.

Department officials on Monday observed the destruction of the books, the uncensored first printing of Anthony Shaffer’s “Operation Dark Heart,” the spokeswoman said. A second printing, with about 250 passages blacked out, went on sale Friday.

A person familiar with the negotiations said the Pentagon had paid St. Martin’s Press about \$5 a book, for a cost to taxpayers of nearly \$50,000.

Publishing executives say they believe it was the first time the government had destroyed a print run of a book to protect secrets.

About 100 uncensored advance copies of “Operation Dark Heart” were distributed before the Pentagon intervened, and some have sold online for as much as \$2,000.

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

**“Movements Are Bound To Be Confused
At The Beginning, Confused Because
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Moves Among Contradictions, Lack Of
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Because Of The Role That Prophets Still Play In Them”

On The History Of Early Christianity, By Friedrich Engels, *Die Neue Zeit*, Vol. 1, 1894-95
[Excerpts]

And just as those who have nothing to look forward to from the official world or have come to the end of their tether with it — opponents of inoculation, supporters of abstemiousness, vegetarians, anti-vivisectionists, nature healers, free-community preachers whose communities have fallen to pieces, authors of new theories on the origin of the universe, unsuccessful or unfortunate inventors, victims of real or imaginary injustice who are termed “good-for-nothing pettifoggers” by the bureaucracy, honest fools, and dishonest swindlers — all throng to the working-class parties in all countries — so it was with the first Christians.

All the elements which had been set free, i.e., at a loose end, by the dissolution of the old world came one after the other into the orbit of Christianity as the only element that resisted that process of dissolution — for the very reason that it was the necessary product of that process — and that it therefore persisted and grew while the other elements were but ephemeral flies.

There was no fanaticism, no foolishness, no scheming that did not flock to the young Christian communities and did not at least for a time and in isolated places find attentive ears and willing believers.

And like our first communist workers’ associations, the early Christians, too, took with such unprecedented gullibility to anything which suited their purpose

In fact, the struggle against a world that at the beginning was superior in force, and at the same time against the innovators themselves, is common to the early Christians and the socialists.

Neither of these two great movements was made by leaders or prophets — although there are prophets enough among both of them — they are mass movements.

And mass movements are bound to be confused at the beginning, confused because the thinking of the masses at first moves among contradictions, lack of clarity, and lack of cohesion, and also because of the role that prophets still play in them at the beginning.

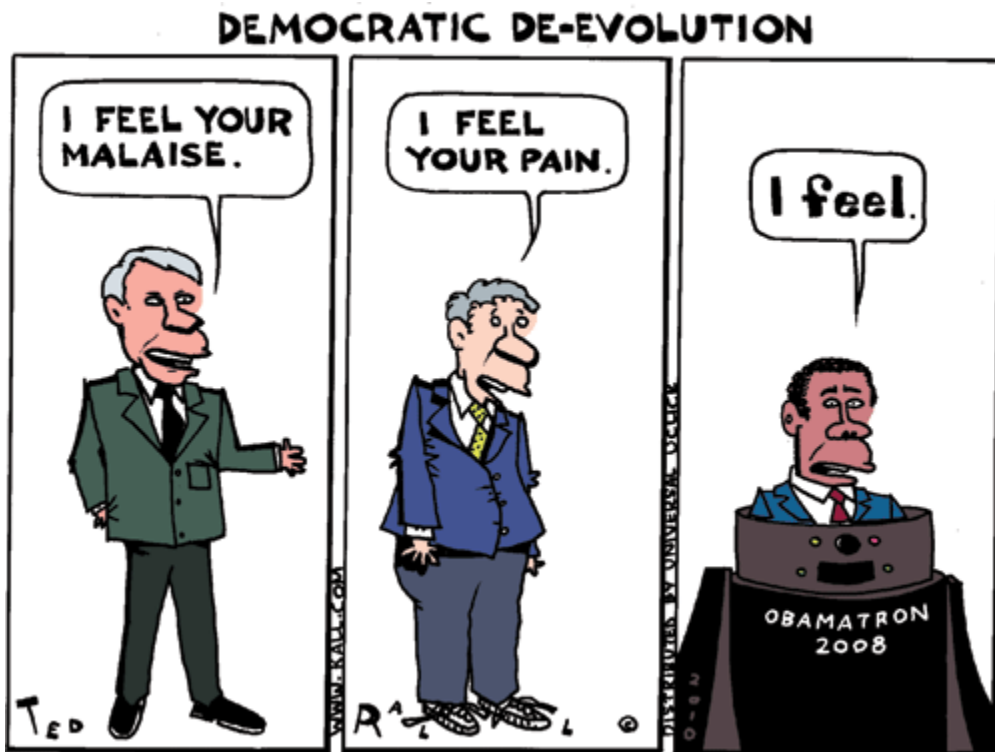
This confusion is to be seen in the formation of numerous sects which fight against one another with at least the same zeal as against the common external enemy.

So it was with early Christianity, so it was in the beginning of the socialist movement, no matter how much that worried the well-meaning worthies who preached unity where no unity was possible.

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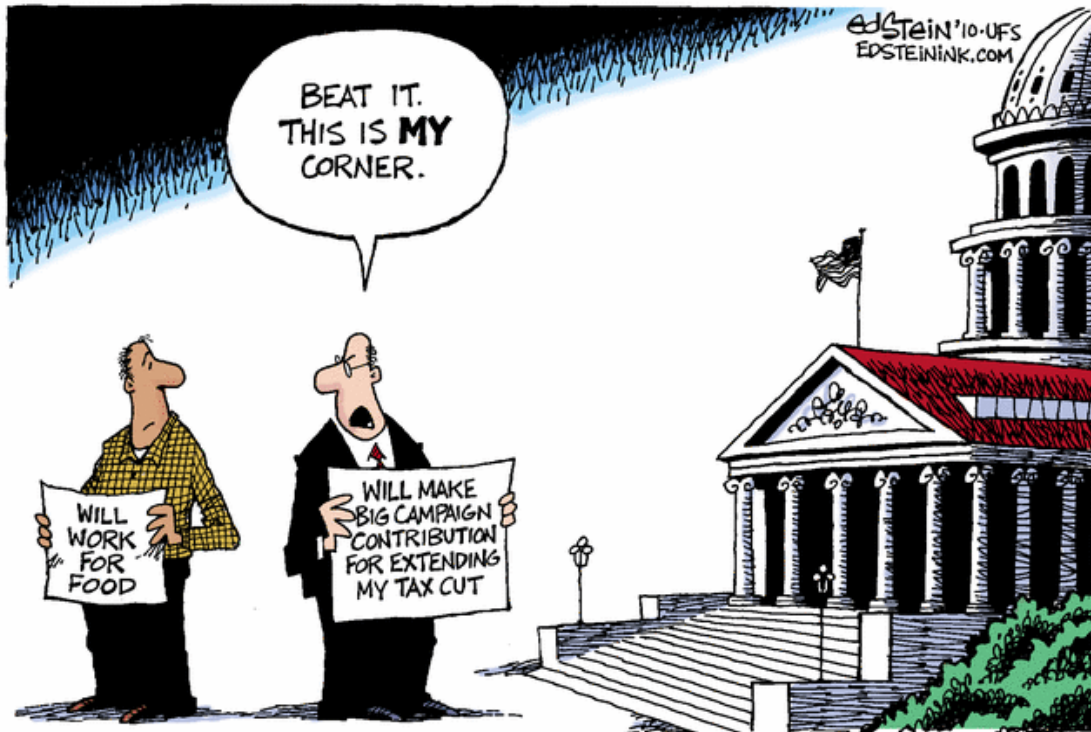
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