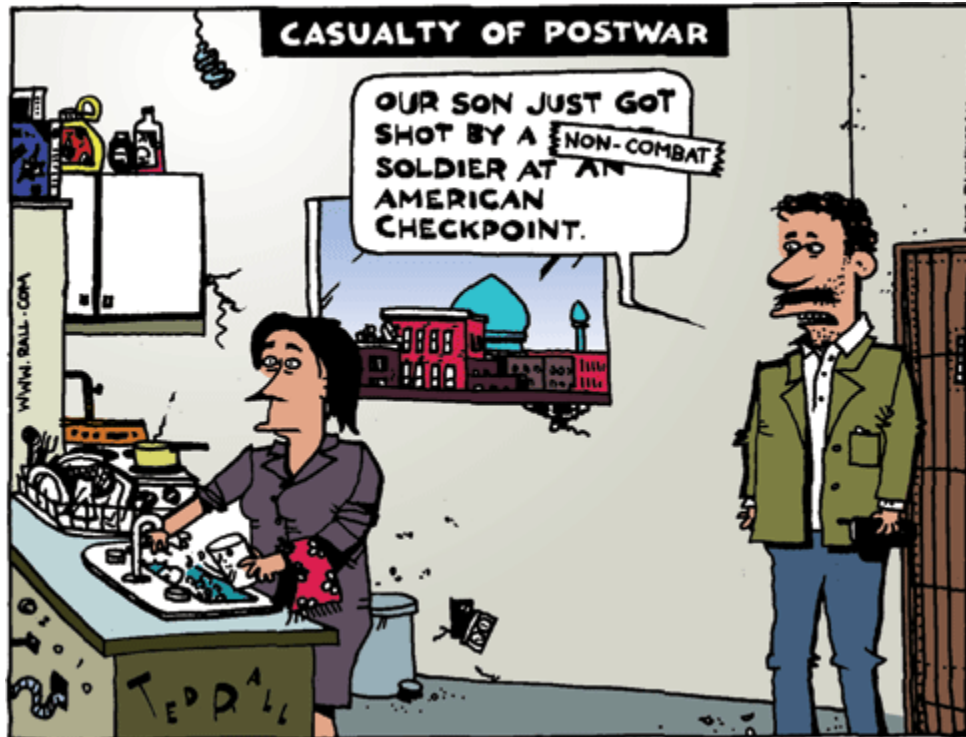


## Military Resistance 8J1



## IRAQ WAR REPORTS

**Betrayed And Abandoned:  
Catonsville Soldier Died Awaiting  
Treatment For Illness, Family  
Says:  
Parents Ask Why He Wasn't Airlifted  
To Another Facility:**

# “A 32-Year-Old Man Should Not Die From Something Like This”



Sgt. John F. Burner III (Baltimore Sun / September 22, 2010)

**If he had been in the field and shot in the head, he would have been taken to Germany immediately,” the father said. Instead, “during transit, he looked for medical help, and they denied it to him,” Mr. Burner said. “He was told that the medical lab was down and testing wasn’t available.”**

September 22, 2010 By Liz F. Kay, The Baltimore Sun

John Burner Jr. always worried about the safety of his sons while they served in Iraq, but he was confident in the medical response for injured comrades.

But the Catonsville man is left with doubts about the military’s treatment of noncombat ailments after his eldest, Sgt. John F. Burner III, 32, died Thursday in Iskandariya while awaiting treatment for a respiratory illness as he traveled to join his battalion.

“You’re trained in trauma, but you’re not trained for the common cold, or flu, or H1N1,” said John Burner, 56.

His son was a satellite systems team chief assigned to the 63rd Signal Battalion (Expeditionary), 35th Signal Brigade in Fort Gordon, Ga., which deployed Aug. 21.

If he had been in the field and shot in the head, he would have been taken to Germany immediately,” the father said. Instead, “during transit, he looked for medical help, and they denied it to him,” Mr. Burner said. “He was told that the medical lab was down and testing wasn’t available.”

**Medical officials at Dover Air Force Base performed an autopsy, Mr. Burner said, though he was told it may be six months before a report is released. [Meaning the Army will have the results by now, but is refusing to tell the family what the findings are. T]**

Soldiers are evaluated before deploying and receive medical care if needed, Cynthia Vaughan, an Army spokeswoman, wrote in an e-mail. "If a soldier becomes symptomatic or ill in transit, he or she is evacuated to the closest medical facility," she wrote.

In response to questions about whether that protocol was followed for Sgt. Burner, Vaughan said that privacy laws prohibit discussion of an individual's care. **[An incredibly stupid lie. The privacy law applies to the living: next of kin can establish their lawful right to all medical care information. If this stupid lie were true, no husband or wife could sue a doctor or hospital who negligently killed their loved one, because the guilty party could refuse to release the medical information proving negligence. And that has never happened and never will. Stupid lie; inept reporter not catching it. T.]**

Army officials have reported negligence in recorded interviews, John Burner's father said.

He cautioned that he's "not trying to destroy the Army" — their youngest son, Carl, is an Army Reserve sergeant and is home on funeral leave from a tour in Balad, Iraq.

But John Burner and his wife, Sandra, want to know what happened and whether procedures exist to prevent a similar tragedy.

"They're doing what they can to conclude the investigation," the father said. "You really cannot guess anything. You have to wait for the investigation to go all the way through."

Born to a family with a military history stretching back to the Revolutionary War, John F. Burner III enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1996 shortly after he graduated from Catonsville High School, where he played football. He met his wife, Verena, while stationed in Germany, and returned with her to Fort Gordon. The couple have two daughters: Celina, 10; and Caitlyn, 6.

During his 13-year career, he had been deployed to Bosnia as well as two other tours in Iraq. He will be awarded the Bronze Star posthumously, his father said.

Sgt. Burner had pneumonia in the spring, but had fully recovered.

**His family was told that he had passed out while in his first stop in Kuwait, where he had stayed for several weeks to train other soldiers while the rest of his battalion continued on to Camp Kalsu in Iraq. He first reported being sick on Sept. 12 and saw a doctor in Kuwait the next day.**

**The facility was supposed to have a full medical facility, the father said. However, "the blood testing had already been shipped out."**

**Doctors prescribed him antibiotics, an inhaler and medication for post-nasal drip and confined him to quarters, Mr. Burner said.**

**"They are in transit. You have to wait.' Those were their words," the father said.**

**While he was confined to quarters, staff members were required to check on him several times a day as well as bring him meals.**

**The sergeant told his wife via Skype on Wednesday that he got only one meal on one day, and none the next.**

That night, she called her husband's parents in Catonsville, frantic.

**They promised her they would call the Red Cross and their congressman in the morning.**

**But it was too late.**

**They received a visit from an Army chaplain at 7 a.m.**

With the help of Rep. Elijah Cummings' office, their request for John Burner to be buried in Arlington was expedited, and the funeral will be held on October 13. A viewing has been scheduled from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Hubbard Funeral Home in Catonsville. .

"If better practices were in place, maybe no one would have to go through this," John Burner said.

"Has it happened before? I don't want it to happen again.

"A 32-year-old man should not die from something like this," he said.

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## **Green Zone "Under An Intensifying Barrage Of Rocket Attacks" "At The U.S. Embassy, 'Duck And Cover' Sirens Have Become A Regular Occurrence"**

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

September 29, 2010 By STEVEN LEE MYERS and THOM SHANKER, New York Times [Excerpts]

BAGHDAD - The heavily fortified Green Zone in Iraq's capital has in recent weeks come under an intensifying barrage of rocket attacks.

The attacks -- 23 in the last month, including two on Wednesday -- have alarmed U.S. officials and raised questions about the ability of Iraq's security forces to stamp out attacks on the capital's governmental and diplomatic core.

They have coincided with President Obama's declaration on Aug. 31 of the end of the U.S. combat mission in Iraq and the fitful negotiations among Iraq's major political blocs to choose a new government.

At the U.S. Embassy, "duck and cover" sirens have become a regular occurrence.

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

### **Resistance Action**

Sept 27 (Reuters) & Sept 28 (Reuters) & Sept 29 (Reuters) Sept. 30 By QASSIM  
ABDUL-ZAHRA (AP) & Oct 1 (Reuters)

A roadside bomb exploded and killed two members of an anti-insurgent militia, and wounded seven others in southern Baghdad, according to police and hospital officials.

BAGHDAD - Insurgents in a speeding car opened fire and wounded a senior security officer, Lieutenant Colonel Ahmed Abdul-Wahid Alwan, in the Karrada district of central Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

MOSUL - Insurgents shot dead a policeman in a crowded market in the centre of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb went off near an Iraqi army checkpoint killing one soldier in eastern Mosul, police said.

MOSUL - Insurgents opened fire at a police checkpoint and killed one policeman in southern Mosul, late on Thursday, police said. Two policemen were wounded when a roadside bomb went off as they were chasing the guerrillas.

KIRKUK - A roadside bomb wounded an off-duty policeman when it went off near his house northwest of Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, on Tuesday, police said.

NEAR SAMARRA - Insurgents killed a police officer late on Tuesday after they stormed his house in Ragga village near Samarra, 100 km (62 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - A sticky bomb attached to a police officer's car exploded and wounded him in the Baladiyat district of eastern Baghdad, a Ministry of Interior source said.

KIRKUK - Explosives in a booby-trapped house used by an armed group went off when an Iraqi police and army patrol tried to raid it, wounding three soldiers, in Hawija, 210 km (130 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army foot patrol wounded two soldiers in western Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

KIRKUK - A parked car bomb targeting a convoy of Kirkuk's police chief, Colonel Ahmed Shamirani, wounded him and five others, in southern Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

TIKRIT - A bomb went off near the house of an Iraqi government intelligence officer and wounded his brother in central Tikrit, 150 km (95 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

BAIJI - A roadside bomb went off near a security checkpoint of a government-backed militia and wounded three of its members in Baiji, 180 km (112 miles) north of Baghdad on Sunday, police said.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Vermont Marine Killed In Helmand**



The body of 20-year-old Lance Cpl. Anthony Rosa is scheduled to arrive at the Burlington, Vermont International Airport at noon on Wednesday. Rosa was killed Sept. 23 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. (AP Photo/USMC)

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# Four Georgian Servicemen Killed In Helmand

October 01, 2010 NEWS.am

Four Georgian servicemen Colonel Ramaz Gigiashvili, Sergeant Davit Tsetskhladze, Corporal Giorgi Kolkhitashvili and Nugzar Kalandadze were killed in an explosion in the Helmand province of Afghanistan.

The soldiers died due to a mine explosion, while carrying out patrols.

The Georgian Defense Ministry does its utmost to transport the bodies of killed soldiers to home in the shortest term.

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## Two Romanian Soldiers Killed In Zabul

01.10.2010 Ministerul Apărării Naționale

Friday, October 1, around 10:30 (GMT), Sergeant Major Marius Cristian Florin Sfecheș and Petru Filip soldier killed in action during the performance of a mission in Afghanistan after an improvised explosive device attack on a Humvee vehicle where they were.

The attack occurred in Zabul province, about 40 km north-east of Qalat, in the explosion were injured also Corporal Basil Zbâncă.

Wounded soldier was transported in accordance with procedures, medical evacuation by helicopter to the military hospital Base Lagman and in present state is stable. Soldier wounded and two soldiers who were killed were part of 812 Maneuver Battalion "Falcons Carpathians". Sergeant Marius Florin Sfecheș was 25 years old and unmarried. Cristian-Petru Filip soldier was 26 years old and unmarried.

Minister of National Defence has signed orders Gabriel Oprea rank of Second Lieutenant post mortem of the two soldiers who sacrificed their lives under the national flag colors, committing acts of exceptional devotion during the execution of the mission in the theater of operations in Afghanistan.

Also, Romania's defense minister has submitted proposals for awarding President of Second Lieutenant post mortem Marius Cristian Florin Sfecheș and Petru Filip National Order Romania's Star in rank of Knight, military, with the war.

Gabriel Oprea Minister of National Defence and Chief of General Staff, Admiral Gheorghe Marin, expresses deep regret for the loss of lives of two comrades are with the families and sorely tried, carefully watching developments in the health of Corporal Basil Zbâncă.

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## **Foreign Occupation “Servicemember” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Wednesday: Nationality Not Announced**

Sept. 29 AP

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

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## **Foreign Occupation “Servicemember” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Tuesday: Nationality Not Announced**

Sept. 29 AP

A foreign servicemember died following an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan yesterday.

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## **Foreign Military Vehicle Damaged In Attack Near Kandahar Airport; Casualties Not Announced**

30 September 2010 TOLONews

An attack on a U.S. convoy occurred near the airport in Kandahar, a Taliban stronghold. The attacker detonated explosives while in his vehicle, causing the casualties, said Zulmai Ayubi, a spokesman for the Kandahar governor.

A NATO spokesman confirmed the blast caused substantial damage to buildings in the immediate area and left a significant crater in the highway. One foreign military vehicle was damaged in the attack, he said. The Taliban claimed responsibility.

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# Airman Remembered For Energetic Personality

Sep 21, 2010 By Scott Fontaine - Staff writer, Army Times

Daniel Sanchez was always in motion. He jumped off roofs and scaled fences as a kid, once getting into trouble for skateboarding off a shed onto the neighbor's trampoline. It only seemed natural that Sanchez became a combat controller when he joined the Air Force.

"He was always just go, go, go," his mother, Yvette Duchene, told Air Force Times. "When his instructor talked to us (at boot-camp graduation), it was the first time I found out what a combat controller was. He told us — and pardon my French — that my son would be a badass."

Sanchez, 23, suffered a gunshot wound Sept. 16 on a deployment to Afghanistan, dying at a medical facility in Oruzgan province. The Pentagon hasn't released much information on his death, and Duchene said she hasn't been told much.

The El Paso, Texas, native served with the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

"This terrible loss is evidence of the ultimate sacrifice our men in Air Force Special Operations Command make to protect our country and our way of life," squadron commander Maj. Chris Larkin said in a release. "Danny was a fine airman and a valuable member of our close community, and he will be sorely missed. My deepest sympathies go out to the Sanchez family."

Sanchez joined the Air Force in 2006. He was seeking direction in life after graduating from high school and had considered joining the fire department. A friend told him about the Air Force special operations community, and he was sold, Duchene said.

She didn't want him to join because of the two ongoing wars, but he was adamant. Even when the training reached its most difficult, Sanchez told Duchene over the phone that he wasn't ready to give up.

"Mom," he told her, "I can't not do this. I'm not going to quit."

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

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

# Resistance Action



A bombing in Ghazni, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, Sept. 28, 2010. The bomber rammed a motorized rickshaw loaded with explosives into one of two vehicles in a convoy taking Deputy Gov. Khazim Allayar to his office in Ghazni city, killing him. (AP Photo/Rahmatullah Naikzad)

September 28, 2010 The Associated Press

**Deputy governor Mohammad Kazim Allahyar and several men travelling with him were killed instantly when the attacker detonated his explosives at the back of their car near the airport in Ghazni city, provincial police chief Delawar Zahid told Reuters.**

The explosion occurred when the official was driving in Ghazni city toward his office. The bomber rammed a motorized rickshaw into one of the vehicles in the two-car convoy, sparking a large blast.

The dead included Deputy Gov. Allayar, his adult son, a nephew and a bodyguard, Zahid said. Two civilians nearby were also killed in the blast and a number of others wounded, he said.

Allayar had held the post for more than seven years. He survived a bombing attempt just two months ago in Ghazni city.

The bodies were so badly burnt that there was some confusion about the identity of the other victims.

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# **Attack In Pakistan Wipes Out Convoy Of Military Supplies: “Assailants Destroyed Nearly 40 Vehicles, Mostly Tankers Bringing Oil To Foreign Troops In Afghanistan”**



Trucks and tankers carrying supplies for U.S. forces in Afghanistan burn following an attack in Shikarpur district of the southern Sindh province. (AFP/Shahid Ali)

[Thanks to Felicity Arbuthnot, who sent this in.]

30 September 2010 BBC & 10/01/10 By Ben Arnoldy, Staff writer, The Christian Science Monitor & IANS

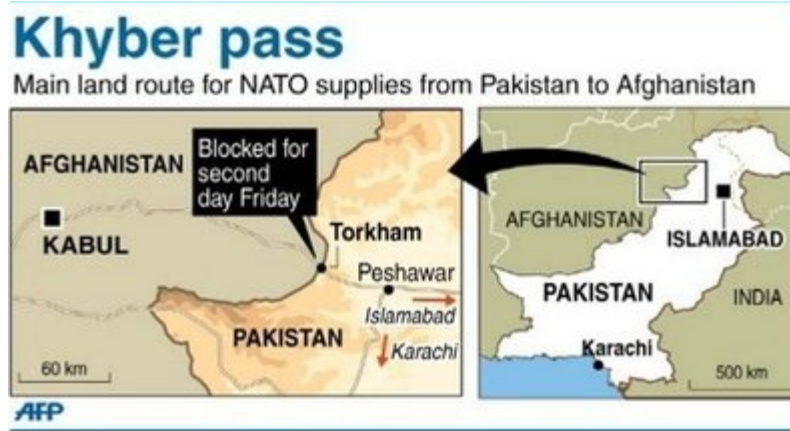
Unknown assailants destroyed nearly 40 vehicles, mostly tankers bringing oil to foreign troops in Afghanistan, on a nighttime raid in southern Pakistan early Friday.

The ambush took place around 2 a.m. near Shikarpur Super Highway where over 30 fuel tankers were parked at a fuel station.

The trucks had halted overnight in the town of Shikarpur en route to the only border crossing into Afghanistan that remains open following Pakistan's closure of the Khyber Pass to U.S. military suppliers Thursday morning.

“Shikarpur police have placed stern cordon around the district,” Saeed Ahmed, district coordination officer, said. Nearly 15-20 men were behind the attack, he added.

Trucks had only recently started to pass through Shikarpur when a road was reopened that had been washed out by floods this summer.



The Torgham crossing point on the Khyber pass land route between Pakistan and Afghanistan, blocked for the second day on Friday. (AFP/Graphic)

“If these attacks become frequent and they begin to take a heavy toll on the supply lines then I think it could be a huge source of worry.

**“As the Americans increase their numbers they become ever more dependent on this stable route through Pakistan,” says Rifaat Hussein, a strategic analyst at Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad.**

**He says that assaults on military supply trucks are often revenge attacks for drone strikes.**

**Pakistan closed the Khyber Pass border crossing following several recent border incursions by U.S. forces.**

**Security officials Thursday ordered the forces at Torgham border to block oil tankers and trucks at a checkpoint sharing border with Afghanistan, hours after a coalition force helicopter attacked a Pakistani border post, killing three soldiers.**

**Interior Minister Rehman Malik said after the border attack on Thursday: “We will have to see whether we are allies or enemies.”**

Some 80 percent of the fuel and other nonlethal supplies for the war effort travel through Pakistan, according to the Associated Press.

The torched tankers had been parked for the night at a gas station, says local district coordination officer Saeed Ahmed Mangnejo.

Rehmatullah Soomro, a reporter for the newspaper Dawn who interviewed some of the drivers, says they told him they were headed to Kandahar. Mr. Soomro says few witnessed the attack but some say the attackers came in Toyota Land Cruisers and used rocket launchers.

Trucks ferrying military supplies through Shikarpur are all headed toward Kandahar; trucks headed to Kabul through the Khyber Pass go a different route, says Mr. Mangnejo. But, he says, trucks had not been seen around town for weeks until two days ago when a road connecting Shikarpur was fixed.

While the floods caused rerouting of trucks heading to Kandahar, the trucks heading to Kabul seem less disrupted.

Interviews with Pakistani truckers in Kabul last week indicated that the floods did not force any major rerouting of lorries heading through Pakistan's northwestern province of Khyber-Pakhtunwa. Drivers showed cellphone videos of widespread damage to their villages, but they said the road network for trucks remained intact.



Smoldering oil trucks in Shikarpur, southern Pakistan on Oct. 1, 2010. Militants set ablaze at tankers carrying fuel for U.S. troops in Afghanistan on Friday. (AP Photo/Aaron Favila)

**MORE:**

**“Studies Are Establishing A Strong Relationship Between Fuel Consumption And Casualty Rates Due To Fuel And Water Convoy Protection”**

[Thanks to Felicity Arbuthnot, who also sent this in. She writes: "If you cut through the undergrowth of the below, delivery is pretty well a suicide mission."]

26 Feb 2010 Army-Technology.com [Excerpts]

Studies are establishing a strong relationship between fuel consumption and casualty rates due to fuel and water convoy protection.

In November 2009, Deloitte released a report called "Energy security – America's best defense; a study of increasing dependence on fossil fuels in wartime, and its contribution to ever higher casualty rates", written by General Charles F Wald (USAF ret.) and Tom Captain (Deloitte's vice chair).

Its findings are echoed by the Army Environmental Policy Institute in a report titled "Sustain the mission project: casualty factors for fuel and water resupply convoys".

This study develops a methodology for calculating casualty factors for fuel and water resupply convoys in theatre operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Casualties calculated include army soldiers and civilians killed or wounded while transporting fuel to consuming units and forward operating bases in theatre.

**The casualty factor for fuel resupplies in Afghanistan is 0.042, which is 0.042 casualties for every fuel-related resupply convoy or almost one casualty for every 24 fuel resupply convoys.**

The report first tries to determine the proportion of resupply casualties related to fuel resupply.

It estimates that an average annual load allocation for convoys in theatre in Afghanistan and Iraq is about 50% fuel, 20% water and 30% other in terms of volume. The average number of fuel-related casualties per convoy is calculated by dividing the fuel-related resupply casualties by the total number of fuel-related convoys.

The report provides the following important statistics:

In Afghanistan:

- Fuel transported in theatre in FY2007: 87,731,302gal or 2.1 million barrels
- Average capacity of a 16-supply-truck convoy: 97,818 gal
- Number of full-up fuel convoys required a year: 897.

A smarter metric would calculate the casualty factor per amount of fuel consumed.

**That metric is that every 55,702 barrels of fuel burned in Afghanistan by the US military forces corresponded to one casualty.**

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# **Occupation Attacks Slaughter More Afghan Kids And Other Civilians, As Usual: “None Of The Foreign Soldiers And Taliban Insurgents Have Suffered Casualties In These Attacks”**

Sept. 30, 2010 TOLONews & Al Jazeera

Seven civilians were killed and 3 others were wounded in U.S. air-strikes in separate incidents in central and southern Afghanistan on Wednesday

Residents in the Central Logar province say a tank of the American forces was hit by a road-side mine blast in the province's Baraki Barak district on Wednesday night, after which U.S. forces started air-bombardments in the province killing three civilians.

An investigation is underway regarding the incident, said the governor of Logar, Din Mohammad Darwish.

Taliban has claimed responsibility for planning last night's attack and say they have inflicted casualties on the foreign forces.

Foreign military officials have made no comments about the attacks so far.

A raid in Afghanistan's eastern Ghazni province has killed four children and wounded three adults, an Afghan official has said.

Sher Khan Yousafzai, the chief of Andar district, told the local Pajhwok Afghan News that the Nato raid on Wednesday occurred after a joint patrol by Afghan and foreign forces came under attack.

NATO also confirmed Thursday that an assessment team had determined that four Afghan civilians were killed and three were wounded during an operation Wednesday in Andar district of Ghazni province in the east.

The coalition said the civilians were killed when Afghan and foreign troops came under fire from about eight insurgents.

A U.S. helicopter fired and struck a group of unarmed civilians.

None of the foreign soldiers and Taliban insurgents have suffered casualties in these attacks.

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## **NO MISSION; POINTLESS WAR: ALL HOME NOW**



A U.S. soldier from Task Force 1-66 patrols near the village of Mohammad D'Jakub, Arghandab River valley, Kandahar province, September 13, 2010. REUTERS/Oleg Popov

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## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

### **Insurgent Group Burns 10 Million Of Government Money**

Sep 29, 2010 GAROWE ONLINE

Somalia's hard-line Al-Shabaab group on Tuesday set fire Somali Shillings in the Kuntuwaarey district of the Lower Shabelle region in southern Somalia, according to Al-Shabaab's regional chairman, Radio Garowe reports.

Al-shabaab regional chairman, Sheikh Mohammed Abu Abdalla, said that they had collected Somali money printed by the Somali Transitional Federal Government from businessmen in the district.

"We collected Somali Shilling from businessmen in Kuntuwaarey district, we arrested people who were behind of bringing shillings mostly are businessmen in this regions," said Abu Abdalla.



However, businessmen claimed that Al-shabaab forcibly collected the money which is approximately 10 million Somali shillings [**\$6250.00 U.S.**]

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

### **HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WARS?**



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 while on June 21, 2010. (AP Photo/Robert E. Klein)

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## **Former Navy Lt. Commander Charged With Bribery In An \$800,000 Bid Fixing And Bribery Scheme Involving Two Projects At Camp Taji In Iraq**

October 1, 2010 By Tim McGlone, The Virginian-Pilot

A federal indictment unsealed Thursday charges a former Navy lieutenant commander and two others in an \$800,000 bid fixing and bribery scheme involving two projects at Camp Taji in Iraq.

Frankie J. Hand Jr., 48, who retired in 2008, was charged with defrauding the United States, bribery and receiving illegal gratuities. Hand was arrested Thursday.

While stationed at Camp Taji in 2007, Hand developed a relationship with Michelle L. Adams, 44, who owned Global Procurement Inc., a government contractor, according to the indictment. The indictment alleges that Hand assisted Adams in obtaining a \$300,000 contract to install dining equipment at a facility for Iraqi forces.

Hand then became a silent partner with Adams in another company that obtained a \$458,000 contract to renovate electric and sewer systems at Iraqi dining facilities, the indictment charges.

Hand is accused of getting about \$19,000 in kickbacks for his role, all of which were allegedly deposited into his Navy Federal Credit Union account in this region in \$1,000 increments. Through the process, Hand is accused of obtaining competitor bids, using that information to his and Adams' advantage, and paying off Navy personnel to get Adams the contracts.

The indictment also charges that Hand received kickbacks from alleged co-conspirator Peter Dunn, an associate of Adams who was also charged. Dunn was arrested in Florida this week.

The indictment also claims that Hand and Dunn provided watches, jewelry, liquor and other items to unindicted co-conspirators to smooth the process. One uncharged accomplice, at the time a sergeant in the Air Force, received nearly \$50,000 plus a \$500 watch for his assistance, the indictment says.

The indictment says the conspiracy lasted nearly a year, beginning in May 2007. At the time, Hand was a senior adviser to the support unit at Camp Taji, just north of Baghdad. The unit was in charge of helping Iraqi military and police forces.

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## **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.

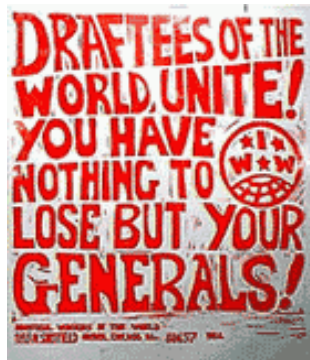
“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

Frederick Douglass, 1852

Hope for change doesn't cut it when you're still losing buddies.

-- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War

## **September 28, 1917: IWW Members Indicted For Doing The Right Thing: “Trying To Cause Insubordination, Disloyalty, And Refusal Of Duty In The Military And Naval Forces”**



Carl Bunin Peace History Sept 27 - Oct 3

166 people who were (or had been) active in the I.W.W. (Industrial Workers of the World, whose members were also known as Wobblies) were indicted for protesting World War I.

They were accused of trying to “cause insubordination, disloyalty, and refusal of duty in the military and naval forces” in violation of the Espionage Act. One hundred and one defendants were found guilty, and received prison sentences ranging from days to twenty years, with accompanying fines of \$10,000-\$20,000.

This was part of a successful U.S. government campaign to cripple the radical union movement. [Successful, that is, until the revolutionary Russian working class took power a month later, in October 1917, got their soldiers out of Imperial World War I, and lit a fire that spread over the world, including here in the USA. Oops. T]

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***The Jerry Rescue:***  
**Most Honorable Anniversary:**  
**October 1, 1851**  
**“A Group Of Men Forcibly Overpowered  
The Guards With Clubs And Axes And  
Freed Jerry A Second Time”**

Carl Bunin Peace History October 1-7

**In the “Jerry Rescue,” citizens of Syracuse, New York, broke into the city’s police station and freed William Henry (called Jerry), a runaway slave working as a barrel-maker.**

The federal Fugitive Slave Law required “good citizens” to assist in the return of those who had fled “ownership” by another.

**A group of black and white men created a chaotic diversion and managed to free Jerry but he was later re-arrested.**

**At his second hearing, a group of men, their skin color disguised with burnt cork, forcibly overpowered the guards with clubs and axes and freed Jerry a second time; he was then secretly taken over the border to Canada.**

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NYHistory.com

Among the more interesting events in Syracuse history is the story of the Jerry Rescue.

The event occurred on October 1, 1851, while the anti-slavery Liberty Party was holding its New York State Convention.

Leaders of the local Abolition movement, including Underground Railroad Stationmaster Jermain Loguen and others, had organized a local committee to thwart enforcement of the recently adopted Fugitive Slave Law.

The previous May, then Secretary of State Daniel Webster repeated his previous criticism of the Abolitionists and their promise to thwart the law. Webster proclaimed

from a balcony facing Syracuse City Hall that the law “will be executed in all the great cities - here in Syracuse - in the midst of the next Anti-Slavery Convention, if the occasion shall arise.”

And so it did.

**Around noon on October 1, federal marshals from Rochester, Auburn, Syracuse, and Canandaigua, accompanied by the local police, arrested a man who called himself Jerry. also known as William Henry.**

Jerry was working as a barrel maker, and was arrested at his workplace. He was originally told the charge was theft until after he was in manacles. On being informed that he was being arrested under the Fugitive Slave Law, he put up substantial resistance, but was subdued.

Word of the arrest quickly reached the Convention, then in session at a nearby church. There are reports that the wife of Commissioner Sabine, who would hear the case, had already leaked plans of the arrest.

By pre-arranged signal, church bells began ringing, and a crowd gathered at Sabine's office, where Jerry had been taken for arraignment.

An immediate effort to free the prisoner was unsuccessful, and though he escaped to the street in irons, he was rapidly recaptured.

The arraignment was put off until evening and relocated to a larger room. A large crowd gathered in the street, this time equipped for a more serious rescue attempt.

**With a battering ram the door was broken in and despite pistol shots out the window by one of the deputy marshals, it became clear that the crowd was too large and determined to be resisted.**

**The prisoner was surrendered, and one deputy marshal broke his arm jumping from a window to escape the crowd.**

**The injured prisoner was hidden in the city for several days in the home of a local butcher know for his anti-abolitionist sentiments, and later taken in a wagon to Oswego, where he crossed Lake Ontario into Canada.**

The following day, Gerrit Smith introduced the following resolution, adopted at the Liberty Party convention:

“WHEREAS, Daniel Webster, That base and infamous enemy of the human race, did in a speech of which he delivered himself, in Syracuse last Spring, exultingly and insultingly predict that fugitive slaves would yet be taken away from Syracuse and even from anti-slavery conventions in Syracuse, and whereas the attempt to fulfill this prediction was delayed until the first day of October, 1851, when the Liberty party of the State of New York were holding their annual convention in Syracuse; and whereas the attempt was defeated by the mighty uprising of 2,500 brave men, before whom the half-dozen kidnappers were ‘as tow’, therefore,

“Resolved, That we rejoice that the City of Syracuse- the anti-slavery city of Syracuse- the city of anti-slavery conventions, our beloved and glorious city of Syracuse- still remains undisgraced by the fulfillment of the satanic prediction of the satanic Daniel Webster.”

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## **DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**



**Uproar In Ecuador:  
Police And Army Unrest Breaks  
Out After Stupid President Corea  
Cuts Benefits And Pay For  
Government Workers, Including  
Police And Army:**

# He Attacks His Own “Left Wing” Party When It Defies His Plans For Public Service Worker Layoffs: The Reactionary Idiot “Considers” Getting Rid Of Congress And Become Dictator

Members of Mr Correa's left-wing party have threatened to block proposals to shrink the country's government labor force, prompting him to consider disbanding Congress and ruling by decree until new elections.

30 September 2010 BBC [Excerpts]

A state of emergency has been declared in Ecuador after President Rafael Correa accused the opposition and security forces of a coup attempt.

Mr Correa was earlier forced to flee a protest in the capital, Quito, after tear gas was fired. Troops took over the main airport, forcing it to close.

In a speech to soldiers from Quito's main barracks, President Correa said: “If you want to kill the president, here he is. Kill him, if you want to. Kill him if you are brave enough.

“If you want to seize the barracks, if you want to leave citizens undefended, if you want to betray the mission of the police force, go ahead. But this government will do what has to be done. This president will not take a step back.”

However, Mr Correa was forced to flee the barracks wearing a gas mask shortly afterwards when tear gas was fired by the protesters.

The president was later treated for the effects of the gas at a police hospital, from where he told local media that he had been “attacked”.

“They threw tear gas at us. One exploded near my face. It stunned me and my wife for a few seconds, probably minutes,” he said. “I had to put on a gas mask and some cowards took it off me so I would suffocate. **[Whine whine whine. His attack dog cops use it regularly on the poor in Ecuador, the cops he depends on to defend the rich that own the country, while, like Obama, he struts around pretending to be some kind of reformer. Now his own cops give him a taste of it and shits his pants. Poor baby!]**

Unrest was reported in several towns, as Peru closed its border with Ecuador.

**The protesters are angry at a new law passed on Wednesday that ends bonuses and other benefits for public servants.**

On Thursday morning, members of the armed forces and police angry at the austerity measures occupied several barracks and set up road blocks across Ecuador to demand they be abandoned by the government.

Television stations showed images of police setting tires on fire in the streets of Quito, Guayaquil and other cities. The National Assembly building was also occupied.

Meanwhile, about 300 air force personnel and soldiers took control of the runway at Quito's Mariscal Sucre International Airport, causing flights to be grounded.

The protesters carried signs demanding the government give more respect to the military over benefits, witnesses told the Reuters news agency.

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Ecuador's President Rafael Correa, right, embraces Colombia's Foreign Minister Maria Angela Holguin at the end of an UNASUR emergency meeting in Quito, Ecuador, Oct. 1, 2010. Correa faced a revolt on Thursday that trapped him in a hospital for over 12



hours, left three dead, dozens injured and paralyzed the Andean nation. (AP Photo/Dolores Ochoa)

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“All Politicians Should Be Sacked”  
“A Crowd Of 100,000 Marched On  
European Union Headquarters In  
Brussels”**

September 30, 2010 By RAF CASERT, Associated Press Writer

**BRUSSELS – European unions orchestrated a crescendo of anti-austerity protests across the continent Wednesday, sending workers ranging from Greek doctors to Spanish bus drivers to Lithuanian engineers out to vent over job cuts, higher taxes, soaring unemployment and smaller pensions.**

**Police fired in the air to disperse protesters at a general strike in Spain.**

**One man even blocked the entrance to the Irish parliament with a cement truck, decrying the country's enormous bank bailouts with blood red slogans like “Toxic Bank” and “All politicians should be sacked.”**

Waves of demonstrators clad in bright red, green and blue union jackets marched through Brussels toward European Union buildings, aiming to reinforce the impact of Spain's first nationwide strike in eight years.

**Unions said a crowd of 100,000 marched on European Union headquarters in Brussels.**

**Some protesters there confronted riot squads with a sit-down protest in the middle of the street.**

**About 150 people were detained, some in scuffles with police.**

Strikes or protests took place Wednesday in Greece, Portugal, Ireland, Slovenia and Lithuania, all aimed at the budget-slashing, tax-hiking, pension-cutting austerity plans that European governments have implemented to try to control their debt.

The march in Brussels came as the EU Commission proposed new penalties to punish member states that have run up deficits, mainly to fund social programs in a time of high unemployment. The proposal, backed by Germany, was running into strong opposition from France, which wants elected politicians, not rigid accounting rules, to decide on what sanctions big spending countries should face.

“It is a bizarre time for the European Commission to be proposing a regime of punishment,” John Monks, general secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation, told Associated Press Television News. “How is that going to make the situation better? It is going to make it worse.”

**Unions fear workers will become the biggest victims of an economic crisis set off by bankers and traders, many of whom were rescued by massive government intervention.**

“It is not right that people on low salaries have to pay to prop up the country. It should be the banks,” said Belgian demonstrator Evelain Foncis.

Several governments, already living dangerously with high debt, were pushed to the brink of financial collapse and have been forced to impose punishing cuts in wages, pensions and employment — measures that have brought workers out by the tens of thousands over the past months.

**“There is a great danger that the workers are going to be paying the price for the reckless speculation that took place in financial markets,” Monks said.**

“You really got to reschedule these debts so that they are not a huge burden on the next few years and cause Europe to plunge down into recession.”

**The strike Wednesday in Spain was the country's first general strike since 2002 and marked a break in the once-close relationship between unions and the Socialist government.**

The cuts have helped Spain trim its central government deficit by half through July but the unemployment rate still stands at a shocking 20 percent, and many businesses are struggling to survive.

Whistle-blowing picketers blocked trucks from delivering produce to wholesale markets in Madrid and Barcelona. Strikers hurled eggs and screamed “scabs” at drivers trying to leave a city bus garage in Madrid. Airlines canceled hundreds of flights at Spanish airports.

Greece, which had to be rescued this spring by the 15 other nations that share the euro currency just to stave off bankruptcy, has also been forced to cut deep into workers' allowances, with weeks of bitter strikes and actions as a result.

Greek bus and trolley drivers walked off the job for several hours and Athens' metro and tram systems also shut down. National railway workers also walked out, disrupting rail connections across the country, while doctors at state hospitals went on a 24-hour strike.

Greece has already been suffering from two weeks of protests by truck drivers who have made it difficult for businesses to get supplies. Many supermarkets are seeing shortages.

Greece's "Socialist" government has imposed stringent austerity measures, including cutting civil servants' salaries, trimming pensions and hiking consumer and income taxes.

In Dublin, police arrested a man who blocked the entrance to the Irish parliament with a cement truck painted with the blood-red slogans "Toxic Bank" and "All politicians should be sacked." The Anglo Irish Bank, nationalized last year to save it from collapse, owes \$97 billion to depositors worldwide.

**His slogan on the truck — "Toxic Bank" Anglo — referred to the Anglo Irish Bank, which was nationalized last year to save it from collapse.**

The bank owes some euro72 billion (\$97 billion) to depositors worldwide, leaving Irish taxpayers with a mammoth bill at a time when people are suffering through high unemployment, tax hikes and heavy budget cuts.

**Also Wednesday, some 400 protesters rallied in an illegal demonstration in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius to demand authorities cease harsh austerity measures such as salary cuts.**

**"All of working Europe is on the streets today to express dismay over nearsighted income-cutting politics," said Vytautas Jusys, a 40-year-old engineer who lost his job this year.**

In Slovenia, thousands of public service workers continued their open-ended strike to protest the government's plan to freeze their salaries for two years — or until economy grows again at a rate of 3 percent.

Unions in Portugal expected some 30,000 people to show up for demonstrations later Wednesday.

"We are protesting mainly for our children, because they're not here - they are out looking for jobs," said Emilio Martella, a 62-year-old retiree demonstrating with 2,000 others in Rome.

Italian public-school teachers with temporary contracts didn't get them extended, and parents have complained that class sizes are getting bigger under the cuts.

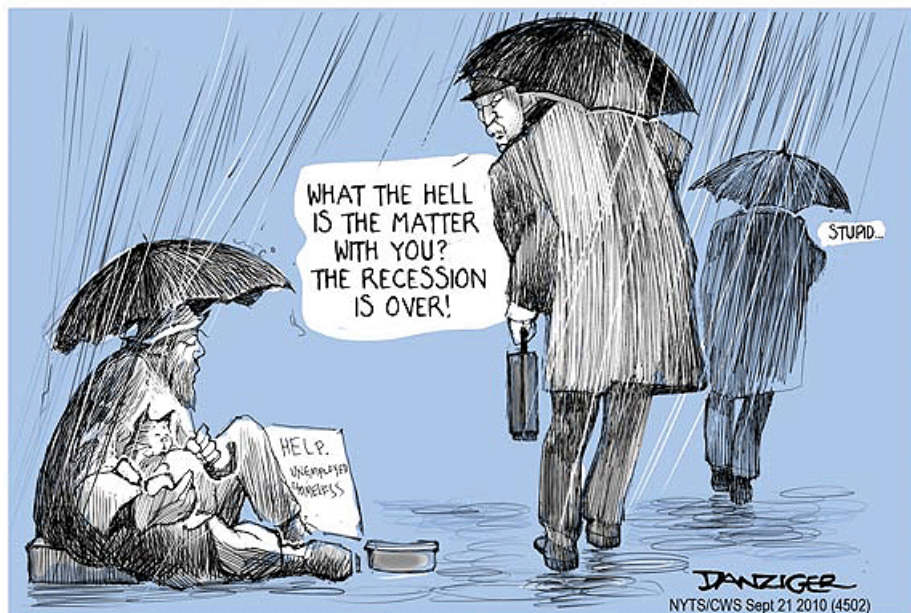
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Pakistani citizens rally demanding the release and condemning the verdict against Aafia Siddiqui, in Karachi, Pakistan, Sept 28, 2010. Siddiqui, a U.S.-trained Pakistani scientist convicted of trying to kill U.S. agents and military officers in Afghanistan, was sentenced to 86 years in prison. (AP Photo/Shakil Adil)

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