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“Things Are Going To Get Much, Much, Much Worse After The Winter When The Passes Open Up Between Afghanistan And Pakistan”

From: Garret Reppenhagen, Iraq Veteran
To: Military Resistance
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Subject: Pakistan Floods

I was talking to a Pakistani native who recently returned from Northern Pakistan.

She is a History teacher and went to help educate people on some of the countries rich cultural history. She believes she can decrease religious radicalism by giving her countrymen a better historical identity and national pride.

She arrived 3 days before the major flooding and decided to stay, to help, to document. Some of the things she talked about was startling.

8 million people are now displaced, w/o jobs, sickness is increasing, a food shortage is already severe, plus farm land has been destroyed and worse famine will set in, no one has jobs.

A lot of this we know.

What I didn't know was that, many people there blame the west, specifically the US for global warming that has directly impacted snow melt in the Hindu Kush that resulted in these floods. More extreme views are present saying the US used some technology or tampering to directly cause the flooding.

There is one primary opportunity to better the plight of their families, and that is to join the Taliban training camps.

Remote regions are now even more separated from infrastructure and the presence of Pakistani military. Police have vanished in many areas or completely turned over.

Likely by Spring of next year the resistance in Pakistan will multiply.

If you look at current drone strikes increasing and the gunship attack recently the US are in an obvious situation there.

We want to make a statement to any new recruits thinking of joining these camps, but civilian deaths and the fratricide have caused additional unrest and a Taliban recruiting boost.

Basically things are going to get much, much, much worse after the winter when the passes open up between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

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Taliban And Allied Groups Taking Control Of Baghlan, “Perhaps The Most Strategic Of Afghanistan’s 14 Northern Provinces”

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Salang Pass “Linking Kabul With**

The Country's Northern Tier And Neighboring Central Asia" "Day By Day, The Base Of The Government Is Growing Weaker" "A 9-Year-Old Boy Was Raped By A Government Official, And Nothing Was Done. I Treated Him. Now His Father Is In The Taliban"

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Oct. 05, 2010 By JONATHAN S. LANDAY - McClatchy Newspapers [Excerpts]

Abdul Rehman Rahimi, the police chief of Baghlan province in northern Afghanistan, was just saying that the Taliban threat was under control when his counter-terrorism chief walked in, smirking with self-satisfaction and holding up a homemade detonator and a tangle of charred electrical wire tipped by a blasting cap.

"They tried to set this off as I was digging it up," Col. Ahmad Jan said. "The wire began burning - see, it still smells - but I cut it in time."

In the past year, Jan has defused about 650 such bombs.

Many of them were planted along the two key supply routes of the U.S.-led International Security Assistance Force.

While the U.S. military has focused on the Taliban's southern strongholds, the militants and allied groups have been gaining ground in the north.

"Insurgency is a naturally lazy animal," said an ISAF intelligence official who spoke only on the condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak publicly. "Like water and electricity, it goes wherever there are the least amounts of resistance."

The insurgents' numbers, however, are growing.

Chaos, fraud, corruption and joblessness help their recruiting.

The province is engulfed by ethnic tensions, warlordism, corruption, poverty and crime.

Local officials blame some of it on a U.S.-backed auxiliary police group that the Afghan intelligence service recruited from among former insurgents.

Petraeus has touted the group as “a community watch with AK-47s.”

Massive fraud in last month’s parliamentary elections, meanwhile, is fueling anger in the garbage-strewn bazaars and neighborhoods of dilapidated homes and open sewers of the provincial center, Pul-i-Khumri.

“People ask the government for security. Day by day it has gotten worse. The cost of goods has gotten higher. The government has done nothing for the people,” said Abdul Basir, 35, a shopkeeper who trades in bright, sequined women’s garments.

Some in Baghlan pointed out that the U.S. had been in the country for nine years, and they wondered whether it wants the war to continue for its own devious purposes.

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They control villages that border Pul-i-Khumri, and they attacked the town during the Sept. 18 parliamentary election.

“The Taliban are just over there,” police Sgt. Mohammad Sharif said, pointing to fields and orchards from his outpost atop the rubble of a ruined factory outside the center of town.

“On Election Day, they were on the hills above the city. We were fighting here for two days and two nights.”

“I have met three Pakistanis, and treated a Kazakh and a Chechen,” said Khalil Naramgoi, a surgeon and part-time journalist who has long known the local Taliban commanders through his visits to tend the sick in their villages.

Small numbers of Uzbeks, Tajiks and other minorities have begun joining the Taliban, whose ranks had been filled by Pashtuns, the ethnic group that dominates Afghanistan’s south and east, several officials and residents said.

Mohammad Younis, the provincial director of Mercy Corps, an U.S.-based aid organization, said that one way the Taliban had won over minority fighters was by taking their side in land disputes or other feuds with rival ethnic groups.

Data compiled by Indicium Consulting, a firm that analyzes security trends, chart a slow rise in violence in Baghlan since the beginning of the year and a spike for the week of the parliamentary election.

U.S. special forces are being deployed in Baghlan to mold former insurgents into auxiliary police.

Residents and officials disparage these largely illiterate tribesmen as armed rabble.

“When they enter an area, they are doing their cruel actions. Some people prefer the Taliban to the arbaki,” Younis said, referring to the tribal militia.

The militia, made up of former Hezb Islami members, was mauled several weeks ago in a firefight with the Taliban, local officials and several members said. Two of its men were killed.

Three others died when they were mistakenly bombed by U.S. aircraft - even though American troops were with them - as they were trying to withdraw.

“We were actually surrounded by the Taliban for three days and three nights,” said Fazul Rehman, a member of the unit, who was loitering with three other fighters, assault rifles over their shoulders, outside the Pul-i-Khumri police headquarters.

“The police wouldn’t do anything.”

The militia, however, is only part of Baghlan’s problems. Its thorniest one may be beyond the ability of the United States and its allies to fix.

Successive administrations - there have been nine governors in as many years - have failed to stem the growing anarchy.

Ethnic rivalries, inept and corrupt officials, and Taliban infiltration have infected the provincial government, and it’s failed to rein in the power barons, gangsters and their minions.

Naramgoi said that every month he treated two to three victims of crimes that went unpunished because money was paid to authorities to hush them up.

“A 9-year-old boy was raped by a government official, and nothing was done. I treated him. Now his father is in the Taliban,” said Naramgoi, who was arrested and held without charges in 2008 and 2009 for writing newspaper articles critical of the government.

Police Chief Rahimi, a Pashtun transferred from Kabul, said he was forced to spend most of his time and energy on suppressing ethnic tensions over the domination of the police by Tajiks, whose leaders used the 2001 U.S.-led invasion to seize control of the provincial bureaucracy.

“If I try to remove an officer from a post, the whole of Baghlan starts to shake, and I am afraid of protests even though the individual has committed crimes,” he said.

Baghlan Gov. Abdul Majid said local criminals and tribal chiefs were taking their cues from the corruption and immunity from justice of the ethnic warlords who surrounded President Hamid Karzai.

“The governance in Afghanistan that we have today cannot bring security. Day by day, the base of the government is growing weaker,” Majid said. “We have here in Afghanistan the mafia of power and authority.”

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

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Obama's Stupid Lying "No Combat Troops In Iraq" Bullshit Reeks On: As Attacks On Green Zone Nearly Double, Reporter Tours Baghdad With U.S. Combat Troops "On A Patrol"

October 06, 2010 By Shashank Bengali, Middle East Diary [Excerpts]

On a patrol one night last week with U.S. forces near Sadr City, I chatted with shopkeepers and residents in near-darkness, in a neighborhood I wouldn't have wanted to visit on my last trip.

In the 30 days ending Sept. 29, there were 21 mortar and rocket attacks in Baghdad, many aimed at the Green Zone, compared with 13 in the previous 30 days, according to the U.S. military.

At our well protected house in central Baghdad, we became accustomed to hearing distant and not-so-distant explosions and the "duck and cover" sirens blaring from the U.S. Embassy in the Green Zone, about a mile and a half away.

One night a mortar shell landed in the neighborhood, crashing into a shed that policemen sometimes used, but which that night thankfully had been unoccupied.

Resistance Action

Oct 5 (Reuters) & Oct 6 (Reuters) & Oct 7 (Reuters)

MOSUL - Insurgents shot dead Brigadier General Muhammad Aziz, a criminal investigation leader in Mosul, in front of his house in eastern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb went off in western Mosul, wounding a police colonel and three of his guards, police said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb targeting the commander-in-chief of a Hurriya-based division went off and wounded two, a police source said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb went off near a police vehicle, wounding three traffic police officers in Baghdad's central al-Nidhal Street, an interior ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - Insurgents using silenced weapons shot and seriously wounded a security guard who was driving a car in the Karrada district of central Baghdad, an interior ministry source said.

TUZ KHURMATO - A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol exploded in Tuz Khurmato, 170 km (105 miles) north of Baghdad, wounding two policemen, according to the police and a local hospital.

BAGHDAD - Two roadside bombs targeting a traffic police convoy in Baghdad's northern district of Kadhimiya wounded four policemen.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Two More Foreign “Service Members” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced

Oct 7 Associated Press

A foreign service member was killed Thursday in an insurgent attack in the country's north, and another died in a roadside bombing a day earlier in the south.

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

October 5 AP

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

German Soldier Killed North Of Puli Khumri, Six More Wounded

7 Oct 10 The Local Europe GmbH

A German soldier has been killed and six others wounded in a suicide bombing in Afghanistan, Defence Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg announced on Thursday.

Two of the injured soldiers were reportedly in critical conditions.

The attack on the German ISAF patrol comes exactly nine years since the war in Afghanistan began.

It happened north of Puli Khumri, the capital of Baghlan province about 10:20 am German time. Jürgen Hardt, member of parliament for the conservative Christian Democrats, said the patrol had returned to its base with the injured.

According to the governor of the Baghlan province, Munshi Abdul Majid, the bomber detonated an explosive device attached to his body next to the German military convoy near Puli Khumri.

Majidsaid that much of the area was controlled by German checkpoints and barricades. Germany has soldiers stationed in Puli Khumri whose job it is to train Afghan soldiers.

The Taliban had claimed responsibility for the attack and declared that the bomber had killed eight foreign soldiers with the attack.

The soldiers had come under fire from Taliban insurgents repeatedly in recent days, Bild reported.

The death brings the number of German soldiers killed in war-torn Afghanistan to 44 - 27 of whom have died in attacks or combat encounters.

In April, seven soldiers were killed in two separate attacks.

Fallen Soldier Exuded School Spirit; Strong Friend



Scott Morrison of Blue Ash was killed in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in September 2010.
Provided

October 1, 2010 By Carrie Whitaker, Cincinnati Enquirer

BLUE ASH - Friends and family will say goodbye next week to Army Spc. Donald "Scott" Morrison, 23, a graduate of Sycamore High School and die-hard sports fan who will be remembered for his humility and his way of focusing on the good, no matter the circumstance.

Morrison died Sept. 26 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, a day after his military vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device planted by insurgents, according to the U.S. Department of Defense. Another member in his unit, Sgt. Mark Simpson, 40, of Peoria, Ill., also died. Both were members of the 20th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade.

Born to a family with strong ties to public service - his father Don Morrison is a firefighter with the Blue Ash Fire Department and mother Sue Morrison is a nurse at Jewish Hospital - Morrison heard his call to serve his country in 2008 after a close friend, Pvt. Branden Haurert, died fighting in Iraq.

"He was debating going into the Army and as soon as he heard about Branden dying ... that's what kind of pushed him to go," said Brian Lipps, a close friend and fellow Sycamore grad. "He always put others before himself."

Lipps knows this firsthand. When he was having difficulties at Loyola University in Chicago, Morrison and another friend came to the Windy City to give Lipps the support he needed.

"If I ever had a problem I knew I could call him and he'd be there," Lipps said Thursday after flying to Ohio from his new home in Los Angeles for Morrison's services. "He had a very kind-hearted way."

Like the time Morrison asked him to dress up like a chauffeur and drive a girl he fancied to Echo Park so he could ask her to prom.

“He was a sappy, romantic kind of guy but at the same time made it into a fun, little joke,” Lipps said. “He was always guaranteed to have a smile on his face and wanted you to have a smile as well.”

Morrison was also “basically the face of Sycamore,” Lipps said.

When they were in high school and the Aves were playing - no matter the sport - Morrison was likely in the crowd.

“He was always the loudest and most obnoxious person there,” Lipps said. “I remember getting kicked out of a couple of basketball games with him. The refs didn’t like us to bring the drums.”

Morrison’s infectious spirit is also being cherished in Texas, where his Fort Hood family is grieving as well, said 47-year-old Joy Breedlove, whose son Johnathan Breedlove is in Morrison’s unit.

The two had become close friends, she said, and Morrison came to the Breedlove home with her 26-year-old son often, staying for a night or a weekend.

“It was a great privilege to have known him,” Joy Breedlove said, recalling how polite and charming he was on visits. “He was always happy. He didn’t find anything bad in anything.”

He was a big hit at the local elementary school, where Morrison, her son and two other soldiers visited the children. Dressed in uniform, they answered questions about the military and performed what the men called the “Soldier Dance.”

Laughing, Breedlove said she couldn’t describe the dance over the phone.

“They were just like little kids themselves,” Breedlove said. “(The kids) continued to keep up and write them letters and send them care packages. They were really upset when they heard about Scott. They said, ‘We lost one of OUR soldiers.’”

According to Morrison’s uncle Tony Waldbillig, his parents, brother Gary and sister Katie, as well as their extended family in Blue Ash and Sharonville, are doing as well as can be expected.

“We all got together right before he was deployed and he was here on leave in June,” Waldbillig said. “He was in very good spirits ... and enjoyed everything he was doing.”

His immediate family has requested privacy.

Visitation has been scheduled from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Blue Ash Recreation Center, 4433 Cooper Road, where Morrison worked before joining the Army. His funeral will be held there as well, at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Yigo Soldier Killed By IED: Family Mourns Death Of '09 Sanchez Graduate



September 28, 2010 By Brett Kelman, Pacific Daily News

Today a Yigo family is anxiously awaiting a daughter's homecoming, even if they will only see her again to say goodbye.

Jaysine "Jen" Petree, 19, a private first class in the U.S. Army, was killed Friday by an improvised explosive device, said her father.

"I miss my kid," Herbert Petree said yesterday morning. "We just want them to get her home, so we can do what's right for her."

She's the most recent military service member from the region to fall in the war in Afghanistan. Petree graduated from the Simon Sanchez High School less than two years ago and joined the military 19 months ago.

Rosaries will be held nightly through Sunday and Jaysine Petree's body is scheduled to return to Guam on Monday.

The funeral will be the following day, according to a notice from her family.

Yesterday, Herbert Petree said his daughter joined the military to get funding for college. Her family could have paid that cost easily, but she was the kind of person who "liked to do things by herself."

"She was a giving person," Herbert Petree said. "She would give to everybody else before she'd take care of herself. I miss my baby."

If a blast hadn't killed the soldier Friday, she would have come home from her deployment in March, her father said.

But March couldn't come soon enough, and Jaysine Petree was homesick and it showed, said her uncle, James Sucgang, yesterday.

During the deployment, the soldier used to call her family almost daily to talk about both big and small -- from dangerous missions to stomachaches, he said. Sucgang would often skip the call and ask her parents to wish her love on his behalf.

He should have been treasuring each moment while he could still hear her voice, he said yesterday, standing outside the Yigo mayor's office, where flags flew at half staff.

"Every time she called up, we also say, 'Oh, just tell her hi.' You know, we didn't really grab the phone and try to talk to her every time," Sucgang said.

"Because we thought she was coming back. We don't think that this will happen to us."

Sucgang said he had encouraged his niece to go to college before she enlisted in the military, but she insisted on earning money for her tuition herself, through her service.

Sucgang said the family felt responsible for the soldier's schooling, but she was inspiringly -- and sometimes frustratingly -- independent.

"It was very noble," he said. "Everybody discouraged her to join. ... We wanted her to join after she got a bachelor's degree, but she was adamant."

Kellie Castaneto, a close friend and soccer teammate of the fallen soldier, said she also was opposed to Petree's plans to join the military.

Castaneto didn't want Petree to put herself in danger, but she never really thought her friend could become a casualty of war.

But Petree was passionate about enlisting.

"I (didn't) like it, but this is what made Jaysine happy," said Castaneto. "But if she wanted to join the military, she knew what she was getting into."

Castaneto said she last communicated with Petree about a month ago, and although they won't talk again, fond memories will last.

"It doesn't matter if she's gone now, she's always going to be in our life," said Castaneto.

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

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

Former Peorian Killed In Afghanistan



Sergeant Mark Allen Simpson

Sep 28, 2010 By ANDY KRAVETZ, Journal Star

PEORIA — Being the youngest of five children, Mark Simpson was a prankster who could give as good as he got, one of his sisters recalled a few days after the soldier was killed while serving in Afghanistan.

“All day at work, I have been thinking and trying to rack my brain but I am just numb,” said Carol Goewey of Spring Bay. “He was a loving father and his girls were the light of his life. He will be greatly missed by everybody.”

Simpson, 40, was one of two soldiers fatally injured in an attack Saturday north of Kandahar. Simpson and the other soldier, Spc. Donald S. Morrison, 23, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died of their injuries on Sunday, according to a news release from the Pentagon.

Both were deployed with the Fort Hood, Texas-based 584th Mobility Augmentation Company, 20th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade. Two other soldiers were injured in the attack, according to a Facebook page affiliated with the 20th Engineer Battalion.

Funeral arrangements are pending, but Goewey said services would be in Texas. A memorial service could be held in Peoria but nothing had been planned as of Tuesday. Their parents, George and Carol Simpson, still live in the Peoria area, as do Goewey and another sister.

Choking back tears, Goewey said her brother was an avid Trekkie and a big New England Patriots fan; he used to needle his sister whenever the Patriots and the Bears would lock up.

“We would razz each other over who would win and when the Patriots did win, oh, he’d rub it in really good,” she said. “But being the baby of the group, he had to hold his own.”

Simpson, a 1988 Richwoods High School graduate, enlisted in the Army in late 2004 after working a series of odd jobs in Peoria. He saw the military as a way to provide for his family and a way to fulfill his desire to see the world and meet people.

After high school, Simpson had bounced around the United States, filled with a wanderlust and a desire to “just keep moving,” said his sister. He worked in construction in Colorado, as a sheriff in El Paso, and as a bailiff in Colorado Springs, according to the military.

“He did a lot of jobs, and was trying to find himself and where he belonged in life. He was one who liked to be active,” she said. “He wanted to meet lots of different people and see different things. He was the type of guy who if you needed something, he would give it to you.”

Simpson met his wife and after a brief romance, was married in 1996, Goewey said. The family was in Peoria until 2005 when he finished basic training. After that, they moved to New York and later to Texas.

He initially was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division before transferring to the 20th Engineer Battalion. He deployed to Iraq in August 2006 where he served in the “Triangle of Death,” a then volatile region south of Baghdad.

Goewey said she and her brother were close, that they just connected more than the other siblings. She would always know he was on the other line when he called by his greeting, “Hi sis.”

She last talked to him about a month ago when he was home on leave. He told her not to worry if she didn’t hear from him for a while and that he loved her. His faith in God was strong, Goewey said of her brother. He was a saved Christian who loved his church and his family. Goewey said her brother loved the Army.

“He was going to do this until he could retire or they kicked him out. He knew he needed to do this. He knew this was where he needed to be and he was proud of what he was doing.”

Staff Sgt. Josh Powell Killed In Helicopter Crash In Afghanistan

9.25.10 By Ann Rubin, KSDK

Pleasant Plains, IL

An Illinois soldier was one of nine casualties in a helicopter crash in southern Afghanistan. It was the worst coalition helicopter crash in Afghanistan in four years.

Staff Sgt. Josh Powell was raised in Pleasant Plains, Illinois, just west of Springfield. The Powell family is trying to cope with their loss. But they said Staff Sgt. Powell died doing what he loved. “He just loved the military. He loved the Army. And that’s the only thing

that's getting us through this as a family, because we all know this is what Josh wanted," David Powell said.

From an early age, the Army was Josh Powell's passion; that was always clear. As part of the 101st Airborne Division, he served three tours, one in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. Josh was working as the crew chief on a Blackhawk helicopter when it happened.

"He says well we're flying night missions. We're just dropping the Seals off and letting them do their thing," David said. "And I said well be careful. And Josh said, 'Wouldn't have it any other way Dad.'"

That would be the last communication David Powell had with his son. The helicopter went down in Southern Afghanistan, killing nine troops. The cause of the crash was not immediately clear. And though there were no reports of enemy fire at the time, the Taliban has claimed insurgents shot it down.

The news has devastated the Powell family. "His little brother who's only five, just admired his brother," David said. "He's wore his camouflage pants now two days in a row to school. That was his hero, and our hero."

But they said Josh Powell never thought of himself as a hero. He was modest and selfless, the kind of guy who just wanted to serve. "Very, very brave and would go out of his way to help somebody else first," David said. And his family says that's exactly how they want him to be remembered.

"I want him to be known for who he was, even though he would be too embarrassed. He wouldn't tell anybody himself, but he needs to be honored," David said.

Afghan Soldier Fires RPG At French Troops

Oct 5 (Reuters)

An Afghan soldier fired a rocket-propelled grenade at an outpost manned by French and Afghan troops in Kapisa province, north of the capital, Kabul, but caused no casualties, the French military said on Tuesday.

"It missed and nobody was injured. The soldier fled and we haven't caught him," said French Armed Forces spokesman Colonel Thierry Burkhard said.

The attack was the latest in a recent spate by "rogue" police and soldiers, underlining pressure as foreign troops try to train Afghan forces to allow the handover of security responsibility to begin from next July.

**In The Last Seven Days, Militants
Have Carried Out Seven Attacks
On Fuel Tankers And Trucks
Bearing Supplies For Foreign
Troops In Afghanistan, Destroying
Or Damaging More Than 100
Vehicles:**

**“American Drone Attacks Are
Increasing And The Taliban Are Now
Taking Revenge On Us”**

“There’s No Security Here At All”



Oil tankers bound for foreign troops in Afghanistan go up in flames near the Pakistani city of Quetta. (Reuters / October 5, 2010)

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

The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for both of Wednesday's attacks, along with the previous raids. "We will further intensify attacks with the intensification of US drone strikes on us," Tehreek-e-Taliban spokesman Azam Tariq told AFP.

October 6, 2010 AP & By Alex Rodriguez, Los Angeles Times & AFP & By JANE PERLEZ and WAQAR GILLANI, New York Times & October 7, 2010 By Arthur Bright, Correspondent; The Christian Science Monitor

Dozens of tanker trucks carrying fuel to Afghanistan for foreign troops were torched near Quetta in western Pakistan on Wednesday, the third major attack on supplies since Pakistan closed a border crossing to Afghanistan a week ago and the first at the only checkpoint that remained open.

At least one person was killed in the Quetta torchings after three carloads of militants fired at the tankers and then burned them, the police said.

Firefighters struggled to contain the blaze. Live television showed the fire raging hours after the attack.

"We don't have foam to put out the fire," the police official said.

Hours after the attack on the trucks at Quetta, Taliban militants claimed responsibility, according to reports on Pakistani television channels.

In a sign that the government was continuing to distance itself from the attacks, the police chief in Quetta, Malik Muhammad Iqbal said it was not the responsibility of the government to provide security for the convoys. In the past few days, senior police officers have said the safety of the trucks lay with the fleet owners who had signed contracts to deliver supplies to foreign troops in Afghanistan.

The Pakistani government's decision to shut down a border crossing used by trucks and tankers ferrying fuel and supplies to foreign troops in Afghanistan has created a massive logjam that militants have exploited with devastating ferocity.

Since Islamabad ordered the closure of the Torkham border crossing in retaliation for a missile strike that killed two Pakistani soldiers, fuel tankers have been set ablaze across the country.

In some of the attacks, militants rode up on motorcycles to clusters of poorly guarded tankers and firebombed the vehicles, filling the sky with massive plumes of fire and black smoke.

In the last seven days, militants have carried out seven attacks on tankers and trucks bearing supplies for foreign troops in Afghanistan. Agence France-Presse reports that since the border closure four people have been killed by militants and some 100 tankers have been destroyed.

Militants opposed to the U.S. occupation of Afghanistan torched 70 fuel tankers in two attacks Wednesday.

In the latest attack, at least 26 NATO oil tankers were torched when militants opened fire on a convoy of dozens of vehicles parked in Nowshera in northwestern Pakistan, police said.

Earlier militants attacked a depot housing 40 NATO oil tankers on the outskirts of the southwestern city of Quetta, killing a member of staff and destroying at least 18 vehicles.

Truckers say the border closure has magnified the vulnerability they routinely face moving through a country harshly critical of Washington's policies in Afghanistan.

Even before the border closure, they dreaded nights when fatigue forced them to pull into a truck stop and park alongside other tankers bound for Afghanistan.

Now because of the bottleneck, they say that they feel like easy prey in roadside parking lots where two or three unarmed security guards stand between them and militants armed with assault rifles and Molotov cocktails.

"There's no security here at all," said trucker Faisal Khan, sitting in a tea room just yards away from the charred husks of oil tankers firebombed Monday in Islamabad. "I'm thinking of getting out of this business, and most of the other truck owners I know feel the same way." One of the two tankers he owns was destroyed in the attack.

Hundreds of trucks carrying fuel and supplies to foreign forces in Afghanistan now sit idle at the border and at truck stops across Pakistan.

The U.S. command says that the week-long closure of a key crossing along the Pakistani-Afghan border has "not impeded" its military operations, despite militants burning dozens of resupply vehicles stacked up on the Pakistani side of the border and 6,500 fuel tankers and other supply vehicles being prevented from reaching their destinations in Afghanistan.

Nonetheless, the closure has stranded 150 tankers at the Torkham crossing, the border crossing closest to Kabul. Some 6,500 lorries are at a standstill, Khyber transport association president Shakirullah Afridi told AFP by telephone.

"The problem is that American drone attacks are increasing and the Taliban are now taking revenge on us. We have no place to go," said Afridi.

While a second Pakistani-Afghan border crossing remains open at Chaman in the south, it is far less convenient for sending supplies to Kabul.

The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for both of Wednesday's attacks, along with the previous raids.

They vowed more attacks to disrupt NATO's supply route through Pakistan and to avenge a new wave of US drone strike.

“We will further intensify attacks with the intensification of US drone strikes on us,” Tehreek-e-Taliban spokesman Azam Tariq told AFP.



October 6, 2010: Militant gunmen in Nowshera, Pakistan, attacked a convoy of NATO oil tankers that were headed to Afghanistan on Wednesday. A. Majeed/Agence France-Press — Getty Images



Burning oil tankers following an attack in Quetta on Wednesday. Banaras Khan/Agence France-Press — Getty Images

Kandahar Deputy Mayor Killed

October 5, 2010 By Ivan Watson, CNN

Family and friends buried the deputy mayor of Kandahar, Afghanistan on Tuesday, a day after he was shot while traveling home from work.

“Several young men on motorcycles came up on either side of his car and shot him,” said Maj. Bruce Drake, a spokesman for US and NATO forces in southern Afghanistan.

Local Afghan officials say the attackers escaped. Doctors struggled to save the deputy mayor, Noor Ahmad Nazari -- first at a hospital in Kandahar, and then at the foreign military hospital at the sprawling NATO airbase on the outskirts of the city.

“This is bad news for us,” said Zalmay Ayudi, a spokesman for the governor of Kandahar. “This was the tactic of the insurgents. As soon as the pressure comes on them at the village level, they show their presence.”

Nazari had been in office for a few months when he was killed. He took the position after his predecessor, Azizullah Yarmal, was killed last spring while praying in a mosque.

“Where before you had power brokers being eliminated, now you have their brothers and nephews being eliminated because they are seen as rivals,” said Candace Rondeaux, senior Kabul-based analyst with the International Crisis Group.

“It’s an extremely dangerous time to be involved in any way in politics in Kandahar and I think it will remain that way as long as American operations continue there,” Rondeaux said.

More Resistance Action

October 4, 2010 & New York Times & Oct 5, 2010 AP & October 07, 2010 AP

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan - Three explosions just minutes apart have rocked Kandahar, killing at least two Afghan police officers in the nation’s largest city in the south. Officials at Mirwais Hospital reported a higher death toll. They say four policemen died in the explosions.

In Kandahar on Monday, four police officers were killed and seven others were wounded when a series of roadside bombs exploded as their convoy passed, according to a doctor at Mirwais Hospital in Kandahar.

On Monday, Noor Ahman, deputy mayor in Kandahar, was killed in an insurgent attack, and later in the day, Habibullah Aghonzada, a former district chief in Arghistan, was killed by assailants as he prayed at a packed mosque.

In the roadside bombings Tuesday night in Kandahar city, Interior Ministry said nine people were killed and 30 injured, including many police officers. The blasts targeted a police vehicle and ripped through an intersection.

“The Taliban Issued A Statement Marking The Invasion Anniversary, Claiming 75% Of Afghanistan Now Under Its Control”

**Shitty “Milestone” This Week:
Over 2400 Foreign Troops Dead:**

Oct 7 By ROBERT KENNEDY, Associated Press Writer [Excerpts]

Thursday was the ninth anniversary of the American invasion of Afghanistan, a frustrating benchmark for those who expected a quick exit after small targeted special forces toppled the Taliban from power in 2001.

This week also marked another milestone, as the death toll for NATO forces surpassed 2,000. At least 2,004 NATO service members have died fighting in Afghanistan since Oct. 7, 2001, according to an Associated Press count.

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October 07, 2010 AP

The Taleban said Tuesday the U.S.-led military in Afghanistan was doomed to fail.

“America is operating in the districts of Kandahar, but the result will be that they will walk out with blood-filled, empty hands,” Taleban spokesman Qari Yousef said.

“They could not achieve victory in nearly a decade ... this shows they never will.”

The U.S. military force is also fighting an uphill battle to win the allegiance of people in Kandahar.

“When only the Taleban were ruling our land there was peace and tranquility. Since the Americans have set foot on our land, we don’t have work and our health is no better,” said Naseebullah Ghamjam, a 38-year-old laborer.

“All we have seen is that Americans have constructed exceptionally massive compounds for themselves.” Resident Azizullah Saiyal, 29, said citizens have little trust in the international community or Afghan government officials.

We hear that millions and billions of dollars are coming in our country, but where does all of the money go?” he asked. “I believe these years of war and loss of innocent lives makes it obvious that war can never bring in peace. We should start looking for alternatives now.”

Obama Regime Funding Taliban Who Use Money To Kill U.S. Troops: “Failure To Properly Vet, Train And Supervise The Afghan Subcontractors, Hired By U.S. And Other Firms With Multimillion-Dollar Military Contracts, Has Cost U.S. Lives”

October 7, 2010 By Karen DeYoung, Washington Post Staff Writer [Excerpts]

The U.S. military has only minimal knowledge of - and virtually no control over - the thousands of Afghans it pays to guard its operating bases and other installations, including “warlords and strongmen linked to murder, kidnapping, bribery,” as well as the Taliban, Senate investigators said in a blistering report released Thursday.

Still, the Senate investigation found that a failure to properly vet, train and supervise the Afghan subcontractors, hired by U.S. and other firms with multimillion-dollar military

contracts, has cost U.S. lives, undermined the mission in Afghanistan and “helped play into the hands of the enemy,” committee Chairman Carl M. Levin said.

Some of the Afghan security subcontractors, Levin (D-Mich.) said at a Capitol Hill news conference, are “creating the very threat they are hired to combat.”

Investigators reviewed more than 125 Defense Department security contracts dated between 2007 and 2009. They provided detailed accounts of two specific contracts in which subcontractors had direct and well-known ties to the Taliban.

According to the report, at least 26,000 Afghans are indirectly employed by the U.S. military as security guards.

Afghan subcontractors provide nearly all of the perimeter guards for U.S. forward operating bases, civilian installations and development projects, as well as for the truck convoys that carry most of the food, fuel, weapons and other supplies for the coalition.

Last spring, a House subcommittee investigation described what it called a “protection racket” run by private Afghan militias, some tied to the Taliban, who received money to “protect” the supply convoys.

NEW GENERAL ORDER NO. 1: PACK UP GO HOME



Medevac team monitors the conditions of three U.S. soldiers wounded by a roadside bomb attack in Kandahar province, Afghanistan September 27, 2010. REUTERS/Erik de Castro

U.S. OCCUPATION RECRUITING DRIVE IN HIGH GEAR; RECRUITING FOR THE ARMED RESISTANCE THAT IS



Foreign occupation soldiers from the USA force Afghan citizens on a public road to submit to eye scans during a patrol in Shingkay village in Kandahar province in southern Afghanistan October 4, 2010. REUTERS/Erik de Castro

Afghani citizens have no right to resist public humiliation by occupation soldiers from the USA. If they do, they may be arrested, wounded, or killed.

Foreign occupation soldiers from the USA make a daily practice of publicly humiliating Afghan citizens.

This encourages self-respecting honorable Afghans to kill them.

[Fair is fair. Let's bring 94,000 Afghan troops over here to the USA.

[They can kill people at checkpoints, bust into their houses with force and violence, bomb and butcher their families, overthrow the government, put a new one in office they like better and "detain" anybody who doesn't like it in a military prison endlessly without any charges being filed against them, or any trial.

[Those Afghans are sure a bunch of backward primitives. They actually resent this help, have the absurd notion that it's bad their country is occupied by a

foreign military dictatorship killing them wholesale, and consider it their patriotic duty to fight and kill the soldiers sent to grab their country.

[What a bunch of silly people. How fortunate they are to live under a military dictatorship run by Barack Obama.

[Why, how could anybody not love that? You'd want that in your home town, right?]

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

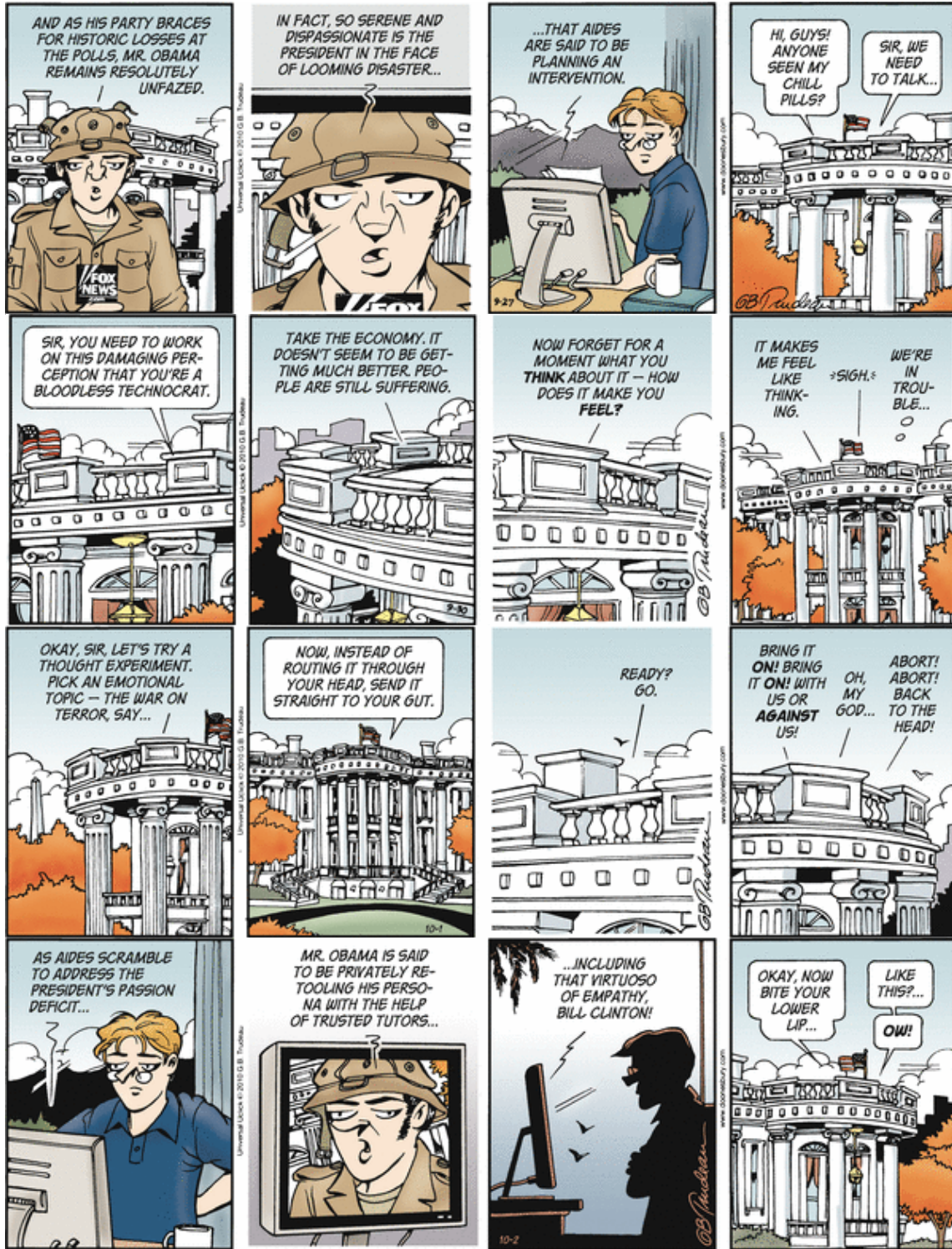


The remains of U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Michael C. Bailey at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport June 22, 2010, in St. Louis. Bailey, 29, of Park Hills, Mo., died June 16 after he was shot while on patrol in Helmand province, Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Jeff Roberson)

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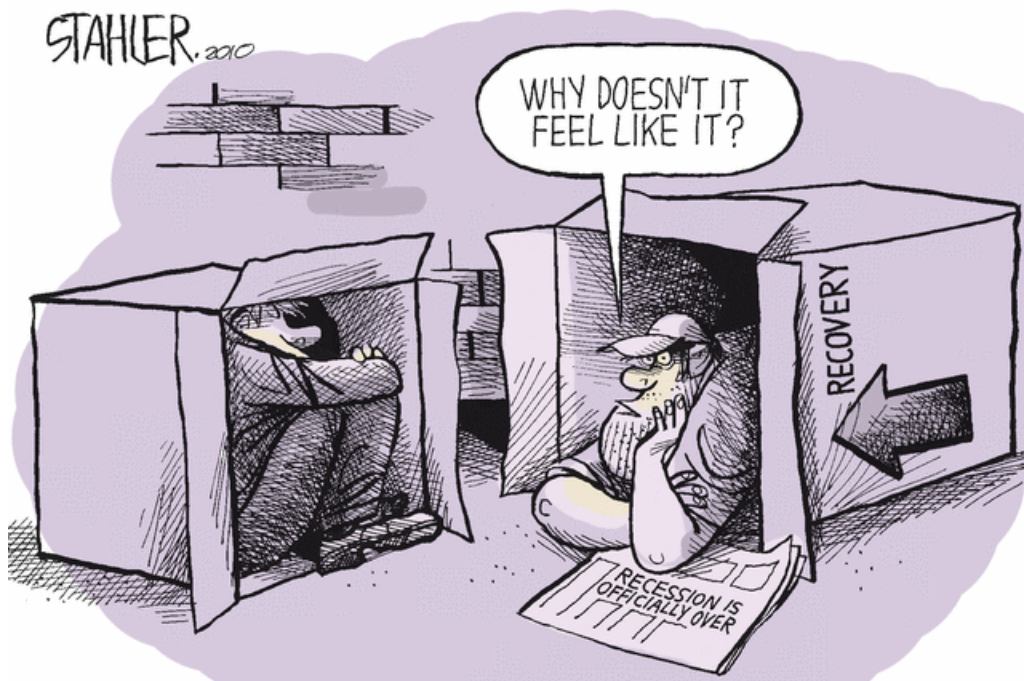
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