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# 54% Of U.S. Combat Dead Killed By IEDs

Jan 17, 2011 By Lance M. Bacon - Staff writer, Army Times [Excerpts]

Last year was by far the deadliest for U.S. troops contending with improvised explosive devices in Afghanistan, and Congress has responded with nearly \$7 billion to defeat IEDs.

Of the 499 U.S. troops killed in the 'Stan last year, 268 — or 54 percent — were by IEDs.

By comparison, IEDs killed 349 troops in the previous nine years combined.

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## IRAQ WAR REPORTS

### California Soldier Killed By RPG Attack



Spc. Jose A. Torre, Jr., 21, of Garden Grove, Calif., died Jan. 15, 2011 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with a rocket-propelled grenade. He was assigned to the Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan. (AP Photo/PIO 1st Infantry Division Fort Riley)

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# Resistance Action

Jan 16 (Reuters) & 01/17/11 The Associated Press & January 18, 2011 By Liz Sly, Washington Post Foreign Service & Reuters

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb went off near a convoy carrying an official of the Ministry of Science and Technology, wounding two of his guards in Karrada district of central Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

Police and health officials say a senior provincial official in Iraq's western Anbar province has survived an assassination attempt. A police officer said Monday that Gov. al-Fahadawi was traveling in Ramadi when a bomber rammed his car into his 12-vehicle convoy. Al-Fahadawi escaped unhurt, but three guards and three civilian bystanders were wounded.

BAGHDAD - Insurgents in a speeding car opened fire on a police patrol and wounded one policeman in Baghdad's southern district of Saidiya, police said.

BAGHDAD - Insurgents opened fire on an Iraqi army checkpoint and wounded one soldier, in Baghdad's west-central district of Yarmouk, police said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb wounded three people, including a leader of a government-backed Sunni Sahwa militia, in Baghdad's southern district of Saidiya, an Interior Ministry source said.

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**A bomber driving an ambulance packed with explosives crashed through the front gate of an Iraqi guard force headquarters today, killing at least seven people and destroying the building, officials said.**

In today's attack in the eastern city of Baquba, the ambulance broke through the front gate of the Facilities Protection Service compound, which houses the local headquarters and some training grounds for the Iraqi security force tasked with guarding government buildings.

The vehicle exploded when guards opened fire to try to stop it, said Major Ghalib al-Karkhi, the police spokesman for the surrounding Diyala province. Seven people were killed and 74 wounded, he said.

Duleir Hassan, a Diyala provincial councillor who oversees security issues, said it was not clear how the attacker obtained the vehicle.

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# **Provisional Police Headquarters Bombed In Tikrit: “Officials In Tikrit, The Capital Of Salahuddin Province, Said Security Had Been Deteriorating There For Months”**



Rubble of the Iraqi guard force headquarters where an attacker driving an explosives-packed ambulance crashed through the front gate in Baqouba, north of Baghdad, Iraq, Jan. 19, 2011. (AP Photo)

[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

January 18, 2011 By Laith Hammoudi and Sahar Issa, McClatchy Newspapers & 19 January 2011 Associated Press

A bomber killed dozens of people who were lining up for jobs in the police force in the city of Tikrit, north of Baghdad.

Prospective police recruits were gathered outside a secured entrance to the provincial police headquarters for the third day of a recruiting drive when the bomber detonated a vest rigged with explosives at about 9:30 a.m., according to police in Tikrit.

A police spokesman, Col. Hatem Akram, said officials had warned the recruits over loudspeakers not to collect near the entrance because terrorists have targeted such gatherings in the past.

Iraqi police said thousands of men had gathered in a park in the center of the city to apply for 3,000 advertised vacancies. The man, who was wearing the vest under civilian

clothes, mingled with the crowd and detonated the explosives. The head of Tikrit's morgue, Mohammed al-Rawi, put the death toll at 60, with another 15010 people injured in the mid-morning attack.

"The security procedures weren't good. They did not meet the demands of such a gathering," said police Col. Abdul Razzaq al-Jibouri.

Yasir Sabeeh, director of a local satellite news channel, saw pools of blood and blown-up body parts at the scene of the bombing. At the morgue, he counted 37 bodies, many of which had been blown up beyond recognition.

"I couldn't stand the scene and left the place at once," he said.

**Officials in Tikrit, the capital of Salahuddin province, said security had been deteriorating there for months. The head of the provincial counterterrorism department and a prominent judge and his family were killed in recent attacks, according to Suhad Fadhil, a parliament member from the area.**

The provincial council fired the chief of police following the attack and demanded an investigation.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Foreign Occupation "Servicemember" Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced**

January 17, 2010 Reuters

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

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### **Italian Soldier Killed, Another Gravely Wounded At Bala Murghab By Man In Afghan Army Uniform:**

# **“After Sanna Was Shot In The Center In The Head And Another Soldier In The Shoulder, The Man ‘Went Away’”**

18 gennaio 2011 Corriere della Sera

MILAN - After the death in Afghanistan of Corporal Luca Sanna, 33 years of Orissa, while another Alpine Barisonzi Luca, 20, was seriously wounded during a firefight in an outpost near the Italian base Bala Murghab, would raise to 36 Italian soldiers killed in Afghanistan,

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE - “Unfortunately I must tell you that one of our soldiers died in Afghanistan,” said Defence Minister, Ignazio La Russa, speaking of the firefight. The corporal of the Alpine Barisonzi, originally bunting, which at first did not seem in danger of life as wounded in the shoulder, got worse in the evening, the minister said. “When his condition stabilized will be transferred to another medical facility,” La Russa added, that “the military’s medical staff is providing every possible assistance.

Shooting inside the base ITALIAN - La Russa, then confirmed that the shooting took place in an outpost of the safety belt of Bala Murghab called Hilander. On that basis by the eighth regiment of Alpini Cividale del Friuli, La Russa went on to explain the reasons for the succession of attacks against the Italians in Afghanistan: “For the first time in years we are not only inside the fortified bases, but we aim to control the territory to ensure that the Afghan population is within its villages. The outposts are more easily exposed to insurgent attacks.”

KILLED BY A MAN IN UNIFORM Afghans - “He was killed by a terrorist in Afghan army uniform, “he said later during a press conference the Minister of Defense Ignazio La Russa.

According to La Russa, two assumptions are still being studied by investigators, that the terrorist was not a military but wore the uniform, or - ‘less likely’ - it was an infiltrator of the Afghan army, enlisted for violent actions this type.

“The facts - summarized La Russa - took place at 12.05 hours in an Italian outpost in the area of Bala Murghab” in the north west region, in Italian command.

**Corporal Luca Sanna and his fellow soldiers “were both shot by a man wearing a uniform Afghan and who approached them with a trick, perhaps showing the weapon problems.”**

**After Sanna was shot in the center in the head and another soldier in the shoulder, the man “went away.”**

For this - said La Russa - you can not say with certainty whether it was a terrorist who was wearing a uniform or a real infiltrated the Afghan army. In either case you can not talk about friendly fire, because it was definitely not friendly fire. “

According to the reconstruction done later by La Russa, the murderer would come over to the two Italian soldiers pretending a problem with the gun, then he opened fire and in the confusion of the moment would have gone off.

“I turned on - said La Russa - the roads needed to speak with Petraeus by Wednesday.” The minister later told the press during a meeting with the Ministry of Defence to be ready to report to both Houses to give any information about what happened. He then reiterated its solidarity with the victims' families.

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## **Taliban Got A Plan: “We Have Assigned Our Fighters To Go After The NATO Supply Tankers Wherever In Pakistan”**

Jan 15, 2011 By Matiullah Achakzai - The Associated Press

CHAMAN, Pakistan — Gunmen attacked tankers carrying fuel for U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan as they sat parked at a roadside restaurant in southwest Pakistan on Saturday, setting 14 of the vehicles ablaze, officials said.

Pakistani Taliban spokesman Azam Tariq said the militant group was behind the Saturday strike, which involved eight gunmen. Police have refused to speculate on who was behind the attack.

“We have assigned our fighters to go after the NATO supply tankers wherever in Pakistan,” Tariq told The Associated Press by phone from an undisclosed location. “We want to make very, very difficult all land routes for NATO in Pakistan.”

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## **“Extortion, Intimidation And Kidnappings” “Officers Who Are Not In These Gangs Are Afraid Of Them” “Rumours Abound Of People In Police Uniforms Pressuring Local Businesses For ‘Donations,’ Being**

# Involved In Kidnappings Or Dealing In The Drug Trade” [And Who Wouldn't Prefer A Taliban Government To All That?]

Jan 17 By ELENA BECATOROS, Associated Press [Excerpts]

MAHUMUD-E-RAQI, Afghanistan (AP) -- The calls were threatening and they just wouldn't stop. The extortion demand was several hundred thousands of dollars.

“Or else,” said the caller.

Fearful, the civil engineer started to pay. But it was never enough.

First, a rocket was fired at his home in Kapisa province in the foothills of the Hindu Kush range northeast of Kabul.

Then gunmen tried to kidnap his eldest son, leaving him so badly injured that he needed treatment in India.

It wasn't necessarily the work of the Taliban.

A top concern for many civilians is the frequent inability of police to deal with the groups. Many others - including residents, local officials and researchers - claim the armed groups often have allies inside the security forces.

One Kapisa resident - locking the door and often dropping to a whisper to discuss extortion, intimidation and kidnappings - accused local police of links to the rackets, and said those officers who are not “in these gangs are afraid of them.”

The resident spoke on condition of anonymity - like nearly all local officials and residents who agreed to talk about the situation. “Yes, I am afraid,” the resident said.

“If they hear what I have told you, they will come to kill me.”

That fear is far from unfounded.

**Rumours abound of people in police uniforms pressuring local businesses for “donations,” being involved in kidnappings or dealing in the drug trade.**

One example is Tamim Kohistani, the 25-year-old son of a former police general and former Mujaheddin fighter.

On his way home to Kabul after a visit to the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif in late December, he and his two bodyguards were stopped at what he said looked like a



legitimate police checkpoint manned by about a dozen men in full uniform just outside the town of Charikar.

He was told he was being taken to the local police station over what he thought was a document mix-up. He said he only realized he was being kidnapped when he and his bodyguards were blindfolded and bound.

The bodyguards were released with a ransom demand for Kohistani's father. Kohistani, meanwhile, spent the next day chained in an underground dungeon. He was allowed out twice to call his father. He begged for help.

"The threat was on my life. The conditions were very bad in that room. There was no air," he said.

Kohistani was released about 26 hours later. Unable to walk because the chains on his legs had been so tight, the kidnappers carried him into a car, still blindfolded, and abandoned him by the side of a road.

He is still not sure whether the men at the checkpoint were police or just using the uniforms.

**But one top official in Kapisa says he has strong suspicions.**

**"Eighty percent I think they were real police," the official said, speaking on condition his name not be used for fear of reprisals.**

**"Fifty or 60 percent of police are corrupt" in the region.**

**MORE:**

## **Obama Regime Will Piss Away \$6 Billion More On This Pack Of Corrupt Scum You Just Read About**

January 18, 2011 By JOSHUA PARTLOW AND ERNESTO LONDONO, THE WASHINGTON POST [Excerpt]

A U.S.-backed plan to hire 73,000 new Afghan soldiers and police officers has raised concern among diplomats in Kabul over the quality of recruits and the sustainability of an increasingly costly security apparatus financed almost entirely by international donors.

The plan represents a 24percent increase over an initial American goal.

It would cost the United States an additional \$6 billion next year, roughly twice as much as previously planned, and could saddle Washington and other donors with heftier Afghan security costs for years, if not decades, to come.

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## **REALLY BAD PLACE TO BE: ALL HOME NOW**



U.S. soldiers of Bravo Company 2-327 Infantry patrols in Chowkay district near Pakistani border in Kunar province, eastern Afghanistan, Dec. 21, 2010. (AP Photo/Rafiq Maqbool)

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## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

### **“Militant Militias Attacked House Of The Parliament With Mortar Attackers Where Parliamentarians Had A Meeting Today”**

January 17, 2011 Mareeg

Mogadishu - At least 2 people killed and number of others wounded in capital Mogadishu after fighting and heavy shells were exchanged by Islamist militias of Al-shabab and T.F.G forces backed by the African union peacekeeping forces on 17th, January on Monday noon, residents said.

The fighting occurred in the north of Mogadishu between warring sides and both were using heavy weapons including shelling that could heard most of the city killing 2 innocent civilians, reports said.

The shells come as Islamist insurgents attacked government military bases in northern side of the capital and also militant militias attacked house of the parliament with mortar attackers where parliamentarians had a meeting today, reports said.

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## MILITARY NEWS

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



The casket of Marine Cpl. Derek Wyatt at Arlington National Cemetery January 7, 2011. Wyatt, of Akron, Ohio, was killed Dec. 6 in Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

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

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

## **35,000 Soldiers Owed Stop-Loss Pay Haven't Applied To Get It: "There Are About 15,000 Unpaid Cases Among Other Services, The Pentagon Says"**

Jan 17, 2011 By Gregg Zoroya - USA Today [Excerpts]

The Army is struggling to find about 35,000 soldiers, most of them veterans now, who are owed bonuses because they were forced to remain in the military beyond their normal enlistment.

The government authorized the "special pay" in 2009 after criticism from some troops and Congress who said the "stop loss" policy that extended enlistments amounted to a "back door draft." Most of the troops fought in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Veterans groups have faulted the Pentagon for not being able to locate the troops.

The Army has yet to pay up to \$160 million to 57,000 current or former soldiers, or to families of those who have died or were killed while on stop-loss. That includes 22,000 requests that are currently under review and about 35,000 people the Army cannot yet locate.

**There are about 15,000 unpaid cases among other services, the Pentagon says.**

Congress passed a law in 2009 to compensate the troops with retroactive bonuses of \$500 for every month served beyond enlistment. The average payout is about \$3,800.

The law requires service members to apply for the special pay. The Pentagon urges anyone owed money to get more information at [www.defense.gov/stoploss](http://www.defense.gov/stoploss).

Navy Cross recipient Scott Montoya said he was stop-lossed for several months in 2003 while fighting in Iraq and has yet to be paid.

The former Marine Corps reserve sergeant, who received the second-highest combat valor award for rescuing wounded civilians and Marines while under fire in Baghdad on April 8, 2003, said he received mail alerting him to the bonus last year and responded. But he has received no reply.

The Marine Corps confirmed that Montoya may be owed a stop-loss bonus and is looking into it.

For the months he says he was on stop-loss in 2003 a bonus could amount to several thousand dollars.

“Oh God, that would be helpful,” he said.

**DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE  
MILITARY?**

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**One Million Poisoned By The  
Corps At Camp Lejeune:  
“The Corps Ignored Stark  
Warnings About Pollution And  
Waited Four Years To Close Those  
Wells”**

**“These Are The People Who Loved  
And Trusted The Corps And Now  
Feel A Sense Of Betrayal”**

# “The Marine Corps’ Leaders Dishonored Us”



Martin Maier wipes away tears as his wife, Sandra, holds a map of Camp Lejeune. Maier, a Vietnam veteran stationed at Lejeune in the 1960s, suffers from Parkinson’s disease and blames the death of his son, in his 30s, on the water there. [BRYAN THOMAS | Times]

January 16, 2011 By William R. Levesque, Times Staff Writer [Excerpts]

TAMPA — It seemed as if everyone had a story about illness or death. They filled the room.

Men and women with breast cancer. Prostate cancer. Bladder cancer. Disorders of the nervous system. The parents of babies who died days after birth. Husbands and wives who recalled the agony of a loved one.

The one thing they shared other than illness brought them to Tampa Saturday:

They had all lived at Camp Lejeune, a Marine Corps base in North Carolina.

Up to 250 people, mostly Tampa Bay residents, gathered at the Tampa Marriott Westshore for an informational meeting about what scientists think is one of the worst incidents of drinking water contamination in the nation’s history.

But it was two of the leading advocates for the alleged victims of that tainted water who presented the case that the corps ignored stark warnings about pollution and waited four years to close those wells.

The advocates said they suffered, too. Former Marine drill instructor Jerry Ensminger’s daughter was conceived at Lejeune and died of leukemia at age 9. Mike Partain, an

officer's son, was born at the base in 1968 and is one of 67 men who lived at Lejeune and were later diagnosed with rare breast cancer.

"These are the people who lost a loved one to cancer or who had cancer or are dealing with cancer," Partain said after the meeting. "These are the people who loved and trusted the corps and now feel a sense of betrayal."

Federal scientists say that up to a million Marines, sailors and their families were exposed to a toxic brew of carcinogens for at least 30 years ending in 1987.

Men like Jerry Earls, 71, a Largo resident whose son died at Camp Lejeune in 1962 when he was 2 days old. Earl's wife was later diagnosed with breast cancer, and then the ovarian cancer that killed her.

"It was always in the back of my mind — what happened?" said Earls, who retired after 20 years in the corps in 1977. "It was devastating. Both deaths were. It always seemed so strange. Now I think I have an answer."

His infant son is buried in a cemetery not far from the gates of Camp Lejeune. He's buried in a section locals call "Baby Heaven." In it are row after row of headstones for the stillborn or the babies who died days after birth.

At the meeting, veterans displayed their Marine pride in every corner of the room. Some wore "USMC" caps or jackets. Others made reservations for the event using e-mails that began with Marine references like "sgtmc" or "corpsdog" or "Marine2mark." Their cars had Marine license plates.

Bob Kahaly, 52, of Ponte Vedra left his Marine cap in his car. It's the car with all the Marine logos on it. He's battled non-Hodgkins lymphoma for a decade and lost a Marine buddy to cancer.

Kahaly served in the corps from 1978 to 1980, including a stint at Lejeune. He is one of the few Florida residents who has won a monthly benefit from the Department of Veterans Affairs because it says his cancer was probably caused by polluted water.

"It's heart wrenching to know that the government you served knowingly let this happen," Kahaly said. "That the Marine Corps did it really hurts. The Marine Corps' leaders dishonored us."

But Kahaly said, "I'm still proud to be a Marine."

More than 14,000 Floridians who were exposed to tainted water have signed up for a Marine database, more than any state in the country other than North Carolina.

Dennis Antle, 60, commandant of a Riverview chapter of the Marine Corps League, said more still may be unaware of the issue.

Antle is a combat veteran of Vietnam with three Purple Hearts. He wears a red "USMC" hat. A patch on his jacket says, "Brothers forever."

Antle had wanted to be a Marine since childhood. He joined at 17 and has lived and breathed the Marine Corps motto ever since.

Semper fidelis — always faithful.

“We don’t leave a man behind,” Antle said. “We would never walk off from a battle and leave a guy lying there, dead or alive. We don’t do it.”

Then Antle said, “They left us behind on this one. Yes, it appears that they have.”

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# **Canadian Military Police Command Conspire To Cover Up Crimes Committed In Afghanistan: Their Interpreter Had Charged Execution Of 17 Year Old Prisoner And Torture Of Others: Attorney Says ““I Have No Response To Their Investigation Any More Than If Big Bird Or Oscar The Grouch Carried Out The Investigation”**

January 18, 2011 By Laura Stone, Postmedia News

OTTAWA — Canadian military police have cleared the Canadian Forces of any wrongdoing in the shooting death of a 17-year-old Afghan male.

The Canadian Forces National Investigation Service, the independent investigative arm of the military police, also absolved the military of criminal activity in relation to other allegations of torture and mistreatment of Afghan detainees.

The allegations which sparked the investigation came from Ahmadshah Malgarai, a Canadian-Afghan interpreter who testified before a Commons committee last April.

Malgarai, who said he read an intelligence report detailing the 2007 killing of an unarmed Afghan teen, claimed the innocent 17-year-old was shot in the back of the head during a raid and Canadian soldiers subsequently “panicked” and rounded up 10 innocent villagers, including a 10-year-old boy and a crippled 90-year-old man, and transferred them to the Afghan security service, the National Directorate of Security (NDS).



He also said Canadian soldiers then planted a weapon on the teen.

Military investigators tell a different story.

The CFNIS said a 17-year-old did die during a Canadian-led operation on June 18 and 19, 2007, but “no criminal or service offences were committed in relation to this incident,” meaning no crimes were committed under either the Criminal Code of Canada or the National Defence Act for military services offences.

“Based on interviews with those individuals directly involved, including Afghan witnesses, and a detailed examination of the evidence, the individual was determined to be an armed threat and a legitimate target,” the CFNIS said.

Other allegations made by Malgarai during his spring testimony include: a senior NDS officer did not want to take a sick detainee from Canadians so he took out a gun and proposed shooting him; a Canadian guard refused to take medicine from the mother of a detainee who had to have a kidney removed at the Canadian base; and the Canadian Forces “subcontracted torture” to the Afghan intelligence service.

“We found no evidence whatsoever of any of that or any wrongdoing by any Canadian Forces members,” said Lt.-Col. Gilles Sansterre, a commanding officer of the CFNIS.

Malgarai’s lawyer disputes both the findings of the investigation and the independence of the CFNIS.

**“I have no response to their investigation any more than if Big Bird or Oscar the Grouch carried out the investigation. It really is completely irrelevant when the military investigates the military,” said Ottawa-based lawyer Amir Attaran.**

**“You can’t have the military investigate the military and get an answer that is credible.”**

Attaran said that Canada’s top soldier, Gen. Walter Natynczyk, denied in a letter sent days after Malgarai’s testimony that his troops shot and killed the unarmed teenager — before an investigation had even begun. A spokeswoman for Natynczyk said at the time that his statement was based on military operational reports.

Attaran also takes issue with the CFNIS statement that Malgarai declined to provide any additional information for the investigation.

He said his client was and is willing to participate in an investigation, but only with a police force that is independent from the Department of National Defence, such as the Ontario Provincial Police.

A spokesman for Defence Minister Peter MacKay, and spokesmen for both the Liberal and NDP parties, declined to comment on the investigation.

Malgarai, who has resumed his studies at Carleton University, worked for the military for one year ending in June 2008. He has said he believes Canadian Forces leaked his name to the Taliban, forcing him to flee.

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## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**



**“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”**

**“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**

**MORE:**

**Frederick Douglass On Sending  
Petitions To Obama, Congress And/Or  
The Rest Of The Imperial Government**

From: SANFORD KELSON, Veterans For Peace & Military Resistance Organization  
Subject: Frederick Douglass  
Date: Jan 11, 2011

Frederick Douglass while a supporter (he later departed from Garrison's view) of William Lloyd Garrison stated:

**“These petitions delight the hearts of the slaves; they rejoice to know that something is going on in their favor... They get a vague idea that somebody is doing something to ameliorate their condition.**

**“Thus these petitions hold the slave in check; thus they are good for the master as well as for the slave, for they have prevented many an assassination, many an insurrection...**

**“But sir, the slaves are learning to read and to write, and the time is fast coming, when they will act in concert, and effect their own emancipation, if justice is not done by some other extraneous agency.”**

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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

### **Zionist Terrorists Kill Man For Farming While Palestinian**



Palestinians look at the body of a Gaza farmer, Shaban Qarmout, before his funeral, in Kamal Edwan hospital in the northern Gaza Strip January 10, 2011. Photo via Uruknet

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

January 10, 2011 By THE NEW YORK TIMES

GAZA — Palestinians accused Israeli forces on Monday of shooting a 65-year-old Gazan on his farm near the border with Israel.

The farmer's son said that three gunshots were fired from an Israeli watchtower overlooking the family's property, which is close to the security fence that marks the border, and that one of the bullets hit his father in the neck.

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## **The Brave Zionist State Machine Terrorizes Schoolchildren And Teachers: “The Teachers Were Handcuffed And Blindfolded In Front Of Their Pupils Before The Bulldozers Moved In”**



Nayfeh Ka'abneh and a friend. Photograph: Harriet Sherwood for the Guardian

14 January 2011 Posted by Harriet Sherwood, Guardian News and Media Limited

In a bleak but beautiful landscape of undulating stony hills I watched a group of Palestinian schoolchildren take their lessons yesterday in the open air next to a heap of rubble that, until this week, was their classroom.

This is the village of Dkaika, about as far south in the West Bank as you can get. It's a community of around 300 people, without electricity or running water, whose days are spent tending their herds of goats and sheep and trying not to attract the attention of nearby Jewish settlers.

On Wednesday, at about 7.30am, a convoy of military vehicles and bulldozers arrived to tear down 16 homes, an animal pen, a store and one of the village school's classrooms.

All were subject to demolition orders, granted because the structures were built without permission, which is almost impossible for Palestinians to get around here. Dkaika is in Area C, under full Israeli military and civil control, which accounts for 60% of the West Bank.

**At the time there were dozens of children inside the school.**

**The soldiers tried to prevent the its three teachers from entering the building.**

**Sulaima Najadah, 38, who has taught English at the school since last September, told me that he sneaked in to reassure the crying children.**

**"I was in this class," he said, pointing to the pile of twisted metal and masonry. "The soldiers took us out by force."**

**The teachers were handcuffed and blindfolded in front of their pupils before the bulldozers moved in.**

One girl, Mariam Odeh, 13, said she had been afraid the classroom would be demolished over their heads.

Twelve-year-old Nayfeh Ka'abneh lost her home as well as her classroom. That night she slept in a tent.

"It wasn't comfortable," she said, shyly twisting the ends of her headscarf. "We want to rebuild our home."

In another tent, with a rug laid over bare stony ground and a small fire burning in a corner, Fida Najada, 24, said she had no money to reconstruct her home.

Her husband, who was tending herds far from the village, did not yet know it had been demolished. Pregnant and with a small boy clinging to her legs, Najada had no idea how long she would have to live under canvas.

Between 50 and 60 people were made homeless by Wednesday's demolitions, adding to the 478 - many of them children - displaced in Area C in 2010, according to figures from the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). The number for the previous year was 319.

Residents had believed the demolition orders were on hold while a plan to regularise the village was considered by the Israeli authorities.

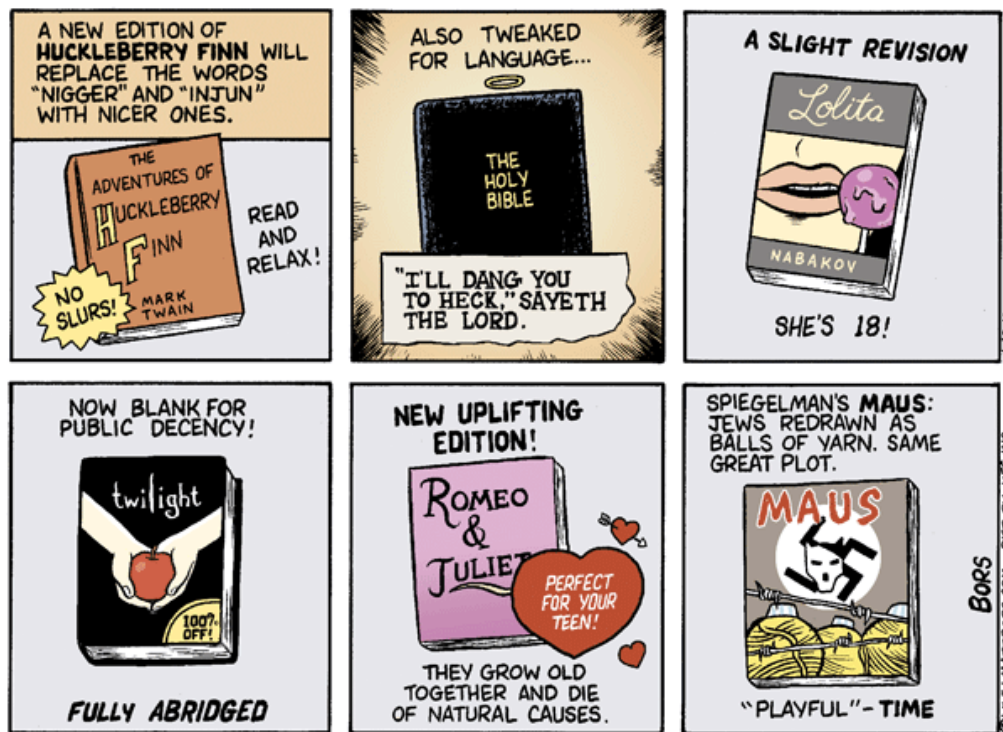
**They did not deny that buildings were erected without permission.**

Palestinian building is rarely approved in Area C, in contrast to permits for settlement expansion.

The area has been inhabited by Palestinians since the Ottoman era, locals said. Its population swelled when families moved across the Green Line from the Negev after the war in 1948.

[To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation by foreign terrorists, go to: [www.rafahtoday.org](http://www.rafahtoday.org) The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves "Israeli."]

## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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# **Welcome To The Occupied USA: The Imperial Government Is Secretly Accessing Your Twitter Account “Without The Knowledge Of The People Being Investigated” “It’s A Perfect Example Of How The Government Can Use Its Broad Powers To Silence People”**

The government says more than 50,000 of these requests, known as national security letters, are sent each year, but they come with gag orders that prevent those contacted from revealing what the agency has been seeking or even the existence of the gag orders.

January 9, 2011 By NOAM COHEN, The New York Times [Excerpts]

**THE news that federal prosecutors have demanded that the microblogging site Twitter provide the account details of people connected to the WikiLeaks case, including its founder, Julian Assange, isn’t noteworthy because the government’s request was unusual or intrusive.**

**It is noteworthy because it became public.**

Even as Web sites, social networking services and telephone companies amass more and more information about their users, the government — in the course of conducting inquiries — has been able to look through much of the information without the knowledge of the people being investigated.

For the Twitter request, the government obtained a secret subpoena from a federal court. Twitter challenged the secrecy, not the subpoena itself, and won the right to inform the people whose records the government was seeking.

**WikiLeaks says it suspects that other large sites like Google and Facebook have received similar requests and simply went along with the government.**

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**“It’s a perfect example of how the government can use its broad powers to silence people,” said Nicholas Merrill, who was the first person to file a constitutional challenge against the use of national security letters, authorized by the USA Patriot Act.**

**Until August, he was forbidden to acknowledge the existence of a 2004 letter that the company he founded, the Calyx Internet Access Corporation, received from the F.B.I.**

**Mr. Merrill is now free to speak about the request, but part of the gag order remains in place, and he is still barred from discussing what information he had been asked to provide.**

**As a result, he said, before he gives a talk he consults a six-page guide prepared by his lawyers at the American Civil Liberties Union to be sure that he complies with the order to avoid risking a punishment of five years in prison.**

**Mr. Merrill argues that the blanket gag orders have prevented a full public debate on the subject.**

He himself largely left the I.S.P. business in 2004, independent of his legal case, and only now has returned to hosting a couple of clients as part of a nonprofit project, the Calyx Institute, which aims to study how to protect consumers’ privacy.

Regarding the news about Twitter, he wrote in an e-mail: “I commend Twitter’s policy of notifying their customers of government requests for their private data and for their challenging and subsequently removing the gag order. This is a great example of the government’s misuse of secrecy provisions and of exemplary privacy ethics on behalf of Twitter.”

To one of Mr. Merrill’s A.C.L.U. lawyers, Jameel Jaffer, the smooth operation of the system is a sign that it is not working. The privacy rights at stake are not those of the companies who hold the information, Mr. Jaffer said, but “about people whose records are held.” And those people should be told, he said.

“People used to be the custodians of their own records, their own diaries. Now third parties are custodians of all that,” he said. “Everything you do online is entrusted to someone else — unless you want to go completely off the grid, and I’m not even sure that is possible.”

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# **Welcome To The Occupied USA**

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# Wikileaks Volunteer Detained Interrogated And Searched (Again) By Obama's Agents

Jan 12, 2011 Xeni Jardin at 12:59 PM Wednesday, Boing Boing

Jacob Appelbaum, a security researcher, Tor developer, and volunteer with Wikileaks, reported today on his Twitter feed that he was detained, searched, and questioned by the US Customs and Border Patrol agents at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on January 10, upon re-entering the US after a vacation in Iceland.

He experienced a similar incident last year at Newark airport.

**An archive of his tweeted account from today follows.**

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- It's very frustrating that I have to put so much consideration into talking about the kind of harassment that I am subjected to in airports.
- **I was detained, searched, and CPB did attempt to question me about the nature of my vacation upon landing in Seattle.**
- **The CPB specifically wanted laptops and cell phones and were visibly unhappy when they discovered nothing of the sort.**
- **I did however have a few USB thumb drives with a copy of the Bill of Rights encoded into the block device. They were unable to copy it.**
- The forensic specialist (who was friendly) explained that EnCase and FTK, with a write-blocker inline were unable to see the Bill of Rights.
- **I requested access my lawyer and was again denied. They stated I was I wasn't under arrest and so I was not able to contact my lawyer.**
- The CBP (U.S. Customs and Border Protection) agent was waiting for me at the exit gate. Remember when it was our family and loved ones?
- When I handed over my customs declaration form, the female agent was initially friendly. After pulling my record, she had a sour face.
- She attempted to trick me by putting words into my mouth. She marked my card with a large box with the number 1 inside, sent me on my way.
- **While waiting for my baggage, I noticed the CBP agent watching me and of course after my bag arrived, I was "randomly" selected for search.**

- **Only US customs has random number generator worse than a mid-2007 Debian random number generator. Random? Hardly.**

- During the search, I made it quite clear that I had no laptop and no cell phone. Only USB drives with the Bill of Rights.

- **The CBP agent stated that I had posted on Twitter before my flight and that slip ended the debate about their random selection process.**

- The CBP agents in Seattle were nicer than ones in Newark. None of them implied I would be raped in prison for the rest of my life this time.

- **The CBP agent asked if the ACLU was really waiting. I confirmed the ACLU was waiting and they again denied me contact with legal help.**

- All in all, the detainment was around thirty minutes long. They all seemed quite distressed that I had no computer and no phone.

- They were quite surprised to learn that Iceland had computers and that I didn't have to bring my own.

- There were of course the same lies and threats that I received last time. They even complimented me on work done regarding China and Iran.

- I think there's a major disconnect required to do that job and to also complement me on what they consider to be work against police states.

- While it's true that Communist China has never treated me as badly as CBP, I know this isn't true for everyone who travels to China.

- All in all, if you're going to be detained, searched, and harassed at the border in an extra-legal manner, I guess it's Seattle over Newark.

- It took a great deal of thought before I posted about my experience because it honestly appears to make things worse for me in the future.

- **Even if it makes things worse for me, I refuse to be silent about state sponsored systematic detainment, searching, and harassment.**

- **In case it is not abundantly clear: I have not been arrested, nor charged with any crime, nor indicted in any way. Land of the free? Hardly.**

- I'm only counting from the time that we opened my luggage until it was closed. The airport was basically empty when I left.

- It's funny that the forensics guy uses EnCase. As it, like CBP, apparently couldn't find a copy of the Bill of Rights I dd'ed into the disk.

- The forensics guy apparently enjoyed the photo with my homeboy Knuth and he was really quite kind. The forensics guy in Newark? Not so much.

- **The CBP agent asked me for data - was I bringing data into the country? Where was all my data from the trip? Names, numbers, receipts, etc.**
- **The mental environment that this creates for traveling is intense. Nothing is assured, nothing is secure, and nothing provides escape.**
- I resisted the temptation to give them a disk filled with /dev/random because I knew that reading them the Bill of Rights was enough hassle.
- I'm flying to Toronto, Canada for work on Sunday and back through Seattle again a few days later. Should be a joy to meet these guys again.
- All of this impacts my ability to work and takes a serious emotional toll on me. It's absolutely unacceptable.
- **What happens if I take a device they can't image? They take it. What about the stuff they give back? Back doored? Who knows?**
- Does it void a warranty if your government inserts a backdoor into your computer or phone? It certainly voids the trust I have in all of it.
- **I dread US Customs more than I dreaded walking across the border from Turkey to Iraq in 2005. That's something worth noting.**
- **I will probably never feel safe about traveling internationally with a computer or phones again.**
- **None the less, safe or not, I won't stop working on Tor. Nor will I cease traveling. I will adapt and I will win. A hard road worth taking.**

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## CLASS WAR REPORTS

# The Role Of Cyber-Resistance In The Tunisian Revolution: “The Protests Are Being Organized And Supported Through Online Networks Centered On Twitter And Facebook”

January 13, 2011 By Tim Lister, CNN [Excerpts]

The protests that have gripped Tunisia in recent weeks are, to say the least, unusual.

Organized dissent in the streets is rarely tolerated in Arab states, and human rights groups say the Tunisian government has had a short fuse when dealing with opponents.

But what's going on in Tunisia is all the more unusual because the protests are being organized and supported through online networks centered on Twitter and Facebook.

So prolific are the educated members of the northern African nation's younger generation online that it has become a top priority of the Tunisian government to block and disrupt bloggers and others perceived as opponents.

**The protesters have been quick to mock the government's efforts to stifle them -- with slogans like “Free From 404” (Internet language for “file not found”) abounding online and in the streets.**

Activists like Lina Ben Mhenni have posted photos and video of the protests and of some of those killed in the demonstrations. Ben Mhenni, who uses Twitter and Facebook and has her own blog called “A Tunisian Girl,” posted photos Monday of five people she describes as the “martyrs of Erregueb.”

Regueb is a town in the Tunisian province where clashes between protesters and police broke out on Monday.

Another blog (largely in French) called Nawaat included video of students in Tunis this week organizing themselves into the shape of the Arabic characters spelling Horriya or “freedom.”

**And in retaliation for the Tunisian government's action, activists of the loosely organized hacking group Anonymous have carried out denial-of-service attacks on websites associated with the Tunisian government.**

(Anonymous also attacked websites of companies that declined to do business with WikiLeaks.)

Activists have also been uploading videos of demonstrations to YouTube using the hashtag #sidibouzyd (the province where the demonstrations first began last month), despite the Tunisian authorities' banning of YouTube in November 2007.

One that appeared Wednesday showed what appeared to be several hundred people -- mainly young, both male and female -- chanting slogans in the city of Sfax.

Another, running 12 minutes and posted on "A Tunisian Girl's" Facebook page, showed a confrontation Monday -- apparently in Tunis -- between protesters and riot police.

Ben Mhenni also includes -- with an air of triumph -- a French newspaper article entitled "Le regime depasse par la cyberresistance" (the regime overtaken by cyber-resistance) as well as photos from Kasserine, one of the towns rocked by protests this week.

Some of the photos show protesters holding U.S.-made tear-gas canisters.

Given the age and media-savvy of the protesters, it's perhaps not surprising that one of their heroes is a Tunisian rapper, Hamada ben Amor, also known as El General. A song he wrote (and which also was spread widely online) includes the lyrics "Mr. President, your people are dying."

He was arrested last week in the city of Sfax after writing a song critical of the government. CNN has been unable to reach his family to confirm reports that he has since been released.

Other critics, such as bloggers Slim Amamou and Azyz Amamy, have been silent for almost a week, and opposition sources believe they have been detained. (Slim Amamou's last tweet was on January 6.) And the Committee to Protect Journalists says that a reporter working for independent Radio Kalima in the coastal town of Chebba was detained on Tuesday.

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