

## **Military Resistance 9A6**

### **Soldiers Join A Soon-To-Be-Successful Revolutionary Movement**



January 12, 2010: A woman kisses a Tunisian soldier as they celebrate the growing power of the revolutionary movement from below that forced the President-Dictator of Tunisia to run away from the country January 14. (AFP/Fethi Belaid)

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January 12, 2011 By FRANKLIN C. SPINNEY, CounterPunch

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President Obama’s ballyhooed surge of US forces in Afghanistan added 17,000 troops in early 2009 plus an additional 30,000 by 2010, in effect doubling the number of troops in Afghanistan (not to mention the concomitant surge in the camp-follower contractor force).

**The Taliban may not have doubled its troop strength, but as Tom Vanden Brook reports in the 10 January issue of USA Today, the insurgents have doubled the total number of casualties inflicted by mines in just the last two years of the nine year war.**

Of course, as any veteran of Vietnam (or Algeria) will tell you, mines and booby traps are favorite weapons of guerrilla fighters.

Mine warfare is extremely cost-effective for the guerrilla.

**It is dirt cheap, yet it creates a powerful hidden menace that slows down the adversary’s battlefield decision cycle.**

**That is because the real or imagined presence of mines increases uncertainty and fear, which turn the focus of a soldier’s attention inward on self-protection, as opposed to maintaining a mental state focused outward on neutralizing the enemy.**

**Defeating the mine becomes the objective, but the presence of mines and booby traps fix soldiers' attention and make them more vulnerable to the blind-side effects of enemy initiatives, like sudden hit and run attacks or ambushes.**

That combined-arms effect is why force protection has become such an obsession in Afghanistan.

**Ask any soldier what it is like to be been stuck in a minefield in any war, and he will tell you the dominant psychological effect is a sense of paralyzing fear and vulnerability.**

Put abstractly, the uncertainty and menace posed by the real or imagined presence of mines creates an intense psychological pressure that builds up a reactive emotional mindset that strains the body, saps initiative, and slows down decisions and action.

In a relative sense, this effect on one side of a conflict increases the freedom of action for the other, in this case, the guerrilla.

Despite the land mine's long indisputable history of high effectiveness, the US military was caught flat footed by the sudden appearance of this threat after the U.S. militarized its response to 9-11 with the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Indeed, the Pentagon coined a revealing new mechanistic term of art to describe the mine threat: "improvised explosive device (IED)."

**The very wording of the term implies the battlefield booby traps in Iraq and Afghanistan were something new and unexpected to the planners in the Pentagon and strategists in the field.**

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Now look at some of the rationalizations used to explain the increase in casualties as given to Vanden Brook by his sources:

--- A relatively mild winter enabled freer Taliban movements (presumably enabling Taliban guerrillas to deploy more mines in more places).

--- Increased mine-inflicted casualties are the result of added US troops forcing the Taliban to fight back.

--- Al Qaeda is directing the Taliban to return to areas they were pushed out of and to fight back.

--- Despite increased casualties caused by mines, the military says progress is being made against the mine threat.

--- Wounded troops are less likely to die because of improvements in battlefield medicine.

Rationalization #4 is vapid Pentagon-speak for justifying its continued expenditure of billions of dollars on hi-tech gizmos to defeat a primitive mine threat it failed to foresee, while it indulged itself by continuing to waste money on cold-war inspired turkeys after the cold war ended (Star Wars, F-22, SSN-21, Future Combat System, etc).

**Rationalization #5 has nothing to do with the total number of casualties from mines, i.e., killed plus wounded.**

**Indeed, from the guerrilla's perspective, it is often better to wound an adversary than to kill him, because wounding triggers rescue operations that shift decision-making focus inward toward self protection and ties up more manpower and material resources in high-cost extraction/medical operations.**

Paradoxically, the increase in the wounded to killed ratio, while welcome to our side in the sense that it reduces US deaths, may even suggest that the relative effectiveness of mine warfare for the guerrilla is growing, because it is increasing its strain of our ever more costly efforts to wage an increasingly expensive and frustrating war in a distant land (we have now spent as much in Afghanistan, measured in inflation adjusted dollars, as we spent in much larger, albeit shorter wars in Korea and WWI and almost half as much as was spent in Vietnam).

Rationalization #s 2 & 3 at least relate to the question of the effectiveness in coping with the mine threat, but they reflect a somewhat bizarre mindset when viewed in terms of our counterinsurgency doctrine.

The idea of measuring success by forcing the Taliban to stand and fight suggests we have reverted to a Vietnam-style attrition strategy (which implies greater firepower, focus on bodycounts, and more unintended death and destruction to civilians), as opposed to the counter-guerrilla oil-spot strategy of winning hearts and minds of locals that the surge was originally premised upon.

This weird aspect was reinforced by John Nagl, an oft-quoted "expert" on guerrilla warfare and president the Center for New American Security (a pro-interventionist thinktank), when he said "We'll know a lot more about how effectively we've been able to put pressure on the enemy based on who comes out to fight in the spring."

By implication, Nagl is saying if that the Taliban don't come out to fight next spring, it is a sign that we are winning.

Nagl is forgetting that the Taleban have disappeared before. In the immediate aftermath of the US invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, a triumphal President Bush and Pentagon mistook a strategic dispersal into the Hindu Kush for a rout and declared victory. Now, nine years later we are still fighting the Taleban, which in fact have expanded their areas of control.

Yet Nagl would have us believe another disappearance, by itself, would be a sign of success.

**T. E. Lawrence (of Arabia), would have different take on Nagl's disappearing hypothesis, arguing instead that guerrillas may not choose to cooperate by standing and fighting, because the art of guerrilla war is "tip and run, not pushes but strokes", with "use of the smallest force in the quickest time at the farthest place" and "never being on the defense except by accident or error."**

Lawrence is saying the name of the game for the guerrilla is to wear the adversary down by stretching out the war. Mine warfare fits this game like a hand in a glove.

Lawrence is certainly not alone in this kind of thinking.

**Nagl and his fellow counter-guerrilla travelers in the Pentagon would do well to study William E. Polk's profoundly important book, *Violent Politics: A History of Insurgency, Terrorism, and Guerrilla War, from the American Revolution to Iraq* (Harper Perennial, 2008), because Polk explains quite clearly why the only combatants to benefit strategically from protracted war of insurrection are the guerrillas who are trying to expel foreign invaders — and mine warfare is good for protracted war.**

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## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **Two National Guardsmen From Puerto Rico Killed By Taji IED**



National Guardsmen José A. Rosado and Jose A. Cintron Delgado Arroyo were friends and they died together in an explosion in Taji. (Suministradas)

January 4, 2011 By Barbara J. Figueroa Rosa, Primera Hora

They were best friends, those who became inseparable, even at the time of their deaths.

Soldiers José A. Rosado and Jose A. Cintron Delgado Arroyo is known for several years and both were part of the 1013 Engineering Battalion of the National Guard (GN), a band that started almost a year to Iraq to participate in the United States declared war in that area in 2003.

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“Ellos estaban bien ilusionados con la llegada de su papá... él era excepcional con ellos. Se desvivía por su familia”, contó la señora, sin poder evitar las lágrimas que le provocaba ver el sufrimiento que la muerte ha causado en sus nietos y en su hija, quien ayer permanecía sedada.

Y es que “Mickey”- como cariñosamente le decían al hombre de 38 años que había servido a las Fuerzas Armadas en Irak durante el 2006- ya tenía planes con su familia.

Según relataron parientes, sus expectativas eran dedicarse a su familia y retornar a sus estudios en enfermería.

“Quería terminar de estudiar porque lo de él era servir... lo hacía por vocación y porque le gustaba ayudar a la gente”, contó Carmen Rivera, madrina de la viuda.

Otros que recibieron con zozobra la trágica noticia fueron los familiares de Delgado Arroyo, quien dejó huérfanos a dos niños, Ninoshka y Justin.

Trascendió que el soldado -quien llevaba cuatro años en la Guardia Nacional- había participado de una misión en el 2008, en Guantánamo, Cuba.

Además, se desempeñaba como policía municipal en San Juan, pero había pedido una licencia hacía varios meses para poder ir a combate.

“Fue un policía ejemplar, con intachable expediente. Será recordado y extrañado, tanto en su cuartel como en el resto del cuerpo de seguridad”, expresó Hilton Cordero, comisionado de Seguridad de la capital, sobre el militar que tenía 41 años de edad y que recibiría por parte del alcalde Jorge Santini un ascenso póstumo a sargento.

Mientras, la Guardia Nacional de Puerto Rico envió un comunicado de prensa expresando condolencias a los familiares de ambos soldados.

“Es con profundo dolor y pesar que damos esta notificación al pueblo de Puerto Rico. Nuestras oraciones y pensamientos están con las familias de estos valerosos hombres”, indicó el ayudante general de la GN, Antonio J. Vicens.

**De otra parte, Sonia Santiago, portavoz de Madres contra la Guerra, reiteró su oposición a la presencia militar en Irak y lamentó el dolor que deben sufrir las viudas, las criaturas que quedan huérfanas y otros familiares de las dos víctimas, tras el suceso que ocurre a pocos días del Día de Reyes.**

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

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

## **More Resistance Action**



Supports of Iraq nationalist politician Muqtada al-Sadr, seen in poster, march against US occupiers and Vice President Joe Biden's visit to Baghdad, Iraq, Jan. 14, 2011. (AP Photo/Karim Kadim)

Jan 8 (Reuters) & Jan 10 (Reuters) & Jan 12 (Reuters) & Jan 14 (Reuters)

TAJI - Insurgents killed an off-duty policeman with guns equipped with silencers, in Taji, 20 km (12 miles) north of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

KHAN BANI SAAD - An Iraqi soldier was killed and another one was wounded when a roadside bomb hit their patrol in the town of Khan Bani Saad, near Baquba, 65 km north of Baghdad, police said.

HIT - A roadside bomb killed the police chief of Hit and wounded three policemen when it struck his convoy in the town, about 130 km (80 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

TIKRIT - A roadside bomb wounded two guards protecting public infrastructure when it went off near their patrol in the city of Tikrit, 150 km (95 miles) north of Baghdad, on Sunday, police said.



BAGHDAD - A bomb planted near the home of a judge wounded him as he was leaving his house in the Doura district of southern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

TIKRIT - A sticky bomb attached to the car of a municipality worker killed him when it exploded in central Tikrit, 150 km (95 miles) north of Baghdad, a police source said.

MOSUL - A sticky bomb attached to the car of an off-duty policeman killed him when it went off in southeastern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, a police source said.

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## **A Dozen Resistance Warriors Put On Police Uniforms And Escape From Prison**

January 14, 2011 The Associated Press

BAGHDAD -- A dozen insurgent suspects disguised in police uniforms broke out of an Iraqi jail Friday, prompting a manhunt across the nation's south for what officials called a dangerous group of top-ranking insurgents.

At least two of the suspects had formerly been held at Camp Bucca, the sprawling prison on Iraq's southern border with Kuwait where the U.S. military held tens of thousands of suspected insurgents - all of whom were transferred to Iraqi custody when the prison camp closed in September 2009.

**The 12 suspects were awaiting trial when they obtained the police uniforms and walked out of the small, temporary detention center in one of Saddam Hussein's former palaces before dawn in the southern port city of Basra, said three Iraqi security officials.**

Iraqi authorities immediately set up checkpoints on two major northbound highways to stop cars, asking all police to display their official ID cards as they urgently tried to track down the suspects. Basra is Iraq's second-largest city and is located 340 miles (550 kilometers) southeast of Baghdad.

The 12 were the only detainees held at the palace's makeshift jail. It's not clear how the detainees got the police uniforms. One intelligence official said authorities were looking into whether they had inside help from guards.

The deputy head of the Basra provincial council, Ahmed al-Sulaiti, told reporters that the federal government ordered the detention of all the security officials who were supposed to be protecting the palace compound from which the detainees escaped.

The intelligence officer said half of the detainees were recently arrested for stealing cars in Basra and confessed to being involved in multiple bombings since 2004 in Basra and

the southern cities of Amarah and Nasiriyah. Their confessions led authorities to the other six suspects, the officer said.

Iraq has been struggling to keep terror suspects behind bars since U.S. forces turned over legal custody of their detainees to the government. In July, detainees escaped at least twice from a Baghdad area prison known as Camp Cropper shortly after the U.S. handed it over to Iraqi authorities.

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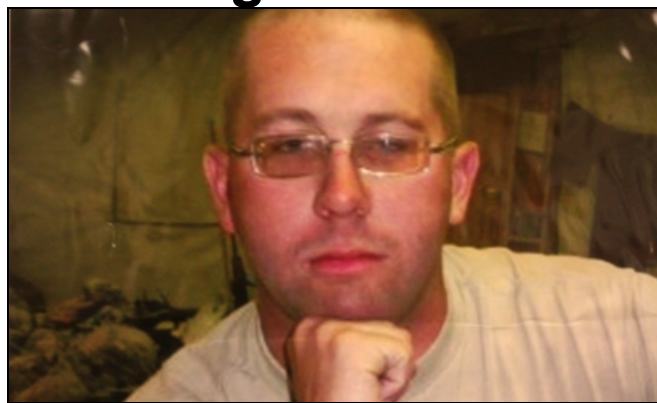
### **Three Foreign Occupation “Servicemembers” Killed Wednesday By An IED Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced**

January 12, 2010 Reuters

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

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### **NJ Soldier, Firefighter Killed In Afghanistan**



Jan 13, 2011 By DAN STAMM, NBC Universal, Inc.

A 23-year-old firefighter from Bordentown, N.J. has died while serving his country in Afghanistan.

A roadside bomb killed U.S. Army Private 1st Class Benjamin Moore Wednesday, the Trentonian reports.

Moore was not only a soldier but also a firefighter with the Hope House Humane Company of Bordentown. He started as a volunteer with the company when he was just 16, Fire Chief Pete Sedor said.

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## **Soldier From N. Ky. Killed In Afghanistan**

1.13.10 WCPO

A soldier with ties to the Tri-State has been killed in Afghanistan.

Pfc. Zachary Salmon, 21, was shot and killed Wednesday when his armored vehicle was attacked.

His younger sister Kelsi said Salmon is survived by his 3-year-old son Noah. Kelsi and Salmon's mother left Thursday night for Dover Air Force Base where the soldier's body is expected to arrive Friday morning.

Family members told 9 News they are extremely proud of Salmon's bravery and commend him for his sacrifice. They said he lived a life of helping others, and he will truly be missed.

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## **Danish Soldier Killed Near Gereshk**

09-01-2011 Hærens Operative Kommando

AFGHANISTAN, Helmand. A Danish soldier has been killed today by an improvised explosive device. The relatives have been informed

Sunday morning local time, a Danish soldier killed by an improvised explosive device. It happened when he was on a dismounted patrol west of Patrol Base Line, which is located six miles northeast of Gereshk. The soldier came from Charlie Company who is sent by the Royal Danish Life Guards.

Comrades and sanitation experts gave first aid immediately, and the soldier was evacuated by helicopter to the field hospital at Camp Bastion. Upon arrival at the field hospital the soldier was pronounced dead. The relatives are informed.

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# Master Cpl. Hervé Guinaud Killed In Tagab

10/01/2011 La Nouvelle Republique.fr

Master Cpl Hervé Guinaud Infantry Regiment tanks Marine Poitiers (RICM) was killed Saturday in Afghanistan at the age of 42 years.

Master Corporal 1st Class Hervé Guinaud enlisted in the navy troop in 1990 before joining the Infantry Regiment of Marine tanks in 1997. "Porpoise remarkable and exemplary" for his comrades, he was killed Saturday in the Afghan theater at the age of 42 years. From the region of Poitiers, he was married and the father of a 13 year old son.

Since last December, a squadron of RICM - a hundred men - is deployed to Afghanistan with Task Force Lafayette CATF Surobi.

Late Saturday afternoon in the Tagab area, south of Kapisa, northeast of Kabul, Master Cpl Hervé Guinaud, armored experienced mechanic, Participates in troubleshooting, "its mission first".

Night falls, Corporal Chief Guinaud guides his armored vehicle in front (VAB) when a violent explosion fires probably caused by a handmade device on the ground. The corporal was hit by the blast. He will succumb to his injuries. Two other soldiers RICM, still in the VAB, were slightly concussed. Outside, three soldiers from another unit are also slightly injured.

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## Columbus Marine Killed In Afghan Combat



Marine Cpl. Jacob A. Tate died Sunday in southern Afghanistan.

January 4, 2011 By Jim Woods, THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Cpl. Jacob A. Tate enjoyed the challenge of being a Marine, but to those who knew him it's a picture of him in Iraq, smiling and holding a puppy, that captures his fun-loving spirit.

Tate, 21, of the North Side, died Sunday along with another Marine from Hagerstown, Md., while conducting combat operations in southern Afghanistan.

They were based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division of the II Marine Expeditionary Force.

Tate leaves behind a wife, Amy, in North Carolina, and an infant son he'd never seen. Friends say the child is about 3 months old.

Tate was the son of James and Janice Tate of Hillandale Avenue. None of his family members could be reached last night.

Ben Peer and Jeff Frisch are both North Side residents who knew Tate since they went to Columbus' Alpine Elementary School together.

"We were in Pee Wee soccer at the Y together," said Peer, 22.

"He was very vibrant. Always smiling and always cracking jokes."

Frisch, 21, said he remembers going to Tate's house to play computer games. Frisch said they'd shoot targets with pellet guns in his backyard.

"He was into hunting with Dad," Frisch said. "Honestly, I don't know of anyone who couldn't get along with him."

At the start of his junior year, Tate transferred to Gahanna Christian Academy from Northland High School. There was a period of adjustment to a school with a few more rules, said Paul Hartje, an English teacher at Gahanna Christian.

"He was just so buoyant," Hartje said.

Tate soon became popular at the school and a committed Christian, Hartje said. He played soccer, baseball and basketball.

During his senior year, Tate decided to enlist in the Marine Corps.

Peer said he thought that Tate's ultimate goal was a law-enforcement career.

"He always pushed himself real hard," Peer said.

Hartje said that there was no hesitation with Tate's commitment to the Marines.

"I think that he saw the value of the Marines," Hartje said. "He saw the discipline. It gave him a sense of purpose to defend the country. He saw the strength of brotherhood."

As an adopted child, Tate had a "sense of family that was genuine," Hartje said.

The life of a Marine agreed with Tate. He already had been to Iraq before returning for his second overseas tour in Afghanistan this past summer.

There were times that Tate would return to Gahanna Christian and talk with students about life in the Marine Corps.

One time when Tate returned to the school, he met Hartje's wife, Karen, who thought she couldn't greet him because he was in full dress uniform.

She said, "Oh my goodness, I can't give you a hug."

Mr. Hartje recalls Tate replying, "That's really why I came to see you" - then he hugged her.

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## **A Father's Grief: Alamogordo Man's Son Dies In Afghanistan**



Garrett Misener (Courtesy photo)

12/29/2010 By Michael Johnson, Managing Editor, Alamogordo Daily News

Gary Misener answered a knock on his door late Sunday night and didn't think much of it until he saw two Marines standing across the threshold.

"The Marines knocked on my door at 10:06 p.m.," he said. "When I opened the door, I knew what was up."

At about the same time, two Marines knocked on the door of his ex-wife's home in Tennessee. The only person home at the time was Misener's 22-year-old daughter Anne, who was house-sitting for her mother and stepfather, both of whom were out of town for the holidays.

The two Marines broke the news to Misener that his son and Anne's older brother Garrett, 25, of Cordova, Tenn., had been killed in action Sunday in Afghanistan.

Garrett, a sergeant in the Marine Corps, was killed while conducting combat operations in Helmund province in Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Gary Misener, an ordained pastor who serves as interim associate pastor of worship at Bethel Baptist Church in Alamogordo, said his son had one month remaining on his current deployment before he was scheduled to return to North Carolina.

"This was the third Christmas in a row that he had been deployed," Gary said. "He had been deployed a total of six times. That is the price we are asking these young men to pay."

Gary said his son was leading his platoon in Helmund province when "he stepped on a pressure plate" connected to an improvised explosive device.

"He suffered severe trauma to the torso," Gary said, "so he was gone. He stepped on that pressure plate and into heaven.

"I believe that God is so merciful that he didn't maim my son. He just took him."

Garrett was born in Clovis, but moved to Sandy, Utah, when he was two months old after Gary took over as pastor of a church there. He spent 11 years in Utah before moving with his mother and two sisters to Memphis, Tenn.

Garrett joined the Marine Corps in 2003 shortly after graduation from Cordova High School on the outskirts of Memphis.

Garrett's Facebook page contains various photos of the Marine Corps sergeant fully equipped in battle gear. There are also photos of Garrett walking his dog on a beach, as well as one of a motorcycle and his 2008 Ford Mustang.

His profile page states that he enjoys the music of Red Hot Chili Peppers, P.O.D., Metallica and Foo Fighters. His favorite book, it says, is "The Last of the Mohicans" by James Fenimore Cooper. Michael Mann-directed films are his favorites, and TV shows he enjoys include "24," "House," "The Unit" and "Monster Garage."

He also loved serving his country as a Marine, something his father said he talked about with pride. And he said Garrett was willing to do his part in Operation Enduring Freedom, despite the risks involved. "It's just evil what's going on over there," Gary said. "We fight evil all the time, but I believe there is a realm a reality that is more real than what we can see or feel.

"He was no angel. He was a Marine, but he loved the Lord. I know where my son is."

Gary said he and his family were scheduled to fly to Dover Air Force Base, Del., Tuesday night to accompany Garrett's body to Tennessee, but the flight bringing his body home was delayed because of the massive snowstorm rocking the East Coast.

Gary said a memorial service is planned for Garrett in Germantown, Tenn. There will also be a memorial service for him next week in Alamogordo at Bethel Baptist Church, although formal plans were not finalized as of press time.

Gary said his son had expressed a desire in his will to be buried in New Mexico, most likely in Belen next to Gary's younger brother Randy, a nine-year veteran of the New Mexico State Police.

"Garrett had expressed to his mother and to me that he wanted to come back to New Mexico," he said. "He and Randy were really close."

Gary said he has received an outpouring of support from his friends in Alamogordo.

"This a military town," he said. "It really hits home here."

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## **Soldier Loses Leg In Afghan Explosion**

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A SOLDIER from Co Antrim is believed to have lost a leg in a booby trap explosion in Afghanistan on Sunday.

The injured soldier was flown on Tuesday to Birmingham, where army medics are fighting to save the soldier's other leg, which was also badly damaged in the IED explosion.

The family of the Royal Irish Regiment soldier - who is 22 and from the Ballymena area - have flown over to England to be at his bedside.

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## **Foreign Attack Kills More Of Their Afghan Collaborators**

Jan 10, 2011

A foreign force air raid in central Afghanistan killed three Afghan police and wounded three, the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said on Monday.

Foreign troops on patrol in Daykundi province on Sunday called in an air strike after seeing nine people setting up what appeared to be an ambush.

The air strike in Daykundi, a remote province west of Kabul, is the third such incident in more than a month. On December 8, the Afghan Defense Ministry condemned a foreign air raid in Logar province it said killed two of its soldiers and wounded five.



Less than a week later, on December 16, the Defense Ministry said a U.S. air strike in southern Helmand province had killed four Afghan soldiers.

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## More Resistance Action; Intelligence Agency Bus Blown Up



Damaged intelligence agency minibus attacked by a bomber in Kabul, Afghanistan, 12 Jan 2011. Photo: AP

Jan 10, 2011 ABC News & JANUARY 12, 2011, By MARIA ABI-HABIB, Wall St. Journal & VOA News & ELENA BECATOROS, Associated Press

Three policemen were killed on Monday in a car bombing in Kandahar province in southern Afghanistan.

"A car bomber approached the national police patrol cars and smashed his car into the police vehicles, killing three policemen and destroying the vehicle," General Abdul Raziq, chief of Kandahar's border police, said.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. Spin Boldak is a short distance from the border with Pakistan.

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KABUL—A spate of insurgent attacks in the past month, including Wednesday's bombing that killed at least five people, have shattered the relative calm that Afghanistan's capital had seen since the summer.

The latest Taliban attack in Kabul, on Wednesday, also wounded about 30 when a bomber detonated his explosives next to a minibus transporting employees of the National Directorate of Security, Afghanistan's intelligence agency, an attack close to the country's parliament.

"I saw dozens of bodies on the ground after the explosion and everybody was crying and shouting," said Hakim Khan, a 40-year-old owner of a shop near the explosion site, in the city's Alawuddin square.

Mr. Khan, who helped move the wounded into an ambulance, said many were badly mangled and charred by the blast.

The early morning blast shattered windows of nearby buildings.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack.

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In the eastern province of Kunar, a remote-controlled roadside bomb killed a colonel with the intelligence service and his driver, and wounded two bodyguards, said Abdul Saboor Allahyar, deputy chief of Kunar's provincial police.

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## **THIS ENVIRONMENT IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH; ALL HOME, NOW**



A bullet hole in a mirror of U.S. armored vehicle at Fortress Combat Out Post in Kunar province in eastern Afghanistan near Pakistan border Jan 3, 2011. (AP Photo/Rafiq Maqbool)

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

## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

### **Insurgents Attacks In Hodan**

14 January 2011 All Africa

Mogadishu — At least one civilian has been killed and four others wounded in Mogadishu after fighting broke out between Somali government troops backed militarily by African union peacekeepers and al shabaab fighters, witnesses said on Friday.

Local residents said the fighting erupted after more fighters of al shabaab movement launched hit and run attack on military positions by AMISOM and government forces.

Most of the confrontations were reported to have taken place in the neighborhoods of Hodan district of the war ridden seaside Mogadishu.

The barrages and artillery gun fire, which the two warring sides were exchanging, could be heard in many parts of the capital. Initial reports said that a number of haphazard mortars hit Bakaara, Mogadishu biggest market where is to be very populated.

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

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



Oct. 10, 2010: U.S. soldiers carry the body of a fellow soldier, who was killed in a roadside bomb attack in Afghanistan's Kandahar province, to a U.S. Air Force medical evacuation helicopter. The attack killed two American soldiers and wounded three others. (AP Photo/David Guttenfelder)

## Laughing It Up While U.S. Troops Die: Ha Ha Ha In Kabul



Biden shares a laugh with U.S. Gen. David Petraeus, top commander in Afghanistan, and U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan Karl Eikenberry at a press conference in Kabul, Afghanistan, Jan. 10, 2011. (AP Photo/Musadeq Sadeq)

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**“A New, Odious Scam Has Popped Up For Some People Who Have Applied For Loans On The Internet, Including Service Members”**  
**“She Was Told She Had Committed Illegal Activity By Applying For The Loan — And If She Didn’t Pay A Fine Of \$520, Charges Would Be Filed”**

January 17, 2010 By Karen Jowers, Army Times

If you spent too much money during the holidays, as many people did, you may be in a frenzy about how to pay your bills this month and next.

As you're shopping around for options, be very careful.

A new, odious scam has popped up for some people who have applied for loans on the Internet, including service members.

Victims report receiving phone calls from people claiming they had committed an "illegal act" by applying for a payday loan online, and demanding a payment to avoid arrest or a lawsuit.

Many of these "fast cash" Internet lenders are not lenders but simply take personal information from applicants and send it to un-named agencies, which may or may not provide loans.

It happened to medically retired Army Staff Sgt. Gerald Purkey, whose wife is stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

The Purkeys had applied online for a \$700 loan but decided they wouldn't accept the terms, which would have required paying an extra \$643 in interest and fees at a rate of \$170 each payday.

Just one day after he read an article in Army Times about the scams involving threatening phone calls people received after applying for online loans, Purkey's wife got a phone call from someone claiming to be from the "Philadelphia Enforcement Agency."

**The caller had her Social Security number, address and cell phone number, which she had provided on the loan application on a secure website. She was told she had committed illegal activity by applying for the loan — and if she didn't pay a fine of \$520, charges would be filed.**

She called her husband, "really upset," Purkey said. But he assured her it was a scam.

At press time, the Purkeys were in the process of notifying the three national credit reporting agencies to put fraud alerts on their accounts. Meanwhile, they're being inundated by calls from other "lenders" who had gotten their information.

At least two others in the military community have been hit with the same scam. Defense Department officials issued details about the scams to military installations, said Pentagon spokeswoman Air Force Maj. Monica Bland.

Defense officials also are following up to "determine whether action through regulators or attorneys general is warranted as a violation of either the DoD regulation or state laws on deceptive practices," she said.

The Military Lending Act prohibits lenders from giving military personnel loans with an annual percentage rate higher than 36 percent. Payday lenders typically charge interest equivalent to 400 percent APR.

The Pentagon's regulation interpreting the law limits the interest-rate cap to payday loans, refund-anticipation loans and vehicle title loans.



Defense officials advise service members to stay away from Internet lending sites unless they have a previous relationship with the institution represented by the website — such as an installation-based military bank or credit union.

“Service members need to read the ‘about us’ Web pages on these sites and the disclosures and legal disclaimers that are usually in small print at the bottom of the Web pages on these sites,” Bland said.

Several sites have disclosures similar to this one: “The operator of this website is not a lender, does not broker loans to lenders and does not make short-term cash loans or credit decisions. This website does not constitute an offer or solicitation to lend. This site will submit the information you provide to a lender. Providing your information on this website does not guarantee that you will be approved for a short-term cash loan.”

If you see verbiage like that, the best thing you can do is leave the site immediately. Don’t provide any personal information; you have no way of knowing where it will end up.

If you need a loan, go to your installation bank or credit union, or other trusted lending institution, first. If you have a financial emergency, visit the local office of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society ([www.nmcrs.org](http://www.nmcrs.org)); Army Emergency Relief ([www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org)); Air Force Aid Society ([www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org)); or Coast Guard Mutual Assistance ([www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org)).

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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**

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

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

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

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

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

**The Social-Democrats ideal should not be the trade union secretary, but the tribune of the people who is able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression no matter where it appears no matter what stratum or class of the people it affects; who is able to generalize all these manifestations and produce a single picture of police violence and capitalist exploitation; who is able to take advantage of every event, however small, in order to set forth before all his socialist convictions and his democratic demands, in order to clarify for all and everyone the world-historic significance of the struggle for the emancipation of the proletariat.”  
-- V. I. Lenin; What Is To Be Done**



**A revolution is always distinguished by impoliteness, probably because the ruling classes did not take the trouble in good season to teach the people fine manners.  
-- Leon Trotsky, History Of The Russian Revolution**

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

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

**Rise like Lions after slumber  
In unvanquishable number,  
Shake your chains to earth like dew  
Which in sleep had fallen on you-  
Ye are many — they are few  
-- Percy Bysshe Shelley, 1819, on the occasion of a mass murder of British workers by the Imperial government at Peterloo.**

**January 1776:  
Magnificent Anniversary:  
“We Have It In Our Power To Begin The  
World Over Again”**



Thomas Paine

January 10 1776: Thomas Paine anonymously published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense."

In it Paine questioned the fundamental legitimacy of the rule of kings, and advocated the doctrine of independence for Americans, and the rights of mankind.

Quotations:

"He who is the author of a war lets loose the whole contagion of hell and opens a vein that bleeds a nation to death."

"We have it in our power to begin the world over again."

## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

### THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

**2010**  
AN INCOMPLETE AND SUBJECTIVE LOOK AT THE YEAR IN CRAZY  
PART THE SECOND

**JUNE 19:** GLENN BECK FAN OPENS FIRE ON COPS; WAS ON WAY TO MASSACRE EMPLOYEES AT BECK-DEMONIZED TIDES FOUNDATION.  
LATER IN THE YEAR, THE SHOOTER WILL OPENLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HIS PLAN WAS INSPIRED BY THINGS BECK "EXPOSED."

**JULY 20:** BREITBART/SHERROD FIASCO BEGINS. IF A RIGHT WING PROVOCATEUR SAYS "JUMP"--  
--OUR ONLY QUESTION IS, "WOULD YOU LIKE US TO FIRE SOMEONE FIRST?"

**JULY 27:** DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SAYS 96% OF IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION MONEY UNACCOUNTED FOR.  
BUT HEY-- WHAT'S 8.7 BILLION DOLLARS BETWEEN FRIENDS?

**MONTH OF AUGUST:** CONS FREAK OUT OVER "GROUND ZERO MOSQUE."  
IF WE ALLOW THE SACRED GROUND OF A FORMER BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY TO BE DESECRATED--  
--THE TERRORISTS HAVE WON!

**AUG. 28:** PUDGY WHITE CONSPIRACY THEORIST LAYS CLAIM TO THE MANTLE OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING.  
IF MLK WERE ALIVE TODAY, HE'D BE OBSESSED WITH GEORGE SOROS TOO!

**SEPT. 8:** OBAMA D.O.J. WINS COURT RULING SHIELDING TORTURE AND RENDITION AS "STATE SECRETS."  
I PROMISE TO BE OUTRAGED WHEN THIS PRECEDENT IS ABUSED BY REPUBLICANS!

**SEPT. 19:** B.P. FINALLY SEALS WELL; EVERYONE POLITELY AGREES TO PRETEND MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF OIL HAVE MAGICALLY DISAPPEARED.  
OIL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!  
HEH HEH!

**SEPT. 23:** BANK FORECLOSES HOUSE OF FLORIDA MAN WHO DID NOT EVEN HAVE A MORTGAGE.  
THAT'S NOT WHAT IT SAYS ON OUR PAPERWORK--  
--LEGALLY NOTARIZED BY "HEYWOOD JABLOWME!"

**NOV. 2:** G.O.P. TAKES HOUSE. ALSO, OKLAHOMANS VOTE TO PROTECT SELVES FROM DIRE THREAT OF SHARIA LAW!  
WE'RE PASSING AN ANTI-VOLDEMORT MEASURE NEXT!  
JUST TO BE SAFE.

**NOV. 3:** GEORGE BUSH CONFESSES:  
DAMN RIGHT I AUTHORIZED WATERBOARDING!  
INEXPLICABLY, NO PROSECUTION ENSUES.

**NOV. 16:** NEWLY-ELECTED ANTI-HEALTH-CARE CONGRESSMAN WANTS TO KNOW WHY HE HAS TO WAIT A MONTH FOR HEALTH CARE.  
THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW!

**DEC. 6:** OBAMA CAVES ON TAX CUTS; PROMISES TO REALLY FIGHT IN TWO YEARS.  
IF BY "FIGHT" YOU MEAN "PRE-EMPTIVELY CONCEDE ONCE AGAIN."  
WHICH I DO.

**DEC. 6:** FOX NEWS DEMOCRAT BOB BECKEL URGES U.S. GOVT TO ASSASSINATE JULIAN ASSANGE.  
WHAT OTHER APPROPRIATE RESPONSE IS THERE--  
--TO A GUY WITH A WEB-SITE??

**MONTH OF DECEMBER:** FOX'S ANNUAL WAR ON IMAGINARY WAR ON CHRISTMAS BEGINS YET AGAIN!  
DON'T YOU JUST LOVE THE OLD FAMILIAR TRADITIONS?

**NOT TO MENTION...**  
Texas school board rewriting history; Glenn Thomas asking Anita Hill for apology; everything Christine O'Donnell said; Chertoff airport scanner conflict of interest; 1/3 of Republicans who believe Obama is a Muslim; ABC/Breitbart fiasco; Boehner campaigning for Nazi re-enactor guy; etc., etc., etc...  
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

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