

## Military Resistance 9B20



**Libyan Protesters In Benghazi  
“In Control Of The Streets  
Monday And Took Over The  
Main Security Headquarters”  
“In Some Cases, Army Units  
Reportedly Sided With Protesters  
Against Security Forces And Pro-  
Gadhafi Militias”**

**“Protest Leaders And Army Units  
That Sided With Them Were Working  
To Keep Order In The Streets”  
Parliament Building Burned In Capitol  
And “After Midnight, Protesters Took  
Over The Main Tripoli Offices Of Two  
State-Run Satellite Stations”**



Revolutionaries holding a pre-Gadhafi era national flag stand on a tank inside a security forces compound in Benghazi, Libya Feb. 21, 2011. Libyan protesters celebrated in the streets of Benghazi on Monday, taking control of the country's second largest city after bloody fighting. (AP Photo/Alaguri)

**Parliament Building Burned**



The burned-out building where the country's equivalent of a parliament holds sessions in Tripoli, Libya Feb. 21, 2011. (AP Photo)

### Revolutionaries Take City Of Tobruk

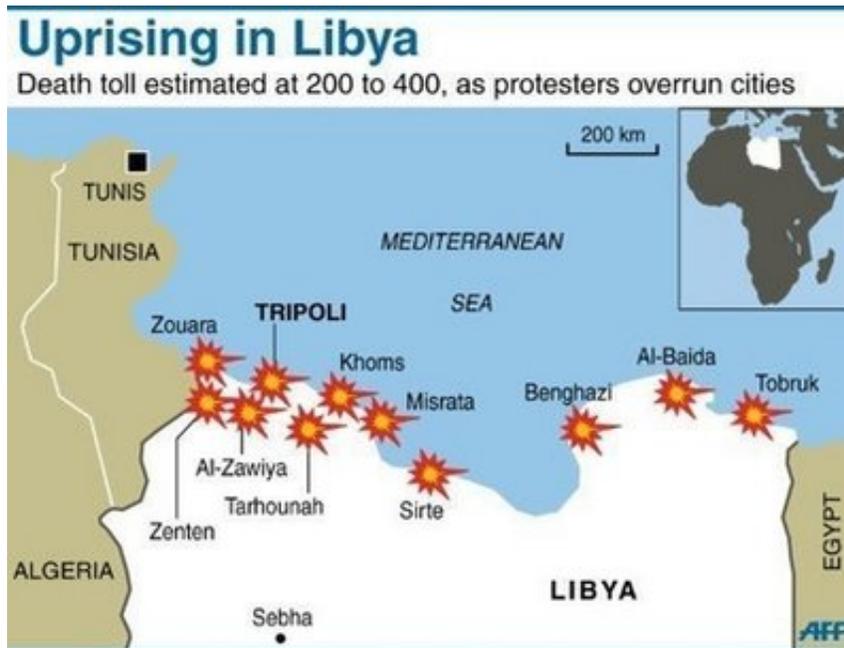


Libyan protesters hold a giant flag on top of a building during a demonstration in the seaport city of Tobruk February 20, 2011. REUTERS/Stringer

### Libyan Air Force Refuse To Obey Government



One of two Libyan pilots, left, disembarks from his jet at the Malta International Airport in Gudja, Malta Feb. 21, 2011. Two Libyan airforce jets landed in Malta on Monday and their pilots asked for political asylum amid a bloody crackdown on anti-government protesters in Libya, a military source said. (AP Photo/Lino Arrigo Azzopardi)



[AFP/Graphic]

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21 February 11 By Maggie Michael and Hamza Hendawi, Associated Press & By DAVID D. KIRKPATRICK and MONA EL-NAGGAR, The New York Times & UKPA & Ian Black, The Guardian [Excerpts]

CAIRO — The faltering government of the Libyan strongman Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi struck back at mounting protests against his 40-year rule, as helicopters and warplanes besieged parts of the capital Monday, according to witnesses and news reports from Tripoli.

**And as reports came in that military planes had attacked civilians in Tripoli, two senior air force officers flew their jet fighters to Malta and asked for political asylum.**

**The two Mirage pilots, both colonels, were allowed to land after they radioed they had left a base near Tripoli and had flown low to avoid detection.**

“People are in the street chanting ‘Allahu Akbar’ (God is great) and throwing stones at photos of Gaddafi,” an expatriate worker told Reuters by telephone from Tripoli. “The police are firing teargas everywhere, it’s even getting into the houses.”

By Monday afternoon, a witness saw armed militiamen firing on protesters who were clashing with riot police. As a group of protesters and the police faced off in a neighborhood near Green Square, in the center of the capital, ten or so Toyota pickup

trucks carrying more than 20 men — many of them apparently from other African countries in mismatched fatigues — arrived at the scene.

**Al Manara, an opposition Web site, reported that a senior military official, Col. Abdel Fattah Younes in Benghazi, resigned, and the newspaper Asharq Al-Awsat reported that Colonel Qaddafi ordered that one of his top generals, Abu Bakr Younes, be put under house arrest after disobeying an order to use force against protesters in several cities.**

Witnesses in Tripoli interviewed by telephone on Monday said protesters had converged on the capital's central Green Square and clashed with heavily armed riot police for several hours after Mr. Qaddafi's speech, apparently enraged by it.

**Young men armed themselves with chains around their knuckles, steel pipes and machetes, as well as police batons, helmets and rifles commandeered from riot squads. Security forces moved in, shooting randomly.**

**During the day Monday, a fire was raging at the People's Hall, the main hall for government gatherings where the country's equivalent of a parliament holds its sessions several times a year, the pro-government news web site Qureyna said. There were several government buildings on fire.**

It also reported the first major sign of discontent in Gadhafi's government, saying justice minister Mustafa Abdel-Jalil resigned from his post to protest the "excessive use of force against unarmed protesters."

The capital was largely shut down, with schools, government offices and most stores closed, as armed members of pro-government organizations called "Revolutionary Committees" circulated in the streets hunting for protesters in Tripoli's old city, said one protester, named Fathi.

The protests and violence were the heaviest yet in the capital of 2 million people, a sign of how unrest was spreading after six days of demonstrations in eastern cities demanding the end of the elder Gadhafi's rule.

**The Internet has been largely shut down in Libya, residents can no longer make international calls from land lines and journalists cannot work freely, but eyewitness reports trickling out of the country suggested that protesters were fighting back more forcefully.**

Libya's former ambassador to the Arab League in Cairo, Abdel-Moneim al-Houni, who a day earlier resigned from his post to side with protesters, issued a statement demanding Gadhafi "be put on trial along with his aides, security and military commanders over the mass killings in Libya."

"Gadhafi's regime is now in the trash of history because he betrayed his nation and his people," al-Houni said.

**In Libya's second largest city, Benghazi, protesters were in control of the streets Monday and took over the main security headquarters, known as the Katiba, after**

**bloody clashes Sunday that killed at least 60 people, according to a doctor at the main hospital.**

**Online videos showed protesters flying an independence flag over the roof top of a building in Benghazi, and a crowd celebrating what they called “the fall of the regime in their city.”**

Cars honked their horns in celebration and protesters in the streets chanted “Long live Libya.”

Benghazi’s airport was closed, according to an airport official in Cairo. A Turkish Airlines flight trying to land in Benghazi to evacuate Turkish citizens Monday was turned away, told by ground control to circle over the airport then to return to Istanbul.

Youth volunteers were directing traffic and guarding homes and public facilities, said Najla, a lawyer and university lecturer in Benghazi.

**She and other residents said police had disappeared from the streets.**

In some cases, army units reportedly sided with protesters against security forces and pro-Gadhafi militias.

Mohamed Abdul-Rahman, a 42-year-old Benghazi merchant, said he saw an army battalion chasing militiamen from a security compound.

After seizing the Katiba, protesters found the bodies of 13 uniformed security officers inside who had been handcuffed and shot in the head, then set on fire, said Hassan, the doctor. He said protesters believed the 13 had been executed by fellow security forces for refusing to attack protesters.

Protest leaders and army units that sided with them were working to keep order in the streets Monday, directing traffic and guarding homes and official buildings, several residents said.

On Sunday night, Gadhafi’s son Seif el-Islam - long seen as his likely successor - took to state TV, trying to take a tough line in a rambling and sometimes confused speech of nearly 40 minutes.

“We are not Tunisia and Egypt,” he said. “Moammar Gadhafi, our leader, is leading the battle in Tripoli, and we are with him.”

“The armed forces are with him. Tens of thousands are heading here to be with him. We will fight until the last man, the last woman, the last bullet,” he said.

He warned the protesters that they risked igniting a civil war in which Libya’s oil wealth “will be burned.”

He also promised “historic” reforms in Libya if protests stop.

Seif has often been put forward as the regime's face of reform. Several of the elder Gadhafi's sons have powerful positions in the regime and in past years have competed for influence.

Seif's younger brother Mutassim is the national security adviser, with a strong role in the military and security forces, and another brother Khamis heads the army's 32nd Brigade, which according to U.S. diplomats is the best trained and best equipped force in the military.

**Even as Seif spoke, major clashes had broken out for the first time in Tripoli.**

Sunday afternoon, protesters from various parts of the city began to stream toward central Green Square, chanting "God is great," said one 28-year-old man who was among the marchers.

In the square, they found groups of Gadhafi supporters, but the larger number of protesters appeared to be taking over the square and surrounding streets, he and two other witnesses said. That was when the backlash began, with snipers firing down from rooftops and militiamen attacking the crowds, shooting and chasing people down side streets. they said.

Gadhafi supporters in pickup trucks and cars raced through the square, shooting automatic weapons. "They were driving like mad men searching for someone to kill.... It was total chaos, shooting and shouting," said the 28-year-old.

**After midnight, protesters took over the main Tripoli offices of two state-run satellite stations, Al-Jamahiriya-1 and Al-Shebabiya, one witness said.**

**MORE:**

**Members Of An Army Unit  
Known As The 'Thunderbolt'  
Squad "Said They Had Defected  
To The Cause Of The Protesters  
And Had Fought And Defeated  
Gaddafi's Elite Guards"  
"People Are Cheering And  
Celebrating Outside After**

# **Receiving News That The Army Is Siding With The People”**

## **“The Head Of The Al-Zuwayya Tribe In Eastern Libya Has Threatened To Cut Off Oil Exports Unless Authorities Stop The ‘Oppression Of Protesters’”**

### **“We Tell The Brother (Gaddafi), Well He’s No Longer A Brother, We Tell Him To Leave The Country”**

[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in. He writes”  
“Shit hits the fan.”]

21 Feb 2011 Al Jazeera and agencies

Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi will fight a popular revolt to “the last man standing,” one of his sons said on Monday as people in the capital joined protests for the first time after days of violent unrest in the eastern city of Benghazi.

Anti-government protesters rallied in Tripoli’s streets, tribal leaders spoke out against Gaddafi, and army units defected to the opposition as oil exporter Libya endured one of the bloodiest revolts to convulse the Arab world.

In Benghazi Habib al-Obaidi, a surgeon at the Al-Jalae hospital, said the bodies of 50 people, mostly shot dead, were brought there on Sunday afternoon. Two hundred wounded had arrived, he said.

Members of an army unit known as the “Thunderbolt” squad had brought wounded comrades to the hospital, he said.

The soldiers said they had defected to the cause of the protesters and had fought and defeated Gaddafi’s elite guards.

“They are now saying that they have overpowered the Praetorian Guard and that they have joined the people’s revolt,” another man at the hospital, lawyer Mohamed al-Mana, told Reuters by telephone.

**“We are in Tripoli, there are chants (directed at Gaddafi): ‘Where are you? Where are you? Come out if you’re a man,’” a protester told Al Jazeera on the phone.**

**There were also reports of protesters heading to Gaddafi’s compound in the city of Al-Zawia near Tripoli, with the intention of burning the building down.**

**Meanwhile the head of the Al-Zuwayya tribe in eastern Libya has threatened to cut off oil exports unless authorities stop what he called the “oppression of protesters”, the Warfala tribe, one of Libya’s biggest, has reportedly joined the anti-Gaddafi protests.**

**Speaking to Al Jazeera, Shaikh Faraj al Zuway said: “We will stop oil exports to Western countries within 24 hours” if the violence did not stop.**

The tribe lives south of Benghazi, which has seen the worst of the deadly violence in recent days.

Akram Al-Warfalli, a leading figure in the Al Warfalla tribe, one of Libya’s biggest, told the network: “We tell the brother (Gaddafi), well he’s no longer a brother, we tell him to leave the country.” The tribe lives south of Tripoli.

Protests have also reportedly broken out in other cities, including Bayda, Derna, Tobruk and Misrata - and anti-Gaddafi graffiti adorns the walls of several cities.

Anti-government protesters in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi have reportedly seized army vehicles and weapons amid worsening turmoil in the African nation.

A local witness said that a section of the troops had joined the protesters on Sunday as chaos swept the streets of the city, worst hit by the uprising against Muammar Gaddafi’s 42-year old rule.

Mohamed, a doctor from Al Jalaa hospital in Benghazi, confirmed to Al Jazeera that members of the military had sided with the protesters.

“We are still receiving serious injuries, I can confirm 13 deaths in our hospital. However, the good news is that people are cheering and celebrating outside after receiving news that the army is siding with the people,” he said.

“But there is still a brigade that is against the demonstrators. For the past three days demonstrators have been shot at by this brigade, called Al-Sibyl brigade.”

Residents have barricaded the streets with overturned trash cans and debris, and security forces have largely confined themselves to two compounds, though snipers continue to target protesters, he said.

The forces who remain are “thugs” loyal to Gaddafi, Mofteh said, and they are firing high-calibre ammunition at protesters.

The eyewitness report came a day after security forces opened fire at a funeral in the eastern coastal city on Saturday, killing at least 15 people and injuring scores more.

**A group of six alleged mercenaries - reportedly brought in from Tunisia and other African nations to bolster pro-Gaddafi forces - were captured and arrested by demonstrators in the city of Shahat.**

**Against this backdrop of violence, opposition groups said some 50 Libyan Muslim leaders have urged security forces to stop killing civilians.**

“This is an urgent appeal from religious scholars, intellectuals, and clan elders from Tripoli, Bani Walid, Zintan, Jadu, Msalata, Misrata, Zawiah, and other towns and villages of the western area,” the appeal, signed by the group of leaders, stated.

“We appeal to every Muslim, within the regime or assisting it in any way, to recognise that the killing of innocent human beings is forbidden by our Creator and by His beloved prophet of compassion, peace be upon him ... Do not kill your brothers and sisters. Stop the massacre now!”

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

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## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **Resistance Action; Green Zone Hit**

Feb 17 (Reuters) & February 21, 2011 By MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT and OMAR AL-JAWOSHY, The New York Times & VOA

BAGHDAD - Three mortar rounds landed in Baghdad's fortified Green Zone, home to the U.S. embassy and Iraqi government offices, an interior ministry source said. No casualties were reported.

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**BAGHDAD — A bomber detonated a truck packed with explosives outside of a building housing a rapid response police unit just north of the Iraqi city of**

**Samarra on Monday, killing 12 officers and wounding 22 others, according to a local official and a law enforcement official.**

Around 9:30 a.m., the bomber rammed the truck through a checkpoint at the headquarters in Qasir Al-A'ashiq, five miles from Samarra. The bomber then detonated the truck near a crowd of officers, said the local official, Mohamed E'laian, who heads the security committee for the province.

"I was standing at the front of the compound where the bar was located and suddenly a white pickup truck filled with empty chicken cages got closer to us," said Mohamed Hillan Athab, a 35-year-old police officer stationed at the headquarters. "First, we thought he is a farmer and lost his way. But then he drove faster, and once he got close he detonated the car."

He added: "It was a huge explosion. I didn't feel anything at that moment then I was at the hospital."

Another police officer said he tried to stop the truck by shooting at it.

"We opened fire on him with pistols but he drove faster and hit the front bar and then blew himself up," said the police officer, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak with the media.

A battalion of emergency police officers from the southern city of Amara was stationed at the headquarters.

Officers from the predominantly Shiite cities in Iraq's south like Amara often travel to Samarra to bolster security there during Shiite pilgrimages to the city's golden dome, one of Iraq's most revered Shiite shrines. The dome was destroyed by insurgents in 2006, setting off months of violence between Shiites and Sunnis in which tens of thousands of people were killed.

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MOSUL - Gunmen killed Hilal al-Ahmadi, a journalist who headed the media office of the government's telecommunications and postal directorate, near his home in the city of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

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## **Police Kill Flying Kurdish Protesters: "Firing Into The Air" Kills One And Wounds Eight**

February 21, 2011 VOA News

Authorities in northern Iraq say one person was killed and scores were wounded in fighting between Kurdish security forces and opposition activists protesting against the two ruling parties of the autonomous region.

Officials said security forces fired into the air late Sunday in the city of Sulaimaniyah, as more than 1,500 protesters denounced the political dominance of the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. They said gunfire killed a 17-year-old demonstrator and wounded at least eight other people.

A previous protest outside the Kurdistan Democratic Party's Sulaimaniyah headquarters turned violent last Thursday, when security personnel fired at demonstrators, killing two and wounding many others.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **31 Dead As Resistance Attacks Police Recruiting Office In Imam Saib: “Clearing Operations Appear To Have Been Superficial And The Insurgents Were Already Returning”**

Feb 21 2011 By ALISSA J. RUBIN, The New York Times [Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan — A bomber wearing an explosive vest blew himself up on Monday as residents lined up for identification cards at a local census office in northern Afghanistan, killing 31 people, according to Afghan security officials.

The attack at the government center in Imam Saib, a remote district of Kunduz Province, was the fifth suicide bombing with major casualties in Afghanistan in four weeks.

**The Taliban claimed responsibility, saying that a Taliban from Logar Province had carried out the attack and that its goal was to halt a new program backed by NATO to enroll large numbers of people into the Afghan Local Police.**

“He entered the recruitment and enrollment center of the Afghan government and foreigner-supported program called the Local Police and carried out a martyrdom attack,” said Zabiullah Mujahid, the Taliban spokesman for northern and eastern Afghanistan.

The explosion followed what seems an imprudent boast three weeks ago by [Mr. Abdul Rahman Sayedkheli, the provincial police chief] and other local officials that the province had been cleared of insurgents.

**Pashtuns who live in the areas previously dominated by the Taliban said that the clearing operations appear to have been superficial and that the insurgents were already returning.**

“The Taliban were responsible for an attack on a German patrol in recent days,” said Abdul Momin Omarkhel, a Pashtun whose brother, the governor of Chardara, a heavily Pashtun district of Kunduz Province, was assassinated several weeks ago.

“While it is true that the government had an operation in Chardara and claimed it had removed the Taliban, they couldn’t maintain security there and we are seeing signs of Taliban tentacles again in some area of the district.”

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## **“They Just Don’t Want Us There” [The Brig. Gen. Finally Gets In]**

February 20, 2011 By Joshua Partlow and Habib Zahori, Washington Post Foreign Service

KABUL

Afghan government officials alleged Sunday that a U.S. military operation in the remote mountains of northeastern Afghanistan killed 65 innocent people, including 22 women and more than 30 children, the most serious allegation of civilian casualties in months.

“They’re in extreme isolation,” Brig. Gen. Stephen Townsend, a senior Army official in eastern Afghanistan, said of parts of Konar. “They just don’t want us there.”

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

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

**“The single largest failure of the anti-war movement at this point  
is the lack of outreach to the troops.”**

**Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

**NEW GENERAL ORDER NO. 1:  
PACK UP  
GO HOME  
THIS IS RIDICULOUS**



U.S. Marines from the Eighth Marines Alpha Company patrol through the town of Kunjak in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, February 21, 2011. REUTERS/Finbarr O'Reilly

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

**Heartless Shit-Eating Corporate  
Slime At Work:  
Crane Interiors Threatens Military  
Mom For Taking Call From Her  
Marine Son In Afghanistan:**

**“The Next Day, Teresa Was Suspended From Work Without Pay For Three Days”**

**“This Was A First Offense, And Managers Told Her Next Time, She’d Be Fired”**

**“You Don’t Want To Miss A Word Because Truthfully That Might Be The Last Time You Hear From Them,’ Danford Said”**



Teresa Danford

[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: “On, Wisconsin. This is why Unions are so important.”]

Feb 17, 2011 by Amanda Hara, NewChannel5.com

WOODBURY, Tenn. - A military mom said she would do anything to answer her son’s phone call from overseas, no matter what the cost.

Some seven months ago, Lance Corporal Mark Rhyne left the little town of Woodbury, for the remote deserts of Afghanistan.

“I told my son the day he deployed as he was about to get on that bus, ‘I will stand in your stead while you are gone, I will stand,’” his mother Teresa Danford said.

On Monday, while working inside the Crane Interiors factory, Teresa Danford said she kept her word.

Mark called from Afghanistan, using a Satellite phone. It was a rare opportunity he only gets maybe once a month.

“You don’t want to miss a word because truthfully that might be the last time you hear from them,” Danford said.

**Danford knew about Crane’s no cell phone policy but answered anyway.**

**“There is nothing in this world that would stop a mother from answering a phone call from her son and what if it was not my son? What if he’d been hurt and someone was trying to contact me?” asked Danford.**

**The next day, Teresa was suspended from work without pay for three days. This was a first offense, and managers told her next time, she’d be fired.**

**“I said ‘you are aware that my son is serving in Afghanistan and he can only call me when that sat phone gets to his unit’ and he looked me straight in the eyes and said ‘yes,’” Danford said.**

Larry Officer is a Human Resource Manager at Crane Interiors.

He sent NewsChannel 5 the following statement: “It is our policy that there is to be no cell phones used during working hours due to safety concerns within a production environment. Employees are allowed to use cell phones during breaks and lunches. We have a communicated policy for all employees to be reached in case of an emergency.”

**Danford said she fully expects to be fired for going public.**

**But she remembered the promise she made to her son, the promise to always support him.**

“If I didn’t do this, then I couldn’t live with myself. So if I lose my job, I lose my job. But I will have done what I gave my son my word that I would do,” Danford added.

A lot of people have gotten wind of this story already, and they’re not ignoring it.

**A petition was posted online to demand that military family members are granted the right to answer calls from their loved ones serving over seas.**

**That’s all Danford was asking for.**

She said talking to her son once a month gives her peace of mind, and gives her son the strength he needs to continue his work overseas.

Danford’s son is scheduled to return home in a month, when he’ll meet his son for the first time.

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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

### **Zionist Terrorists Chop Down 200 Olive Trees And Shoot Palestinian Kid**

21/02/2011 (Ma'an)

NABLUS

A mob of extremist settlers stormed Palestinian farmland and uprooted olive trees near Nablus in the northern West Bank, Palestinian officials said.

Residents of an illegal outpost "waged war on olive trees uprooting 270 using chainsaws and other means," in Duma and Qusra villages, said Ghassan Daghlas, a Palestinian Authority official who monitors settlement activities in the northern West Bank.

Of the trees uprooted, 100 belonged to Abdul-Razzaq Dawabsha, 100 to Muhammad and Shahada Dawabsha and 70 to Sabir Dawabsha, Daghlas said.

On Tuesday, settlers shot a Palestinian teenager in his abdomen as he worked on his land near Jalud village, west of Qusra, Daghlas said.

Wa'el Mahmud Ayed, 17, was transferred to Rafidia Hospital in Nablus.

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### **Zionist Terrorists Stone Palestinians To Force Them Out Of Area "Where They**

## **And Their Ancestors Have Lived For Hundreds Of Years”**

February 19, 2011 by Sandy Khair - IMEMC & Agencies

On Saturday, Israeli settlers threw stones at several Palestinian residents in the city of Hebron and the nearby town of Yatta, wounding at least one.

An eyewitness reported that Nassar Mohammad al-Rajabi was wounded and suffered bruising in various parts of his body after being pelted with stones in al-Sahla neighborhood, in the old city of Hebron.

He added that the Carmel settlers attacked a number of residents of Um al-Kheir area, hurled stones at them and threatened to carry out more attacks to force the Palestinian residents out of the area where they and their ancestors have lived for hundreds of years.

The illegal settlement of Carmel is located to the east of Yatta village.

Mu'tasim al-Hathalin, from the village of Khirbet Um Al-Kheir which is adjacent to Carmel settlement, said that a number of residents were repeatedly attacked by the Israeli settlers.

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## **Zionist State Terrorists Make War On Palestinian Children:**

**“Soldiers, Accompanied By Special  
Units, Invaded A Park Full Of  
Children Between The Ages Of 12  
And 15 Years’**

**“The Israeli Forces Attacked And Shot  
Rubber Bullets And Sound Bombs At  
The Children So They Could Not Run  
Away, And Then Proceeded To Arrest 13  
Of Them”**

February 20 2011 By Joseph Dana, 972Mag

The weekly demonstration on Saturday attracted supporter from other villages including Nabi Saleh, Susya, Tuwani and Wad Rahel as well as Israeli and international demonstrators.

The demonstration remained nonviolent despite the excessive use of tear gas and sound bombs by Israeli soldiers. After one hour, the demonstration was finished with no arrests or injuries.

**According to the Palestine Solidarity Project, one of the organizing groups of the demonstrations, a special forces unit of the Israeli army entered the village at 15h00 following the demonstration.**

Soldiers took over the house of one resident of the village, a common practice throughout the West Bank, and then began an attack.

According to the press release issued by the PSP, "other soldiers, accompanied by special units, invaded a park full of children between the ages of 12 and 15 years.

**The Israeli Forces attacked and shot rubber bullets and sound bombs at the children so they could not run away, and then proceeded to arrest 13 of them.**

**Several army vehicles came into the area for support, attacking houses and cars to frighten people so they could not come to the children's defense.**

**The army shot tear gas and sound bombs toward women who attempted to rescue the youth, and then beat a group of women, including Mona Abu Maria.**

**The army arrested 13 children, all of whom are under the age of 18, and took them out of the village. Their families do not yet know where they are being held."**

The method of using children to crush unarmed protest movements has been proven successful in villages like Ni'ilin where the demonstrations against the Separation Wall have been rendered meaningless. Now, the main target of this form of repression is the village of Nabi Saleh. No Nabi Saleh popular committee leaders has been arrested as of the time of this writing but activists connected to the demonstrations worry that it is only a matter of time.

On Tuesday 22 February, 14 year old Islam Tamimi will begin his trial in an Israeli military court. His testimony, possibly obtained by torture methods such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements and beating, could be used to frame the leaders of the popular committee.

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

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



**“The Protesters Set Up A Chair Resembling One Belonging To A Royal With A Sign Beneath It That Says In Arabic ‘And Does The Throne Of The Oppressor Stay?’”**



A blood stained ruler's chair at Pearl Square in Manama during anti-government protests. (AFP/Joseph Eid)

February 20, 2011 By MICHAEL SLACKMAN, New York Times & Feb 21, 2011 By Barbara Surk and Hadeel Al-Shalchi - The Associated Press [Excerpts]

MANAMA, Bahrain — A group of young protesters camped out in a central square of Bahrain's capital Monday called for the ouster of the entire ruling monarchy as part of sweeping demands to call off a weeklong uprising in the tiny, but strategically important Gulf nation.

Teachers, lawyers and engineers marched into Pearl Square on Sunday, joining an emboldened opposition whose political leaders demanded that the king dissolve the government and fire his uncle, who has held the post of prime minister for 40 years, before they agree to enter into talks.

The crown prince, Sheik Salman bin Hamad al-Khalifa, continued to call for a national dialogue and period of mourning as a step toward reconciliation.

**“You can't send your troops with machine guns, kill people and then expect to start a dialogue,” said Abdul Jalil Khalil Ebrahim, one of the 18 party members to withdraw from Parliament in protest over the deaths.**

**“The cabinet has to go. This government has failed. How can we trust them in a dialogue?”**

“The government has to step down, and the people who killed our people must be punished,” said Mr. Ebrahim, a member of the Al Wafeq Council of Representatives. “Is it that easy to turn the page? You kill people and then you say you want to talk?”

The call stakes out the most uncompromising demands of protesters to date, most of whom have only demanded the weakening of the monarchy.

Abdul Redha Mohammed Hassan, 32, who was shot in the head by security forces while trying to march to the square Friday, died in a hospital Monday, his relatives said.

A manifesto Monday from a group calling itself “Youth of Feb. 14” — after the day of the first marches — apparently seeks to raise the stakes of demands ahead of possible talks between the opposition and the monarchy.

“We demand the overthrow of the oppressive Al Khalifa regime,” the manifesto said, referring to the ruling royal family. “The people will choose the system they will be subjected to.”

To underline their contempt for the monarchy, the protesters set up a chair resembling one belonging to a royal with a sign beneath it that says in Arabic “And does the throne of the oppressor stay?”

Standard & Poor's cut the ratings Monday for Bahrain's long and short-term sovereign credit ratings, as well as those for the island nation's central bank and the country's sovereign wealth fund.

The Al Khalifa royal dynasty has been in power for 200 years and has strong backing from other Gulf Arab leaders.

The main opposition demand is the resignation of the government that is responsible for this week's bloodshed and has been led by the same prime minister — the king's uncle — for 40 years.

Other demands include abolishing the monarchy's privileges to set policies and appoint all key political posts, along with addressing longstanding claims of discrimination and abuses against Shiites, who represent about 70 percent of Bahrain's 525,000 citizens.

**There are three main players besides the king in the royal family, part of the Sunni minority that controls the country.**

They are the crown prince, known as the most moderate among the group; the prime minister, who is said to be wealthy, but whose power has ebbed as popular anger at him has peaked; and the minister of the Royal Court, Sheik Khalid bin Ahmed al-Khalifa, known as the hard-liner of the three, opposition leaders say.

At the moment, the crown prince apparently has the upper hand in discussions among the king's close aides, but opposition leaders say that the king has been known to play members of his inner circle against one another and that the dynamic could change at any time.

"I can't sleep at night because I want to know, where are our people?" said Ahlam Yousef, 32, a middle school English teacher who joined the demonstration. "Right now, that is our first demand. I want to know where these people are. I have to know."

**The issue of those unaccounted for has until now been largely overlooked as events careened from violence to hope, as the authorities vacillated between attacking protesters and withdrawing security forces.**

**But by Sunday, demonstrators and opposition leaders were pressing for answers, with reports of about 20 people still missing.**

The government did provide some answers.

By midday, about 10 people had been freed from jail, including Abdel Amir al-Basry, 37, who limped into his house in the village of Karranna, his body badly bruised, his right eye black and his ankle possibly broken.

He said he had been grabbed by police officers as he tried to flee Pearl Square early Thursday morning, when security forces attacked without warning while thousands of demonstrators slept.

**He said he had been handcuffed with a hard plastic band, beaten with a club, stomped and punched, and then locked in a jail for several days.**

A few blocks away, Salman Abdullah, 27, and his brother, Jaafar, 21, said they were worried about their younger brother, Hussein, 16, who went to a demonstration five days ago and had not been heard from since.



The blackboard behind the counter now has a running list of places where donations have come from, and it includes China and Egypt.

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February 20th, 2011 From Kamal Abbas, Centre for Trade Unions and Workers Services via Michaelmoore.com

About Kamal Abbas and the Centre for Trade Unions and Workers Services:

Kamal Abbas is General Coordinator of the CTUWS, an umbrella advocacy organization for independent unions in Egypt.

The CTUWS, which was awarded the 1999 French Republic's Human Rights Prize, suffered repeated harassment and attack by the Mubarak regime, and played a leading role in its overthrow.

Abbas, who witnessed friends killed by the regime during the 1989 Helwan steel strike and was himself arrested and threatened numerous times, has received extensive international recognition for his union and civil society leadership.

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KAMAL ABBAS: I am speaking to you from a place very close to Tahrir Square in Cairo, “Liberation Square”, which was the heart of the Revolution in Egypt.

This is the place where many of our youth paid with their lives and blood in the struggle for our just rights.

From this place, I want you to know that we stand with you as you stood with us.

I want you to know that no power can challenge the will of the people when they believe in their rights. When they raise their voices loud and clear and struggle against exploitation.

No one believed that our revolution could succeed against the strongest dictatorship in the region. But in 18 days the revolution achieved the victory of the people. When the working class of Egypt joined the revolution on 9 and 10 February, the dictatorship was doomed and the victory of the people became inevitable.

We want you to know that we stand on your side. Stand firm and don't waiver. Don't give up on your rights. Victory always belongs to the people who stand firm and demand their just rights.

We and all the people of the world stand on your side and give you our full support.

As our just struggle for freedom, democracy and justice succeeded, your struggle will succeed. Victory belongs to you when you stand firm and remain steadfast in demanding your just rights.

We support you. we support the struggle of the peoples of Libya, Bahrain and Algeria, who are fighting for their just rights and falling martyrs in the face of the autocratic regimes.

The peoples are determined to succeed no matter the sacrifices and they will be victorious.

Today is the day of the American workers.

We salute you American workers! You will be victorious.

Victory belongs to all the people of the world, who are fighting against exploitation, and for their just rights.

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# Battalions Of Warriors For The War Ahead”

“You’ve Split America Into Two Camps That Are So Clearly Defined There Can Be No Ambiguity”



A protester holds a sign during a demonstration at the Wisconsin Capitol building in Madison, Wisconsin, February 16, 2011. (Photo: Narayan Mahon / The New York Times)

20 February 2011 By Jack Norman, Truthout. Jack Norman is a long-time writer and reporter who now works for the Institute for Wisconsin’s Future. He helped to organize the Guild unit at the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel.

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Thank you, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, for waking a sleeping giant.

Thank you for the awesomely uplifted spirits of Wisconsinites from Superior to Kenosha and Eagle River to Platteville, who trekked to the state capital to defy your union-busting grab.

Thank you for the caravans from North Carolina and New Jersey and Utah who came to a small city in the Snowbelt to join the cause.

They know this is not Wisconsin’s fight alone.

They know that in fifty states, we all are targets of a nasty national conspiracy to destroy unions and the middle-class society unions have built.

Thank you for those whose signs proclaim, "Former Republican."

Gov. Walker, when you concocted a fake budget crisis to have an excuse to rush a union-busting bill through the Legislature, you showed yourself to be as deaf as the Hosni Mubarak so many signs have compared you to.

I've never felt so rejuvenated as when marching with thousands on cold evenings in Wauwatosa and Menomonee Falls shouting, "This is what democracy looks like." It evoked my memories of long-ago marches for civil rights at home and peace in Vietnam.

My favorite chant, from among the hundreds, came from the dozen high school girls, all smiles and arm-in-arm, who transformed a classic Friday night football cheer into a chorus of solidarity:

"Everywhere we go-o-o-o, people want to know-ow-ow  
Who-o-o-o we ar-r-r-r-r-e, a-a-a-a-nd we tell them,  
We are stu-u-u-u-dents, mighty mighty stu-u-u-dents.  
FOR OUR TEACHERS, FOR THEIR UNION!!"

It's a passionate time to be a friend of democracy in Wisconsin.

It's also a sobering time.

We know we may lose this battle.

We know sometime the Wisconsin Fourteen - the Democratic state senators who crossed to Illinois to keep the Senate from having a quorum - will return.

We know Gov. Walker, with majorities in both houses of the Legislature, may have the votes to pass his bill, which would strip public employee unions of everything except the right to bargain wages so long as their demand does not exceed the consumer price index.

But only the opportunists see politics as a short-term game.

And whether we win or lose this battle, Gov. Walker, you've created battalions of warriors for the war ahead.

You've given birth to a new generation of politically aware young people. You gave us oldsters a refreshing jolt of energy.

You've split America into two camps that are so clearly defined there can be no ambiguity.

Either you're with the two-percenters—those who have the most wealth or those who dream of someday having it for themselves. Or you're with the 98 percent whose dream is simply to have a quality job, a quality life and a true voice in their own destiny.

Thank you, Governor Walker.

Time to hit the streets again.



Protesters gather outside the room where Wisconsin Republican Governor Scott Walker speaks to the media about abolishing public employee union bargaining rights and benefits in Madison, Wisconsin February 21, 2011. Thousands of demonstrators gathered in the capitol building and on the snow-covered lawns of the grounds as a second week of protests continued. REUTERS/Darren Hauck



Firefighters march around the Capitol Square in Madison, Wis., Feb. 21, 2011, where opponents to the governor's bill to eliminate collective bargaining rights for many state workers are in their 7th day of protests. (AP Photo/Andy Manis)

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Our goal is for Traveling Soldier to become the thread that ties working-class people inside the armed services together. We want this newsletter to be a weapon to help you organize resistance within the armed forces.

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