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Rebel forces in Benghazi hoist banner opposing foreign interference. [Thanks to Mark Shapiro, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

**‘My Son Is Coming Home’
“She Wants The United States To
End The Wars And Withdraw The
Troops”
“It’s Been Nine Years, And What
Impact Has It Had?’ Teddi Said”
“We Are Losing Our Sons And Our
Daughters”**

February 23, 2011 By Paris Achen, Mail Tribune

Oregon Marine Sgt. Matthew J. DeYoung of Talent rarely had time during his deployment in Afghanistan to talk with his family at leisure.

But 13 days before his death Friday from an improvised explosive device in southwest Afghanistan's Helmand province, DeYoung spent a day with his family members over the phone.

"He called me three times that day," said his sister, Mandi DeYoung, 24, of White City. "That was the most we'd gotten to talk to him."

Sgt. DeYoung, 26, of the 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force out of Camp Lejeune, N.C., died Friday in the arms of his best friend, Sgt. Lee Harris of Medford, after DeYoung stepped on an IED during combat in Afghanistan.

Although both are from Southern Oregon, they didn't know each other until 2005 when they both were stationed at Camp Pendleton, a Marine Corps base near San Diego, said DeYoung's 24-year-old widow, Aisha. They were part of a group of about 20 friends who called themselves the "Band of Pirates" and included about 15 Marines and five wives, Aisha said.

All of them met at Camp Pendleton while they were stationed there and had endured the ordeal of multiple deployments. Many of them had children around the same time that DeYoung and Aisha had their daughter, McKenzy, now 3.

The IED that killed DeYoung was the second the Marine had encountered during his deployment in Afghanistan, which began last November.

The first run-in in January had given him a concussion. He had spent more than two weeks recovering at the military hospital at Camp Leatherneck in the forbidding Afghan desert and was about to rejoin his fellow Marines Feb. 5 when his military flight was canceled. The wait for the next flight gave him and his family precious time to connect over the phone.

He expressed impatience to reunite with his comrades on the battlefield, said his mother, Teddi DeYoung of Phoenix.

"He said, 'They're going to give me crap because I'm taking showers and eating candy bars,'" recalled Mandi. "He felt guilty. That's how he was."

DeYoung's phone calls home never included talking about his own hardships and fears in Afghanistan, Teddi said. His worries centered on making sure everyone at home was taken care of, she said.

"He was there for anybody," Teddi said. "He was so unselfish."

He would remind his 17-year-old sister, Taylor, of Phoenix to change the oil in her car or instruct Mandi on how to make a baby bottle for her 5-week-old daughter, Adelyn

Wilkins. He would encourage his 19-year-old brother, Bryce of Klamath Falls, to keep plugging away at work.

“The world needs to know we lost a great Marine, a great son, husband, father and brother,” said his father, Bruce DeYoung of Ivyland, Pa.

Mandi desperately wanted DeYoung to be in Southern Oregon for Adelyn’s birth. DeYoung couldn’t make the event in person, so he kept a constant presence on the phone, even talking to Mandi as she screamed from labor pains.

“I haven’t heard a scream that loud since (Mandi) slid down the banister and got slivers in her butt,” Teddi recalled DeYoung saying.

Bruce said DeYoung never hung up the phone without saying, “I love you.”

“Even if we got disconnected, we would call back to say, ‘I love you,’” Bruce said. “That was a family rule.”

In addition to a lively sense of humor, DeYoung was known for having a can-do attitude and a remarkable dichotomy of impeccable feminine taste combined with fearless masculinity.

“He was a guy who could go to a MAC counter and buy his wife and sisters makeup and get the perfect makeup and come back and get Bryce and go to target practice and come back, make a baby bottle and then run across the street and change a tire for a neighbor,” Teddi said. He loved the outdoors and was a wrestling champion during high school.

Coincidentally, DeYoung’s parents met at the military base at Camp Lejeune where DeYoung was stationed during his deployment in Afghanistan. His father was a Marine, and his mother was in the hospital corps.

“He was a Marine from Day 1,” Teddi said of her son. “When he was a kid, he would run around with a plastic snake around his head and play Rambo.”

DeYoung attended high school in Gilchrist and Phoenix, graduating from Phoenix High School. He joined the Marines in August 2005 shortly before his December marriage to Aisha.

He was first deployed to Iraq as a military policeman from February to August 2006. Then from August 2007 to March 2008, he was sent to Iraq as part of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 39. In 2009, he re-enlisted in the Marines and trained for six months to do reconnaissance.

During his career, he earned more than a dozen military honors: Purple Heart with a gold star, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal with a bronze star, National Defence Ribbon, Afghan Campaign with a bronze star, Iraq Campaign with two bronze stars, Global War on Terrorism, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with two bronze stars, NATO Isaf-Afghanistan award, Navy/Marine Corps Parachute Insignia, Rival Expert 4th Award and Pistol Expert Award.

DeYoung's body will arrive in Southern Oregon from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware later this week.

"My son is coming home, but he won't be walking up to me," Teddi said.

She said her son believed in the missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

She wants the United States to end the wars and withdraw the troops.

"It's been nine years, and what impact has it had?" Teddi said. "We are losing our sons and our daughters."

DeYoung's memorial and funeral will be held Saturday. The memorial begins at noon at Central Medford High School (formerly South Medford High School), 815 S. Oakdale Ave. The funeral service is at 3 p.m. at the Eagle Point National Cemetery, 2763 Riley Road, Eagle Point. Both ceremonies are open to the public.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS



(Graphic: London Financial Times)

Resistance Attacks Local Soldiers Cashing Paychecks In Haditha: "Haditha Gained Notoriety When U.S. Marines Were Accused Of Killing 24 Iraqi Civilians In 2005"

March 3 Reuters

A bomber killed at least 10 people and wounded 26 others at a government bank in the northern Iraqi town of Haditha on Thursday, police and hospital sources said.

The police source said soldiers were collecting their salaries at a branch of the state-owned Rafidain bank in Haditha, 190 km northwest of Baghdad, when the bomber struck.

“There was a group of Iraqi army soldiers standing in front of the bank to collect their salaries when a suicide bomber wearing a vest came in between them and blew himself up,” police Lieutenant Ali al-Ubaidi, who was at the scene, told Reuters.

“The death toll is 10 killed, including eight soldiers, and 26 wounded, including 20 soldiers.”

A hospital source said he expected the death toll to rise.

“We received eight bodies and 13 wounded, including soldiers and civilians and we think the number of dead will increase because we have many critical cases among the wounded,” Waleed al-Hadithi, manager of General Hospital in Haditha, said.

Haditha gained notoriety when U.S. Marines were accused of killing 24 Iraqi civilians in 2005.

Witnesses said angry Marines shot the men, women and children in November 2005 out of revenge after a popular comrade was killed in a roadside bombing.

News reports of the killings brought international condemnation of U.S. forces in Iraq.

More Resistance Action

Feb 26 (Reuters) & March 1 (Reuters) & March 2, 2011 CNN

MOSUL - A former translator for the U.S. army was killed when a bomb exploded on Tuesday near his house in southern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb targeting an army patrol exploded in central Baghdad, wounding two soldiers, an Interior Ministry source said.

FALLUJA - A roadside bomb struck an Iraqi army patrol, killing one soldier near Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - Two bombs exploded in quick succession near the house of government official Talib Isaidani in the Ghazaliya district of western Baghdad, killing one person and wounding Isaidani and seven soldiers, an Interior Ministry source said.

At least two oil trucks were attacked by roadside bombs. One attack occurred about 20 km south of Baghdad, when an oil tank truck struck a roadside bomb. One person was hurt in that attack. Another bomb in the Rustumiya area damaged an oil truck and wounded another person.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE END THE OCCUPATION

“Thousands Rallied Across Baghdad And Elsewhere In Iraq On Friday In Anti- Government Demonstrations That Defied Security Checkpoints”

4 March 2011 Associated Press

Thousands rallied across Baghdad and elsewhere in Iraq on Friday in anti-government demonstrations that defied security checkpoints and a vehicle ban that forced many to walk for hours to the heart of the capital.

The Baghdad protest is one of many taking place across the country as Iraqis rally for the second Friday in a row. The demonstrations, inspired by revolutions in Egypt and Tunisia, have concentrated on demands for improved government services, better pay and an end to corruption.

“Our country is lost and for the last eight years the government has failed to offer services for people. Thousands of youths are without jobs,” said Bahjat Talib.

He said he walked from Sadr City in eastern Baghdad through eight checkpoints to get to the square, telling security forces he was going to work so they would let him pass.

About 500 demonstrators are in Liberation Square, surrounded by what appears to be even more security forces.

The Iraqi government has taken strict measures apparently designed to limit the number of demonstrators. A vehicle ban was imposed in the capital on Thursday and similar bans are in place in the northern cities of Mosul and Kirkuk, and the southern city of Basra.

Side streets leading to Liberation Square are blocked with security vehicles, while helicopters buzz overhead.

Demonstrators this Friday took measures to protect themselves. Kamil al-Assadi, from Sadr City, formed a committee to check demonstrators entering the square because they were worried the security forces might plant people in the crowd.

“We do not trust the Iraqi security forces and formed a committee to check the demonstrators to make sure that no one is carrying a knife or any kind of weapon who aims at creating any problems during the demo,” he said.

In Basra, about 1,000 people converged on the provincial council building.

Last week the protests in the city led to the resignation of the governor. This week they are demanding that the provincial council step down and essential services such as water and electricity be improved.

The Photos: “Thousands Rallied Across Baghdad And Elsewhere In Iraq On Friday In Anti- Government Demonstrations That Defied Security Checkpoints”



An Iraqi man blocks a riot police truck during a demonstration against the government in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, 340 miles southeast of Baghdad March 4, 2011. Last week the protests in the city led to the resignation of the governor. This week they were demanding that the provincial council step down and essential services such as water and electricity be improved. (AP Photo/Nabil al-Jurani)



An Iraqi protester points a shoe to a poster depicting Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, during a demonstration in Baghdad, Iraq, March 4, 2011. Thousands rallied across Baghdad and elsewhere in Iraq on Friday in anti-government demonstrations that defied security checkpoints and a vehicle ban that forced many to walk for hours to the heart of the capital. The sentence in Arabic means 'wondering of those who want to change.' (AP Photo/Karim Kadim)



Iraqi security forces close a bridge leading to the heavily guarded Green Zone while protesters condemn the government during a demonstration in Baghdad March 4, 2011. Thousands rallied across Baghdad and elsewhere in Iraq on Friday in anti-government demonstrations that defied security checkpoints and a vehicle ban that forced many to walk for hours to the heart of the capital. (AP Photo/Hadi Mizban)



Iraqi police attack anti-government demonstrators in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, 340 miles southeast of Baghdad March 4, 2011. (AP Photo/Nabil al-Jurani)



A man on a wheelchair is carried by fellow protesters during an anti-government rally in central Baghdad March 4, 2011. AP Photo/Hadi Mizban

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And This Is Not What A Dictator Wants To See



An Iraqi soldier accepts a national flag from an Iraqi boy demonstrating against the government in Baghdad, March 4, 2011. (AP Photo/Hadi Mizban)



A soldier shakes hands with an anti-government demonstrator during an anti-government rally in central Baghdad March 4, 2011. REUTERS/Mohammed Ameen

Police Confront 1000 Basra Electricity Workers Strike And Rally For Permanent Contracts



Iraqi police officers prevent protesters from entering the southern electricity directorate building in central Basra March 3, 2011. More than 1000 people, who have been working as employees in the southern electricity directorate for five years on short-term contracts, demanded permanent contracts on Thursday. (AP Photo/Nabil al-Jurani)

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

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

March 3, 2010 Reuters

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

Michigan Sgt. Killed In Ghazni



United States Army Sgt. Kristopher James Gould, 25, of Saginaw, Mich., based at Fort Knox, died Feb. 27, 2011 of injuries suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan. (AP Photo/United States Army)

Fort Polk Soldier Killed In Logar



Spc. Rudolph R. Hizon, a 10th Mountain Division soldier stationed at Fort Polk, La., was killed February 28, 2011 in Logar province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. (AP Photo/Fort Drum Public Affairs)

Two U.S. Soldiers Killed In Wardak

3.2 2010 Reuters

Two U.S. soldiers died Feb. 28, in Wardak province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device.

Two U.S. Airmen Killed in Frankfurt, Two More Wounded; Attacker “Did So In Revenge For The US Mission In Afghanistan, German Prosecutors Said Friday”

March 3, 2011 Greg Jaffe and Julie Tate, Washington Post Staff Writers & Mar 4 AFP [Excerpts]

The young man suspected of fatally shooting two U.S. airmen at a German airport Wednesday has told authorities he deliberately targeted American military personnel and was acting on his own, news services reported.

German federal prosecutors are leading the investigation into the shooting, which also injured two airmen, and are working together with U.S. authorities.

[Arif] Uka opened fire on a bus full of U.S. Air Force personnel outside Frankfurt International Airport. One of the injured airmen remained in critical condition Thursday, authorities told news agencies.

He did so in revenge for the US mission in Afghanistan, German prosecutors said Friday.

The 21-year-old carried out the attack on Wednesday “because he wanted to take revenge for the US intervention in Afghanistan,” federal prosecutor Rainer Griesbaum told reporters.

The suspect has said that the day before the attack he watched a video on the Internet purporting to show US atrocities in Afghanistan, Griesbaum said.

Royal Army Veterinary Corps Soldier Killed In Nahr-e Saraj

1 & 2 Mar 11 Ministry of Defence

It is with sadness that the Ministry of Defence must confirm that Lance Corporal Liam Richard Tasker, from the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, was killed in Afghanistan on Tuesday 1 March 2011.

Lance Corporal Tasker deployed to Afghanistan on 8 September 2010 as part of the 1st Military Working Dog Regiment. Having trained as an Arms and Explosives Search dog handler, he was attached to the 1st Battalion Irish Guards on 19 February 2011.

On 1 March 2011, Lance Corporal Tasker was taking part in a patrol with his dog, Theo, when they were engaged by small arms fire, during which Lance Corporal Tasker was struck and died from the injuries he sustained. Sadly, on returning to Camp Bastion, Theo suffered a seizure and died.

The soldier was killed whilst deployed on operations in the Nahr-e Saraj district of Helmand province.

Homosassa Marine Killed In Afghanistan



Cpl. Johnathan Taylor

February 24, 2011 By HOWARD ALTMAN, The Tampa Tribune

When the two Marines in their dress blues showed up Tuesday evening at his Homosassa home, Mark Taylor thought they were coming to talk to his son Christopher, who was thinking about joining up.

One glance at the somber Marines and Taylor knew better.

"I looked at them and broke down, and I knew it wasn't for him," says Taylor.

They were there to tell them about his middle son, Johnathan, 23, a Marine corporal who was on his fourth tour of duty, this time volunteering to return to Helmand Province in Afghanistan.

"I knew John wasn't coming home the way we wanted him to," says Taylor.

Johnathan Taylor was killed about an hour-and-a-half before the Marines arrived, Taylor says. He was on patrol when he stepped on an improvised explosive device.

Jonathan Taylor was placed on a helicopter but died before it landed.

Mark Taylor spent part of today packing and getting ready for a flight this afternoon to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, where they will take part in the dignified transfer ceremony welcoming Johnathan's body back home.

Johnathan Taylor was born in Hickory, N.C., on Aug. 14, 1987. and moved to Florida with his family when he was about 12.

"I was having health problems and needed to be someplace warm," says Taylor.

To the folks in Homosassa, Johnathan Taylor was known as "Butters," his dad said.

"That was for his ability not to handle the football when it was thrown to him," said Taylor, laughing. Johnathan Taylor wore No. 83 when he played tight end at Lecanto High School.

Though he couldn't hold on to the football, Johnathan held on to his interest in serving the country.

"He loved the Marine Corps," says Taylor. "He loved to serve his country and was upset over 9/11. He remembered that when he was younger and always talked about going into the Marine Corps, because that was the toughest outfit."

Even before he graduated from Lecanto High School in 2006, Johnathan Taylor displayed military leadership skills as a Sea Cadet attending summer programs at Admiral Farragut Academy in Tampa, says his dad. As a teenager of 16 or 17, he was an honor cadet in charge of the rest of the cadets, Taylor said.

After high school, Johnathan Taylor worked at a local quarry before finally enlisting around Thanksgiving in 2007.

"His expertise was hand-to-hand and close-quarter combat," says Taylor, who says in four tours, his son saw plenty of both.

His first tour of duty was in 2008, when he went to Anbar Province in Iraq, where he was stationed for seven months, says Taylor.

Johnathan Taylor returned to Camp Lejeune, then left again, this time to Afghanistan, "where his company was part of the biggest airlift since Vietnam, dropped the furthest south, into the middle of a Taliban stronghold on April 2, 2009."

He lost one of his best friends that day, and six others soon after, says his dad.

“He knew the dangers,” says Taylor. “He was very proud - 90 percent me. I always told him you would never die, your body will, but you spiritually will never die, your spirit is what makes you up. He was a firm believer and had no problem laying himself down for his fellow man. The world is a better place for people like that.”

After returning from his 2009 tour, Johnathan Taylor volunteered to go back. He returned in November and, after training 140 new recruits at Lejeune, went back again on Jan. 12.

Last night, Christopher Taylor went to honor his brother by getting a similar tattoo and haircut, says Taylor.

“He got a tattoo on his right shoulder, like John had, with the Marine emblem,” says Taylor.

“I think I talked him out of joining,” says Taylor. “I want him to go to college.”

About 12 hours before what would be his last patrol, Johnathan Taylor called home and spoke to his mother, Deborah.

“He said, ‘I love you,’” recalls Taylor. “He said, ‘I have to leave in the morning. I have to get socks and shoes on and go on patrol.’”

He never made it home from patrol.

His family is making funeral arrangements. “He earned the right to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery,” says Taylor.

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

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

Two Foreign Soldiers Wounded By IED In Kandahar: Nationality Not Announced

03 March 2011 TOLONews.com

At least 2 foreign and 4 Afghan soldiers were wounded on Thursday in southern Kandahar in a roadside bomb blast, officials said.

The incident happened at 01:00 am in the old part of Kandahar city when a roadside bomb struck a convoy of foreign and Afghan forces, local officials said.

There is no word on the nationality of the foreign soldiers wounded in the incident.

Great Moments In Air Force History: Airstrike Kills Four Road Construction Security Guards, Another Wounded

Mar 2, 2011 DPA

Kabul - A U.S. airstrike killed four guards working for a private security company in southern Afghan province of Helmand, officials said Wednesday.

One more guard was injured in the strike in Gerishk district on Tuesday, said Mohammad Hakim Andar, provincial police chief.

The men were providing security for a road construction firm in the region, he said.

More Great Moments In U.S. Military History: Nine Kids Killed For Collecting Firewood While Afghan: “The Helicopters ‘Shot The Boys One After Another’”

March 3, 2011 Post-Dispatch

KABUL, Afghanistan: Nine boys collecting firewood to heat their homes in the eastern Afghanistan mountains were killed by U.S. helicopter gunners who mistook them for insurgents, according to a statement on Wednesday by U.S., which apologized for the mistake.

The boys, 9 to 15 years old, were attacked on Tuesday in what amounted to one of the war's worst cases of mistaken killings. The victims included two sets of brothers. A 10th boy survived.

The U.S. statement said the boys had been misidentified as the attackers of a U.S. base earlier in the day, and included an unusual personal apology by commander of the U.S. forces in Afghanistan, Gen. David Petraeus.

News of the attack enraged Afghans and led to an anti-U.S. demonstration on Wednesday in the village of Nanglam, where the boys were from.

The only survivor, Hemad, 11, said his mother had told him to go out with other boys to collect firewood because “the weather is very cold now.”

“We were almost done collecting the wood when suddenly we saw the helicopters come,” said Hemad, who, like many Afghans, has only one name.

“There were two of them. The helicopters hovered over us, scanned us and we saw a green flash from the helicopters. Then they flew back high up, and in a second round they hovered over us and started shooting. They fired a rocket which landed on a tree. The tree branches fell over me and shrapnel hit my right hand and side.”

The tree, Hemad said, saved his life by covering him so that he could not be seen by the helicopters, which, he said, ‘shot the boys one after another.’

More Toast



Afghanistan-bound oil tankers for foreign troops set on fire by militants at the Pakistani border post of Torkham, along the Afghanistan border, March 4, 2011. (AP Photo/Qazi Rauf)

THE UNDOUBTED SUCCESS OF THE U.S. MILITARY EFFORT MAY BE SEEN HERE, SHOWING THE VAST QUANTITIES OF AFGHANISTAN THAT HAVE BEEN LIBERATED, AND WILL FORM THE BASIS FOR A NEW, FREE, DEMOCRATIC AFGHAN SOCIETY



U.S. Marines from the First Battalion Eighth Marines approach an outpost near the town of Nabuk in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, February 24, 2011.
REUTERS/Finbarr O'Reilly

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

**53 Occupation Soldiers Killed
Around Mogadishu:
Attempt To Conceal Death Toll
Fails:**

Kenyan Troops Sent To Invade Somalia From South Taking Heavy Casualties: “Militant Group Has Boxed In The Government To Just A Few City Blocks Of The Seaside Capital”

Mar 4 By KATHARINE HOURELD, Associated Press & 2 March 2011 AllAfrica

NAIROBI, Kenya – More than 50 African Union peacekeepers [translation: U.S.-backed foreign occupation troops] have died in fighting in Somalia since a major offensive against Islamist militants began two weeks ago, officials told The Associated Press on Friday.

The death toll is far higher than any publicly acknowledged casualty figures for the AU, which appears to be trying to keep the extent of its losses under wraps due to political considerations in Burundi, one of two nations providing the bulk of the forces that are fighting alongside Somali troops.

The offensive aims to break Islamists' lock on large swaths of the country's south and central regions. Al-Shabab, a Somali militant group, has boxed in the government to just a few city blocks of the seaside capital.

The AU force, known as AMISOM, has publicly confirmed only a handful of deaths since heavy fighting broke started Feb. 19. An AU spokesman in Nairobi did not answer calls Friday.

Burundi's government spokesman was unavailable for comment.

Wafula Wamunyinyi, the second-highest ranking official on the AU's commission for Somalia, declined to discuss casualty figures when reached Friday.

“I don't have that information where I am now,” he said.

Two Nairobi-based diplomats said at least 43 Burundian and 10 Ugandan troops have been killed since Feb. 18, citing information from people involved in the operation.

In addition, a Burundian soldier has been captured alive by militants, and his image and a recorded statement have been circulating on websites used by al-Shabab, Somalia's most dangerous insurgent group.

Few officials seem willing to acknowledge the heavy casualties AMISOM troops have suffered.

But a statement from France's Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs on Tuesday said that France evacuated 13 AMISOM troops by military aircraft to neighboring Djibouti, where the French have a base, for medical care.

Fighting has been fierce, often building-to-building. During a prior visit to Mogadishu, AU soldiers showed AP how they were able to move from house to abandoned house by punching holes in the walls between them.

The AU troops fight with no air support, little body armor and armored vehicles that are vulnerable to attack by rocket-propelled grenades.

The fighting has spread beyond the Somali capital, to the Kenyan and Ethiopian borders. In Somalia's south, fighters secretly recruited from refugee camps in 2009 and trained in Kenya have been pressed into action. A clan-based militia nominally allied with the Somali government, Ahlu Sunnah Wal Jama, is fighting the Islamists in Somalia's southeast.

About 16 soldiers were on Monday night airlifted to Mombasa [Kenya] as heavy fighting continued at the border. There were unconfirmed reports that Ethiopian soldiers were among the wounded as well as Somali militia trained by the Ethiopians.

One Kenyan has so far been killed while scores of injured are hospitalised at the Mandera [Kenya] District Hospital. A grenade which landed in the Mandera District Hospital damaged the TB wing that at the time had over 20 patients.

In Mombasa, security was tightened before the plane carrying the wounded soldiers landed at Moi International Airport.

Journalists were barred from accessing Mombasa and Aga Khan Hospitals where the wounded soldiers had were taken by ambulance.

There are now a total of 30 wounded soldiers receiving treatment in Mombasa. Another group was airlifted there last week.

The soldiers were admitted at about 8pm on Monday. "Ten of the patients have been admitted at Mombasa Hospital while six are at Aga Khan. They are all in stable condition," said the source.

Government says casualties inside Kenya were a result of stray bullets from days of sporadic fighting along the Kenya-Somalia border. However video footage taken by a Mandera resident and obtained by the Star shows a Landrover loaded with mortar shells driving through the streets of Mandera with uniformed Somali soldiers on board.

It remains unclear whether the Somali government and its international backers have any plan to secure and develop territory they gain. The government has long failed to provide services or security to its people and its mandate expires in August.

The corruption and inefficiency has greatly hampered efforts to wrest back control of the country from the Islamists. Unpaid soldiers often sell their arms or ammunition, sometimes even to the other side.

A report last month by the think tank International Crisis Group described the government as being on “life support.” It urged the international community to redirect funding and support to regional administrations if the Somali government does not make significant progress in building alliances and providing better services.

MILITARY NEWS

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



A caisson goes carries U.S. Marine Sgt. Lucas T. Pyeatt during burial services at Arlington National Cemetery Feb. 28, 2011. Pyeatt, 24, of West Chester, Ohio, was killed Feb. 5th while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

Libya: Soldiers In Revolt



Feb 28: Libyan rebel soldiers deploy an anti-aircraft machine gun at a military base in Benghazi. (AFP/Patrick Baz)



Mar 1: A Libyan opposition army soldier covers his head with a flag outside an army barrack in Benghazi. (AFP/Marco Longari)



Mar 1: A rebel Libyan soldier holds a rocket-propelled grenade launcher as he stands on the roof of a barracks in Benghazi. (AFP/Marco Longari)

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.

“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.

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

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

Frederick Douglass, 1852

March 2, 1955: A Heroine Strikes A Blow For Liberation

Carl Bunin Peace History February 28-March 6

Nine months before Rosa Parks made headlines, teenager Claudette Colvin was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white person.

She was active in the Youth Council of the local NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People).

Though the Montgomery Bus Boycott was begun after Ms. Parks’s arrest, Clovin’s legal case became part of the basis for a federal court challenge to Alabama’s segregation laws.

Colvin became one of four plaintiffs in Browder v. Gayle, in which the Supreme Court ultimately struck down the law under which she was arrested for merely sitting down in a bus seat.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?

Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the address if you wish and we’ll send it regularly. Whether in Afghanistan, Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the wars, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 888.711.2550

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



“I Remember Teachers, Nurses, Firefighters, Cops And Others In My Guard Unit, And Walker Thinks He Can Call Out The Guard To Control Madison?”

[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: “Public service jobs are held by vets. I remember teachers, nurses, firefighters, cops and others in my guard unit, and Walker thinks he can call out the guard to control Madison?”]

February 27, 2011 By Eric Kleefeld, TPM Media [Excerpts]

Madison, WI -- In a major victory for the protesters at the Wisconsin state Capitol -- who were supposed to clear out at 4 p.m. CT today, but have remained inside in the hundreds -- Capitol Police Chief Charles Tubbs has announced that those protesters still in the building will be able to stay the night.

Protesters will be able to sleep on the ground floor, as cleaning is done of the upper floors. Tubbs said there had been no decisions made yet on what the policy would be for successive nights.

“There will be no arrests, as we said before, there will be no use of force,” Tubbs said.

Tubbs also commended the behavior and cooperation of protesters, saying that there had been no arrests made today. At the last time he checked, on Friday, Tubbs said there had only been about a dozen minor arrests in total over the past two weeks.

During that period, many tens of thousands of protesters have come to the Capitol, in order to oppose Gov. Scott Walker’s budget repair bill and its anti-public employee union provisions.

CLASS WAR REPORTS

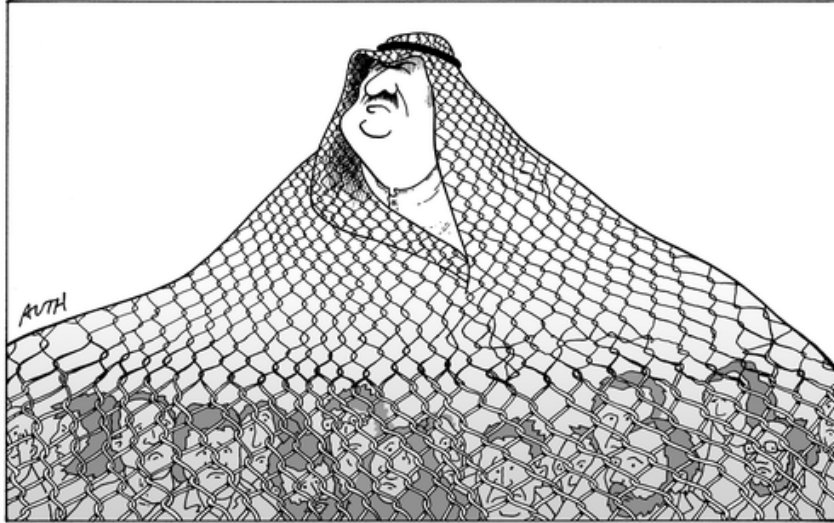
Protests Spread To Saudi Arabia



Anti-riot police stand-off with protesters in the Gulf coast town of Awwamiya March 3, 2011. Saudi Shi'ites staged protests in the country's oil-producing eastern province on Thursday, demanding the release of prisoners they say are being held without trial, witnesses said. REUTERS/Zaki Ghawas

Troops Invited:

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