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**[This Might Not Work Out Dep't]
An Afghan Warlord Backed By U.S.
Special Forces Launched A Two-Year
Spate Of Violence Involving Burglary,
Rape And Murder Of Civilians,
Desecration Of Mosques And
Mutilation Of Corpses:
“We See Significant Indications That The
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Azizullah May Be The Growing Hostility
Of Large Parts Of The Population”**

18 March 2011 By Julius Cavendish, Independent.co.uk [Excerpts]

An Afghan warlord backed by US special forces faces persistent allegations that he launched a two-year spate of violence involving burglary, rape and murder of civilians, desecration of mosques and mutilation of corpses. Yet, despite repeated warnings about the atrocities Commander Azizullah is alleged to have committed, he has remained on the payroll of the US military as an "Afghan security guard", a select band of mercenaries described by some as "the most effective fighting formation in Afghanistan".

Interviews with religious leaders, tribal elders, villagers, contractors and Western and Afghan officials all pointed to a reign of terror in which they believe 31-year-old Azizullah, an ethnic Tajik, targeted Pashtun civilians while fighting the Taliban.

The testimony also tallied with several independent reports documenting the allegations against Azizullah and seen by The Independent, including two confidential reports compiled by UN officials and circulated to Nato personnel last year.

A Nato spokesman said that its own investigation of Azizullah turned up nothing.

UN officials first raised the subject of Azizullah with Nato in February 2010, when a report landed on the desk of US Lieutenant-General David Rodriguez, Nato's deputy commander in Afghanistan. It warned of "grave dissatisfaction with the way in which SOF (Special Operations Forces) operations are conducted and... doubts about the positive impact of SOF 'local defence initiatives'."

The report cited a complaint by Afghan villagers that during a special forces night raid on 7 January 2010, in which six civilians were killed, "an Afghan security commander, by the name of Azizullah, and the men under his command (stole) about \$9,600 belonging to three of the killed civilians".

By the summer, the US military had received a more comprehensive list of the atrocities Azizullah was accused of, compiled by Western and Afghan officials lobbying for his removal, and begun looking into the complaints.

A report entitled Evidence against Azizullah stated: "We strongly recommend that this man be removed from his position working in the services of the US military. Numerous complaints have been made to us in recent weeks regarding the behaviour and activities of Commander Azizullah. Elders from a number of districts... have provided independent accounts of Azizullah's involvement in criminal activities (theft), indiscriminate killings and more sordid activities such as detaining young boys... holding them for several weeks sexually abus(ing) them.

"We see significant indications that the unintended consequences of employing someone like Commander Azizullah may be the growing hostility of large parts of the population."

The report also warned that as long as special forces continued to act on tip-offs from Afghan sources, some of those sources would feed them false information "to frighten local people into keeping quiet about blatant instances of corruption (and) immoral

behaviour, as well as for settling scores. We believe, in the light of so many independent reports, this to be the case with Commander Azizullah”.

The widespread stories of Azizullah's activities also seem to have stoked ethnic tensions between the small Tajik minority he comes from and the Pashtun majority in the area.

Such tensions have created one of the biggest fault lines dividing Afghanistan, and some argue that much of the violence of the past 30 years has been carried out as part of a war between the country's large Pashtun minority, on one side, and the country's ethnic Uzbeks, Hazaras and Tajiks on the other.

A Pashtun cleric said that friction between the Tajik and Pashtun communities in eastern Paktika province, where Azizullah operates, had never been so high.

A Western contractor with first-hand knowledge of the area said: “Tajiks... say the guy is a national hero. (However) they also say, 'We'll pay for that'. If the coalition leaves they'll have to leave too. They disapprove of his actions. If you send a Tajik as sheriff to a Pashtun area you're bound to fail. It's a very ethnically polarised area.”

There are certainly reasons for some Afghans to want to slander Azizullah, who is reputed to use his links with Nato to broker contracts and take a cut of the spoils.

The Western contractor said that the Pashtun majority there feels marginalised by what they see as an unfair distribution of money pouring in. “The perception is (the Tajiks) get all the contracts, all the jobs,” he said. “Even if it's only perception, if everyone believes it, it's a fact.”

ACTION REPORTS

Outreach To Commuter Terminal Troops [New York]

From: Alan S., Military Resistance Organization
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Subject: Outreach To Commuter Terminal Troops
Date: Mar 16, 2011

COMMUTER TERMINAL OUTREACH 3/15/11
(The Ides of this March)

Outreaching two of New York City's commuter terminals yielded (only) 4 troops at different hours of the day.

The first terminal found no one but the second revealed two troops (one an Airman, the other, National Guard) observing the home rush of people at around 5pm. They were willing to talk with me. Each took an outreach packet consisting of the latest Traveling Soldier [see below], a National Guard supplement highlighting IVAW's recent solidarity appearance in turbulent Madison, Wisconsin (they'll be there again 3/19 with the state's, now, world famous workers), a GI Rights pamphlet, a double sided Military Resistance/IVAW flyer and an introduction card [see below].

The soldier knew of Iraq Veterans Against The War.

The conversation it was cut off when a sergeant and lieutenant arrived and the sergeant addressed the two troops. Not realizing, at first, the lieutenant was an officer, I introduced Military Resistance and offered material. He refused but took a card anyway, being quite social throughout. He was from the Metropolitan Area and in no way acted aloof. The sergeant ignored me.

I continued through the terminal expecting to find more troops patrolling since one group found usually indicates others on duty as well. Not this time as the approached group was the only military presence in sight. Unusual in my experience.

A return to both terminals at 9pm saw no one.

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ACTION REPORTS WANTED: FROM YOU!

An effective way to encourage others to support members of the armed forces organizing to resist the Imperial war is to report what you do.

If you've carried out organized contact with troops on active duty, at base gates, airports, or anywhere else, send a report in to Military Resistance for the Action Reports section.

Same for contact with National Guard and/or Reserve components.

They don't have to be long. Just clear, and direct action reports about what work was done and how.

If there were favorable responses, say so.

If there were unfavorable responses or problems, don't leave them out. Reporting what went wrong and/or got screwed up is especially important, so that others may learn from you what to expect, and how to avoid similar problems if possible.

If you are not planning or engaging in outreach to the troops, you have nothing to report.

NOTE WELL:

Do not make public any information that could compromise the work.

Identifying information – locations, personnel – will be omitted from the reports.

Whether you are serving in the armed forces or not, do not identify members of the armed forces organizing to stop the wars.

If accidentally included, that information will not be published.

The sole exception: occasions when a member of the armed services explicitly directs identifying information be published in reporting on the action.

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SUPPORTING GI RESISTANCE

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If you are a veteran who supports an immediate end to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan -- the Military Project recommends you contact:

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[Cards designed by Richie M, Military Resistance Organization]

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Issue 34

Special Issue: Egypt, Tunisia, Libya Soldiers in Revolt 2011

Click here to download and view a PDF of issue 34:

<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/TS34.pdf>

Traveling Soldier is the publication of the Military Resistance Organization.

Telling the truth - about the occupations or the criminals running the government in Washington - is the first reason for Traveling Soldier. But we want to do more than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance to Imperial wars inside the armed forces.

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.

If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers. <http://www.traveling-soldier.org/>

And join with Iraq Veterans Against the War to end the occupations and bring all troops home now! (www.ivaw.org/)

FYI:

Traveling Soldier Is Published By The Military Resistance Organization:

Military Resistance Mission Statement:

1. The mission of Military Resistance is to bring together in one organization members of the armed forces and civilians in order to give aid and comfort to members of the armed forces who are organizing to end the wars of empire in Afghanistan and Iraq. The long term objective is to assist in eliminating all wars of empire by eliminating all empires.
2. Military Resistance does not advocate individual disobedience to orders or desertion from the armed forces. The most effective resistance is organized by members of the armed forces working together.

However, Military Resistance respects and will assist in the defense of troops who see individual desertion or refusal of orders as the only course of action open to them for reasons of conscience.

3. Military Resistance stands for the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and other occupation troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Occupied nations have the right to independence and the right to resist Imperial invasion and occupation by force of arms.

4. Efforts to increase democratic rights in every society, organization, movement, and within the armed forces itself will receive encouragement and support.

Members of the armed forces, whether those of the United States or any other nation, have the right and duty to act against dictatorships commanding their services, and to assist civilian movements against dictatorship.

This applies whether a political dictatorship is imposed by force of arms or a political dictatorship is imposed by those in command of the resources of society using their wealth to purchase the political leadership.

5. Military Resistance uses organizational democracy.

This means control of the organization by the membership, through elected delegates to any coordinating bodies that may be formed, whether at local, regional, or national levels.

Any member may run for any job in the organization. All persons elected are subject to immediate recall, by majority vote of the membership.

Coordinating bodies report their actions, decisions and votes to the membership who elected them, and may be overruled by a majority of the membership.

6. It is not necessary for Military Resistance to be in political agreement with other organizations in order to work together towards specific common objectives.

It is productive for organizations working together on common projects to discuss differences about the best way forward for the movement.

Debate is necessary to arrive at the best course of action.

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7. It is a condition of membership that each member prioritize and participate in organized action to reach out to active duty armed forces, Reserve and/or National Guard units.

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9. Members may not be active duty or drilling reserve commissioned officers, or employed in any capacity by any police or intelligence agency, local, state, or national.

10. I understand and am in agreement with the above statement. I pledge to defend my brothers and sisters, and the democratic rights of the citizens of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

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(Date)

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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

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

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

March 20, 2010 AP

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

Vermont Marine Killed In Combat In Afghanistan



Marine Cpl. Ian Muller of Danville was killed Friday while serving with the U.S. Marines in Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. / Courtesy photo

Mar. 14, 2011 Burlington Free Press

DANVILLE — Cpl. Ian M. Muller was made to be a Marine.

The 22-year-old North Danville resident, who was killed in combat Friday in Afghanistan, wanted to make a difference in the world.

“Ian was a good fit for the Marines, and they were a good fit for him. I can’t imagine him as anything else,” said his oldest brother, Ryan Muller.

Muller’s father, Clif, said his son was a “smart, strong young individual.”

He said his son joined the Marines about four years ago.

“A lot of that was because of the economy,” said Clif Muller, a Realtor. “He looked for work around here but couldn’t find consistent work.”

Ian Muller chose the Marines “because it was the hardest one to get into,” the elder Muller said in a brief interview outside his home Monday, the day the Defense Department made public the news of Cpl. Muller’s death.

The family’s large yellow farmhouse sits on a hill with expansive views of the countryside and New Hampshire’s White Mountains. An American flag hung at the front of the house.

When it came to picking a branch for military service, the Marines were Ian Muller’s top choice.

“He saw them as the toughest, smallest and most elite,” Ryan Muller said. “He approached things with gusto.”

The Defense Department said Muller was killed in combat in Afghanistan’s volatile Helmand province. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force out of Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Muller is the 39th person from Vermont or with close ties to the state to be killed in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan since March 2003, according to a Burlington Free Press list of casualties. A 40th soldier died of natural causes while deployed in Kuwait.

Ian Muller, like his five brothers and one sister, mostly was home-schooled. Their mother, Susanne, stayed home and helped raise and teach the children.

“Ian played soccer at Danville (High). He loved sports and snowboarding and skiing,” Ryan Muller said. “He always approached things with a certain aggressiveness.”

“He loved extreme sports,” Clif Muller said.

Ian Muller took private art lessons and seemed to find a niche . He attend Lyndon State College to study graphic design for about a year, his brother said.

“He was not meant for book learning,” Muller said. He tried construction, but the economy went south. Ian Muller, who was into bodybuilding and physical excellence, felt drawn to the Marines. Ian Muller and his neighbor David Trudeau enlisted together, Ryan Muller said.

“David is flying back this week,” said Ryan Muller, who is married to Trudeau’s sister, Rita. Funeral arrangements are being finalized.

The family traveled to Dover, Del., this the weekend to be there as Cpl. Muller’s coffin arrived, Ryan Muller said. “It has been trying,” he said.

Ryan Muller is the oldest of the family’s children, followed by Dylan, Ian, Benjamin, Quinton and the twins, Ruben and Madeleine. Fourteen years separate the oldest and youngest sibling.

State Sen. Jane Kitchel and her sister, Rep. Kitty Toll of Danville, said they expect the Vermont Legislature will pay tribute to Muller with a resolution honoring his service to the country.

Kitchel said the Muller family was well known for friendly children and for providing wonderful baked goods, such as bread and pretzels.

Kitchel said the Danville-Walden area has been affected deeply by the recent wars, with four military deaths and at least one soldier injured by friendly fire.

“This community has been hit very hard, not just Danville,” Kitty Toll said.

Former longtime state legislator Roy Vance of Danville said he was disappointed to hear of Muller’s death.

“It’s sad,” said Vance, who said he had met the family in the course of his travels in town. “I’ve stopped and talked to the parents,” said Vance, now an assistant judge in Caledonia County. “They are awfully nice.” Vermont Democratic Gov. Peter Shumlin called the Muller family Monday afternoon and “expressed his sincere sympathy” on behalf of the state, spokeswoman Sue Allen told the Burlington Free Press. The private call lasted about five minutes, she said.

Shumlin also issued a public statement saying his heart went out to Muller’s family and friends. “I am deeply proud of our troops here and abroad protecting for our freedom. Vermont is a community, and as a state we send our sympathy to Danville and everyone who knew and cared for Cpl. Muller,” Shumlin said.

The three members of Vermont’s congressional delegation issued statements of condolence Monday.

“Our deepest sympathies are with his family, friends and other loved ones,” Sen. Patrick Leahy said. “What a difficult time this is for them. All Vermonters, and all Americans, grieve at the loss of another of our finest.”

Sen. Bernie Sanders said Muller’s “service and sacrifice will never be forgotten by a grateful nation. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his fellow Marines during this time of grief.” Said Rep. Peter Welch: “This loss is truly heartbreaking — for his family, his friends, his fellow Marines and his community.”

So Much For That Idiotic Dream

20 Mar 2011 By Ben Farmer, Telegraph Media Group Limited [Excerpts]

The city of Lashkar Gah is one of six places that diplomats expect Hamid Karzai to name in on Tuesday night after the Afghan New Year holiday.

The symbolic announcement begins a transition aimed at allowing Afghan soldiers and police to take over combat duties across the whole country by the end of 2014.

Haji Abdul Ahad Helmandwal, 52, said: “The Afghan Army cannot take responsibility. They don't have the ability and also guns, tanks and other battle requirements. If they take over then there will be insecurity again.”

Haji Abdul Hadi, a 38-year-old property dealer, added: “There is a lot of corruption and bribery, but the central government is doing nothing against them, because they themselves are in it.”

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[Statement By Afghan Resistance]

**“The Surge And Prolongation Of
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Bases”**

“With The Passage Of Every Day, They Lay Further Blockades To The Invaders”



Clarification of the Spokesman of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Regarding the Recent Assertions of the American General Petraeus

18 March 2011 By Zabihullah Mujahid, shahamat.info

General David Petraeus, top commander of NATO forces in Afghanistan, has returned to Washington to find answer to questions and growing resentments of American people and Congress regarding the War of Afghanistan.

According to an opinion poll published recently in The Washington Post, a famous American daily, about two third of Americans have no confidence in the war of Afghanistan, considering it a fruitless mission.

Similarly, hot debates are in full swing in the American Congress about the war expenditure in Afghanistan-- reaching to the tune of billions of dollars.

Congressmen like the American people want to know, do these fruitless efforts deserve the huge expenditure?

General Petraeus, who is in charge of the war in Afghanistan, tried at the premises of the American Congress the other day during a hearing to give the Congressmen a spurious optimism.

He said, though the Americans have been hearing about setbacks but there are some gains in the war of Afghanistan. These gains must be protected. General Petraeus emphasized on this point both during meeting with the American President Obama and American media, saying there were tangible advancements in the war.

May be, he was pointing to operations by the American troops in some areas in south Afghanistan in the past recent months.

We would like to say about the remarks of Petraeus that he is trying once again to give deceptive assurances to American people about the war of Afghanistan and quid pro quo, get some time and money for further prolongation of the war.

However, if we look at the ground realities in the country, there is nothing to be called gains of the American troops. Not only they are losing the rural areas but also have become targets of effective attacks of Mujahideen in cities.

In the near past, the operation of Kandahar was one of the greatest ever carried out by the Americans.

The Americans had had huge casualties being unprecedented in terms of loss. They are still smarting from their casualties. Though, the Americans destroyed whole villages and vineyards of people in some areas of Kandahar and afterward, built military bases there. Despite that, they were not able to wipe out the writ of Mujahideen. The Mujahideen are present in the areas and have blocked all ways and roads leading to the American bases. With the passage of every day, they lay further blockades to the invaders.

Another project of Petraeus was the training of the Afghan hireling forces to rely on themselves in terms of quality and quantity.

This is also a failed effort.

High ranking officials of the Kabul regime openly complain that no progress has been made in the way of boosting the hireling Afghan forces, and even it is not expected that the target could be achieved during the next five years, to put the forces in a position to defend themselves on their own.

The common Afghans have rejected the Arbaki program launched by General Petraeus. However, it is operational in a few areas, that too, with a very low capability.

Contrarily, the Mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate enjoy a high morale and warfare spirit. The Mujahideen continued their military operations successfully in this winter, and did not let the enemy to take a breath of relief. Moreover, the martyrdom-seeking Mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate have carried out effective attacks against the enemy in various parts of the country, sending a jittery through the ranks of the enemy.

The Mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate continue their armed Jihad against the enemy, enjoying a high morale.

They have the initiative of the battle in their hands, being always in the aggressive position while the enemy is retreating from or evacuating their bases in many areas in the country as the have withdrawn from Pech Valley. Thus they flee the areas.

I would like to point out my opinion about the assertions of Petraeus.

Let's sum up the results and the losses.

The Americans had launched one of their greatest operations in Gerisk district of Helmand province. It continued for one month. According to a survey conducted by Mujahideen, the Americans lost 54 tanks and armed vehicles as a result of road side bombs and attacks.

But after the end of the operation, the situation did not change. The status quo is the same as before. The Americans went back to their bases after suffering huge casualties and losses. The Mujahideen are in control of the area.

The same is the fate of other operations conducted by the forces of General Petraeus. It is very surprising that despite that, the general touts these failures as military gains.

Like the American people, two-third of whom believe this war is fruitless war, the Islamic Emirate too believes that the current war of Afghanistan will bring in nothing for the Americans except defeat.

We have faith in our God and believe, this legitimate Jihad of the Afghan people will ultimately result in the complete rout of the invaders.

The surge and prolongation of the war will only add to financial loss and military casualties of America.

Nothing more than that, if God willing.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

IED Kills U.S. Soldier In Southern Iraq

21 March 2011 BNO NEWS

An American service member died on Sunday as a result of injuries sustained in a bomb blast, the U.S. military confirmed on Monday.

A statement from U.S. Forces - Iraq said a U.S. service member died on Sunday as a result of wounds sustained in an improvised explosive device (IED) attack while conducting a convoy operation in southern Iraq. It did not say when the attack took place.

“The name of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of next of kin and release by the Department of Defense,” the statement said, adding that the incident is being investigated. Other details were not immediately released.

The fatality raises the total number of U.S. troops killed in Iraq so far this year to 10, according to a BNO News count based on official information.

A total of 60 U.S. service members were killed in Iraq last year, most of whom died as the result of non-hostile incidents.

More Resistance Action

March 21 (Reuters)

BAGHDAD - Gunmen in a speeding car on Sunday killed an Interior Ministry colonel, Ali Jabar, when they fired on his car in eastern Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - Gunmen in a speeding car on Sunday shot dead an Iraqi Defense Ministry colonel, Dhaher Younis, as he was driving his car in the northwestern Baghdad district of Kadhimiya, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - Gunmen in a speeding car on Sunday wounded an Interior Ministry colonel, Emad Chyad, when they shot at his car in eastern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - Gunmen in a speeding car wounded a police lieutenant, Ali Ramiz, when they shot at his car in the Talbiya area of eastern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

KARMA - A bomb attached to an Iraqi military vehicle killed one soldier and wounded two in the Karma area, near Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - Gunmen in a speeding car opened fire on an Oil Ministry employee as he was driving his car in eastern Baghdad, killing his wife and wounding him and his son seriously, an Interior Ministry source said.

LIBYA WAR REPORTS

Obama 2007 Says Obama 2011 Is A Foul Traitor And A Domestic Enemy Of The Constitution Of The United States

December 20, 2007 Boston Globe

[Boston Globe Question: 2.]

In what circumstances, if any, would the president have constitutional authority to bomb Iran without seeking a use-of-force authorization from Congress? (Specifically, what about the strategic bombing of suspected nuclear sites -- a situation that does not involve stopping an IMMEDIATE threat?)

[Obama Reply]

The President does not have power under the Constitution to unilaterally authorize a military attack in a situation that does not involve stopping an actual or imminent threat to the nation.

LIAR TRAITOR

**DOMESTIC ENEMY
UNFIT FOR COMMAND
UNWORTHY OF OBEDIENCE:**



July 15, 2010: REUTERS/Yuri Gripas

**Bush Bombed Iraq 19 March 2003,
Obama Bombed Libya 19 March
2011:
Change We Can Believe In**

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

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

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

MILITARY NEWS

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





The casket of U.S. Marine Sgt. Lucas T. Pyeatt during burial services at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Monday, 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)

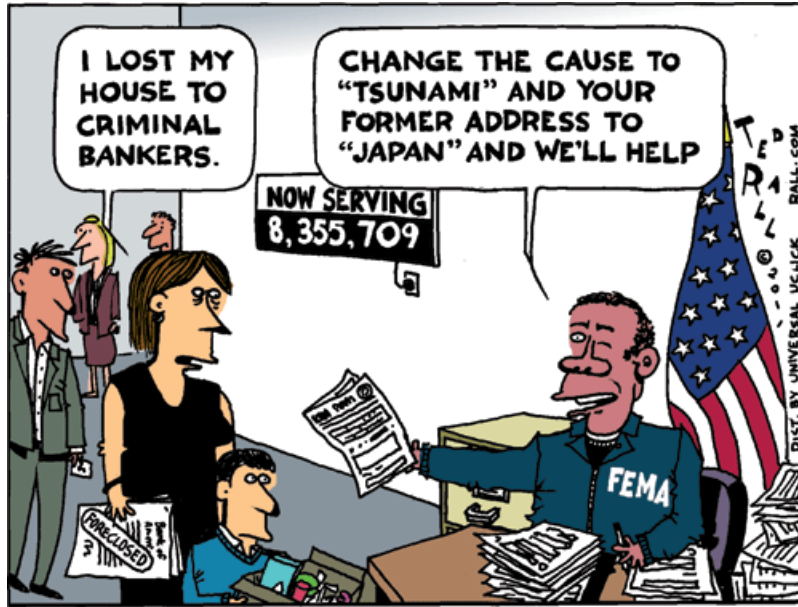
Troops Invited:

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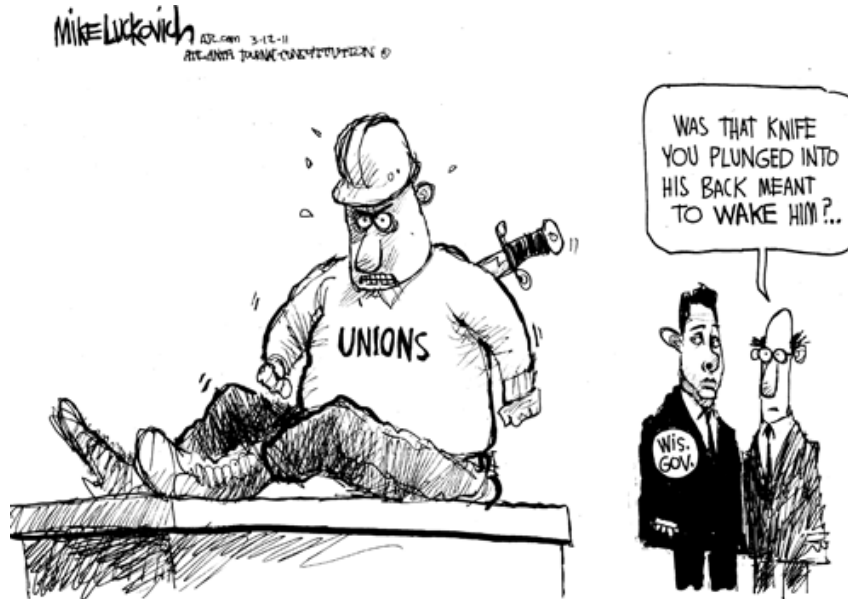
“The single largest failure of the anti-war movement at this point is the lack of outreach to the troops.”

Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



CLASS WAR REPORTS



**“You Wait Until Next Summer. The Situation In Greece Will Explode”
It Is Unlikely That Greece Will Be Alone:
“Europeans From Greece To Portugal, From Britain To Bavaria Are Registering Their Growing Anger With The Relentless Assault Inflicted By Government-Imposed Austerity Programs”**

March 17, 2011 By CONN HALLINAN, Counterpunch [Excerpts]

In the Greek town of Aphidal, people have stopped paying road fees.

In Athens, bus and metro riders are refusing to cough up the price of a ticket.

On Feb. 23, 250,000 Greek protesters jammed the streets outside the nation's parliament.

The Portuguese nominated the protest song “A Luta E' Alegria” (The Struggle is Joy) for the Eurovision song contest and, when judges ignored it, walked out in protest.

They also put 300,000 people into the streets of the country's major cities on Mar. 12.

Liverpool bailed from a Conservative-Liberal scheme to supplement government funding with private funding when it found there wasn't any of either, and the British Toilet Association protested the closure of 1,000 public bathrooms across the country.

In ways big and small, Europeans from Greece to Portugal, from Britain to Bavaria are registering their growing anger with the relentless assault inflicted by government-imposed austerity programs.

In Athens the demonstration drew 250,000 and people chanted “Kleftes,” or “thieves.” But the message in both places is much the same: we have had enough.

Austerity measures in Portugal and Spain have also cut deeply into the average person's income and made life measurably harder.

But increasingly people are not buying the message, and from Athens to Wisconsin they are taking their reservations to the streets.

A bus driver in Athens told Australian journalist Kia Mistiles that his wages had been cut from 1800 Euros (\$2500) a month to 1200 Euros (\$1660). "There are more cuts coming into effect in the next three months, that's why the protests are heating up. I am worried that my wages will be cut to 800 Euros (\$1110) a month, and if that happens I don't know how I will survive."

But he has a plan. "The situation is reaching a climax," he told Mistiles, "because working people know that the austerity measures go too far, and with the final roll out, they can't survive. So there is nothing to do but protest," adding,

"You wait until next summer. The situation in Greece will explode."

It is unlikely that Greece will be alone.

Saudi Arabia: "The Third Protest This Month By Families And Activists Demanding Information On The Fate Of People Held Without Trial For Years On Security And Terrorism Charges"

3/20/2011 The Associated Press

CAIRO — Outnumbered by anti-riot police, dozens of Saudi men and women protested outside Riyadh's Interior Ministry, demanding the release of thousands of detainees held without trial for years.

Witnesses say a number of protesters were arrested today after trying to push their way into the building, heavily fortified by about 2,000 special forces and some 200 police vehicles.

There was no official confirmation on the arrests.

It was the third protest this month by families and activists demanding information on the fate of people held without trial for years on security and terrorism charges.

Saudi authorities ban demonstrations and appear increasingly determined to prevent the spread of unrest inspired by uprisings across the Arab world.

Bahrain: “The Arrival Of Saudi Forces Underscores The Growing Inability Of The Khalifahs To Deal With The Crisis”

“I Was Told By A Source In Riyadh Close To The Interior Minister Prince Nayef, That The Ruling House Of Saud Simply Would Not Allow The Khalifahs To Fall”

16 March 2011 By Bill Law, Reporter, Crossing Continents; BBC

As the situation in Bahrain continues to deteriorate, splits in the ruling al-Khalifah family are beginning to surface.

A source close to the family told me that on Sunday morning, Crown Prince Sheikh Salman bin Hamad al-Khalifah was close to reaching a breakthrough with pro-democracy activists on terms that would allow a dialogue to begin.

Thus far, a coalition of religious and secular groups had refused to meet with the government until key demands were met.

The crown prince had offered a parliament with “full legislative authority”, a government that represents the will of the people, and an end to gerrymandered electoral districts that had ensured the majority Shia population was held to a minority of seats.

By any standards, these represented significant concessions.

However, that afternoon, security police attacked protesters at Bahrain University and in the vicinity of Pearl Square.

On Monday, Saudi troops rolled into the kingdom down the causeway that links Saudi Arabia to Bahrain. They were called in by the ruling family to help quell the unrest.

The contingent, reported to be 1,000 strong, is in army barracks about 20km (12 miles) from Pearl Square.

Pro-democracy activist Nabeel Rajab described the arrival of the troops as “an occupation”.

“This is an internal dispute. The al-Khalifahs are sending foreign troops against peaceful demonstrators,” he said.

On Wednesday morning, Bahraini troops moved in to clear protesters from their makeshift camp in Pearl Square. Three protesters and two policemen were killed in the clashes, taking the toll from the month-long unrest to at least 13 deaths.

Government insiders acknowledge that the al-Khalifahs are divided.

The Crown Prince is seen as a moderate willing to talk to protesters.

His uncle - Sheikh Khalifah bin Salman al-Khalifah - prime minister for more than 40 years is a hardliner.

The king, Hamad, is caught somewhere in the middle.

He has allowed his son to take a leading role, but when a solution appears close, the hardliners intervene.

And King Hamad is facing additional pressure from Saudi Arabia.

Two weeks ago, I was told by a source in Riyadh close to the interior minister Prince Nayef, that the ruling House of Saud simply would not allow the Khalifahs to fall.

The Saudi royals are increasingly worried that if the Khalifahs give in to the pro-democracy movement, a Shia-led government will come to power in Bahrain.

That would put further pressure on the House of Saud to ease discrimination against Shia in the country's oil-rich Eastern Province.

Demonstrations have already broken out there in spite of a government ban.

The arrival of Saudi forces underscores the growing inability of the Khalifahs to deal with the crisis.

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The Al-Khalifa Royal Frauds Of Bahrain: A Saudi Family Chosen By The British To Be Servants For Empire

March 20, 2011 Shirin Sadeghi, News Source

Bahrain, like so many other countries in the region and in the world, is just another victim of British mapmaking, American business interests and the seedy intersection of these forces.

For centuries, the British have supported the Al Khalifa Sunni tribe — a family originating in the Saudi peninsula — as rulers of Bahrain, inserting themselves into any possibility of the Al Khalifa family aligning itself with Iran, or with the interests of the Bahraini people over and above the interests of business and power.

Because of the close relationship between the Bahraini people and Iran, the encouragement of sectarian divisions has been a primary tool for sustaining a power structure that is favorable to Western corporate and strategic interests.

Little hints in daily Bahraini life belie the essential failure of this approach and the deep resentments it has germinated, however.

Just attend a soccer match in Bahrain between Bahrain and Iran and you'll find a noticeable imbalance of cheers and support for the Iranian side. The native population is full of Ajam (ethnic Iranians of Shiite and Sunni faiths who still speak Farsi or a creole of Farsi and Arabic in their homes), Howala (people who migrated to Iran, then returned to Bahrain — many of whom are ethnically Iranian, as well, and therefore also speak Farsi or a Farsi creole), and Baharna (Arab Shiites who naturally have an affinity for Shiite Iran).

The Al Khalifa family's Saudi roots are never forgotten in a region of the world where tribal ancestry has religious significance.

The fact that the Al-Khalifas have now openly used Saudi troops against the Bahraini protesters proves that they, too, have not forgotten.

For generations, the Al-Khalifa government has made it a priority to prevent large segments of the Bahraini population from having a say in their government and their military, proving that the Al-Khalifa colonial implant has been serving its purpose to a tee.

Native Bahrainis of Iranian ancestry or who are Shiite are prohibited from serving in the government — with the exception of a few benign ministries — and from serving in the military and security forces.

They also face discrimination in education and employment opportunities — all this in a country where they are in fact the majority.

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**“I Am For The Coalition Putting Its Power Where
All Our Mouths Were”**

From: June VI
To: Military Resistance
Subject: RE: Military Resistance 9C14: Got That Right
Date: Mar 21, 2011

The people of Bengazi asked for help. Actually early today they flushed out the Gaddafi forces from the outskirts of Bengazi onto the road where they were hit by the coalition planes. On Friday when the Gaddafi troops got into the town they killed a large number of civilians. We know what the situation is: the Gaddafi people had much better equipment, plus planes, and would have been able to move through Benghazi to Tobruk. Goodbye, revolution.

Madrid, Du wunderbare! "20+ years of Franco." Complete with massive US support. So I am for the coalition putting its power where all our mouths were. The problem of how to get rid of unwelcome guests will be attacked by the people of Libya, alive.



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