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Honorable Soldiers In Revolt



Yemeni soldiers join anti-government protestors demanding the downfall of Yemeni dictator Ali Abdullah Saleh, in Sanaa, capital of Yemen. (AFP/Ahmad Gharabli)

I Have Understood You... I Have Understood You...

[Revised Final Version]



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I have understood you... I have understood you...

By Ali Hattar

**One by one we understood you...
At last we understood you...
The mean Zein Al-Abidin shouted
on behalf of all presidents
on behalf of Sharm Al-Sheikh and Doha
on behalf of those who allege
on behalf of all the miserable
After how many years our misery have you understood?
suddenly we become important
in accounts of pillage and plunder
At your end... suddenly, you charlatans??...
suddenly in the name of justice... and reform we are ordered...**

**Immediately?? where were you??...
when we called for help...
one bitter call after another... we shouted...
A homeland!!!**

**With barely a touch on the switch...
conditions turned upside down!!!
Are you mad... Are you nuts...
Damn you... with the same wantonness
this homeland is ruled?!
Is it such a homeland for fools?
Stupid we are not.**

**After how many decades of injustice...
have you understood?
That we are people who deserve to exist?
that we are more than numbers ...
that we have weight
when pretenders on the scale are weighed??**

**After how many decades of injustice...
you need to understand?**

that we are not captives,
bondmaids...
and puppies ...

In your women's brothels...
for your women's paramours...
Bribes we are not...
randomly and generously given
to your women and sons' wives servants...
No, we are not a bunch of porters...
servants and harlotry witnesses
How many decades of injustice...
do you require to understand?!

Slaves we are not in palaces you built
of the remnants of others you demolished
with disdain... contempt and scorn

How many decades of hunger do you need to be alarmed?
and us abandoned over the sidewalk finishing?
After how many years of cold will you be aware...
We, from the flayed skin of our backs became naked
to make leather and cloth to manufacture
your women's handbags and shoes...
for boasting at your harlot's races?
with everything you do... you come...
you come so that we are wretched
with your instructions we are hungry
we are thirsty, and poor we shall remain
our children spent the night
in the open under the sky
they slept

Nonsense is all what you say
Poppycock is simply what you tell us
You imposed all sorts of extinction upon us
in your name all sorts of debauchery
and debasement, stealth and
repression
of nobility
for it was always
your silence that was the given

You all starved us
No food no water
You all said... and one day...
you'll demolish our villages ...

turn our villages to rubble
over the heads of the weak
At night you all buy weapons ...
internationally prohibited...
fissionable... why...?
for the chests of the miserable

All of you foreign mercenaries you hire
to stifle us when the confrontation intensifies
All of you become beasts, certainly
and with Phantoms and Mirages upon us you dive
when to bend we refuse
but we...
the wake of Bouazizi
taught us...
we came... but not to ignite fire in us
but to ignite fire in your desires...
We dashed... No retreat...
No kneeling... No bowing...

... You are all the maladies... You are the disease
You are the stain in our history...
You are the foreigner's choice
You are whatever you say
You are not at all innocent
You are never innocent
in the codes of continuity.

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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 26, 2010 AP

A foreign servicemember died following an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan today.

Two U.S. Soldiers Killed, Four Wounded Near Kandahar By Insurgent In Disguise



Courtesy photo Army Sgt. Christopher J. Hemwall

March 23, 2011 by Ray Kisonas, Monroe News

While stationed in Afghanistan, Army Sgt. Christopher J. Hemwall routinely would call his mother in Frenchtown Township in the middle of the night because of the time difference.

So when the phone rang at 3 a.m. Saturday, Michelle Hemwall figured she could have her usual quiet talk with her son. This time, though, it was very different.

"I could hear it in his voice," she said. "Something was wrong."

In the next room, her husband, Jim, was startled to hear her scream.

Sgt. Hemwall, 21, was wounded in battle. He is now in a German hospital recuperating from three gunshot wounds he suffered during an ambush attack.

Two other soldiers were killed.

After surgery, Sgt. Hemwall phoned his parents to let them know he survived.

"He was hit three times, but thank God he's going to make it," his father said. "He has pretty extensive injuries but he's one of the lucky ones. The real heroes are the two guys who didn't have a chance."

The attack occurred in what is known as the Green Zone, a fortified area near Kandahar.

Sgt. Hemwall and his unit were preparing for a mission and discussing strategy when an insurgent dressed as a friendly Afghan guard opened fire.

Mr. Hemwall said his son and the others were sitting on the ground and did not have their body armor on when the shooting from an AK-47 began.

Sgt. Hemwall scrambled to escape and was trying to seek cover underneath a vehicle when he was shot from behind. He was struck twice in the buttocks area and once in the thigh.

Though the bullets missed bones and vital organs, Sgt. Hemwall does not have feeling or movement in his right leg and suffered serious injuries that could involve nerve damage.

Mr. Hemwall said he did not know if the lack of movement is permanent.

Sgt. Hemwall is serving with the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment 4th Squadron and has been in Afghanistan since last May. His father said that while news of the war seems to have died down recently, clearly Americans are facing life-threatening wartime situations on a daily basis.

He said the enemy that opened fire on his son's unit was in disguise, which makes the allied task infinitely more difficult.

"They don't know who's who over there; they don't know who to trust," Mr. Hemwall said. "It's diabolical."

Sgt. Hemwall is a 2008 Jefferson High School graduate. He is expected to be shipped to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., soon where he will continue his recovery and rehabilitation. His parents said they plan to be at their son's bedside as soon as possible. Mr. Hemwall is a captain on the Frenchtown Township Fire Department and Mrs. Hemwall is a teacher's assistant at JHS.

"We've had tremendous support from our family and the people at work have been amazing," Mrs. Hemwall said.

In addition to the two men killed, three others were injured in the ambush.

The enemy gunman was killed.

Mr. Hemwall said his son has retained his good sense of humor and dedication to the Army. He said Sgt. Hemwall was upset that he had to leave behind his band of brothers. But now the focus will be getting him home and helping him recover.

"Our hearts go out to the families of the two who didn't make it," Mr. Hemwall said. "I can't even fathom that call. I couldn't bear it."

Two Soldiers From 1st Battalion Irish Guards Killed In Nahr-e Saraj

24 Mar 11 Ministry of Defence

It is with great sadness that the Ministry of Defence must announce that two soldiers from 1st Battalion Irish Guards were killed in Afghanistan on Wednesday 23 March 2011.

The soldiers were killed by an improvised explosive device after returning from an operation in support of an Afghan National Army Company, alongside C Company of the Danish Battle Group, to disrupt insurgent activity and search compounds of interest in the Nahr-e Saraj district of Helmand province.

Spokesman for Task Force Helmand, Lieutenant Colonel Tim Purbrick, said:

"It is with very great sadness that I have to inform you of the deaths of two soldiers from 1st Battalion Irish Guards.

"The soldiers had been conducting a partnered operation with the Afghan National Army and the Danish Battle Group during which they had successfully disrupted insurgent activity and searched a number of compounds in the Nahr-e Saraj district of central Helmand.

"On completion of the operation their patrol had just left an ISAF base in order to return to their own camp - to commence their handover to the next unit before they were due to return home in six days - when the vehicle in which the two soldiers were travelling was struck by an improvised explosive device.

"Both men were recovered to an ISAF base; however, tragically, both had lost their lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends."

Father: Arkansas Soldier Loved Music, Hunting



The remains of Army Cpl. Loren M. Buffalo, of Mountain Pine, Ark., at Dover Air Force Base, Del., Mar. 11, 2011. Buffalo was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 75th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky. (U.S. Air Force photo/Roland Balik)

3/13 AP

MOUNTAIN PINE, Ark. — The father of a Mountain Pine soldier killed in Afghanistan says his son was a dedicated military man who loved music and liked to hunt and ride horses.

Army officials said 20-year-old Cpl. Loren Miles Buffalo was killed Wednesday when an improvised explosive device detonated while he was on patrol in Kandahar Province. He was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division based in Fort Campbell, Ky.

Cecil Buffalo told the Hot Springs Sentinel-Record that his son comes from a family with a military service tradition. Loren's father and his uncle served in the Army, and his great-grandfather was a B-17 bomber pilot in World War II.

Loren Buffalo is survived by his father and his mother, Anjanette Buffalo, of West Bend, Wis.

Cecil Buffalo says a funeral is being arranged.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Police Officer Killed In Kurdish Anti-Government Demonstration

Mar 22 By YAHYA BARZANJI, Associated Press

SULAIMANIYAH, Iraq – The mayor of a town in Iraq’s Kurdish self-ruled region says one policeman was fatally shot and ten others wounded during a demonstration.

Goran Adiham says that about 250 young people gathered for a rally Tuesday in the town of Halabja, 43 miles (70 kilometers) east of Sulaimaniyah, the provincial capital.

He said the demonstrators threw stones at police, who tried to disperse them using sticks.

The mayor said he did not know who shot the police officer. The other officers were wounded by sticks and rocks.

Kurds in northern Iraq have been protesting almost daily, calling for political and economic reforms.

A Basra Point Of View: “Israel + U.S.A. + Saudi Royal Family + Khalifa Royal Family = World Tyrants”



Students of Basra University rallied with anti-Saudi government slogans and wave Bahrain during a demonstration in Basra, Iraq’s second-largest city, 550 kilometers (340 miles) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, March 22, 2011. The banners in Arabic read: ‘Israel + U.S.A. + Saudi royal family + Khalifa royal family = world tyrants’. (AP Photo/Nabil al-Jurani)

Resistance Action

March 21 (Reuters) & March 22 (Reuters) & March 23 (Reuters) & March 26 (Reuters)

BAGHDAD - Major General Ahmed Obeidi, head of the 6th Iraqi Army Division, died in a hospital on Tuesday from wounds sustained on Sunday when gunmen shot at his car in Palestine Street, northeastern Baghdad, an Iraqi army source said.

BAGHDAD - A bomb on a highway in southern Baghdad killed an Iraqi army lieutenant colonel, Yousif Mohammed. Two civilians were wounded, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - A bomb struck an Iraqi police patrol in Rashid Camp Street in southeast Baghdad, killing one policeman and wounding three, an Interior Ministry source.

BAGHDAD - A bomb hit a convoy of vehicles of the Finance Ministry in central Baghdad, wounding three people, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - Two roadside bombs targeting the Iraqi army in Baghdad's southern Zafaraniya district wounded two Iraqi soldiers and one civilian, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - Armed men killed an official from the Agriculture Ministry in the Sadr City slum of eastern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

KIRKUK - Armed men killed a member of the government-backed Sahwa militia in Riyadh, a town to the southwest of Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, Kirkuk police operations room said.

RAMADI - Two policemen were wounded when a roadside bomb targeting a police patrol went off in central Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

MUSSAYAB - Two policemen were wounded when a roadside bomb targeting a police patrol went off in Mussayab, 60 km (40 miles) south of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - An official in the Municipalities Ministry was killed by armed men while he was driving his car in Baghdad's northeastern Sadr City slum, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - A driver working for the Electricity Ministry was killed when a bomb attached to his vehicle went off in Baghdad's northwestern Hurriya district, an Interior Ministry source said. The source also said two passengers in the car were wounded.

KIRKUK - An improvised explosive device (IED) targeting a police brigadier general wounded two civilians when it went off in central Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, Kirkuk police operations room said. The operations room said a second IED

targeting the same brigadier general wounded five firemen who were at the scene to extinguish a fire caused by the first explosion.

MOSUL - Insurgents wounded two off-duty policemen inside their vehicle in western Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

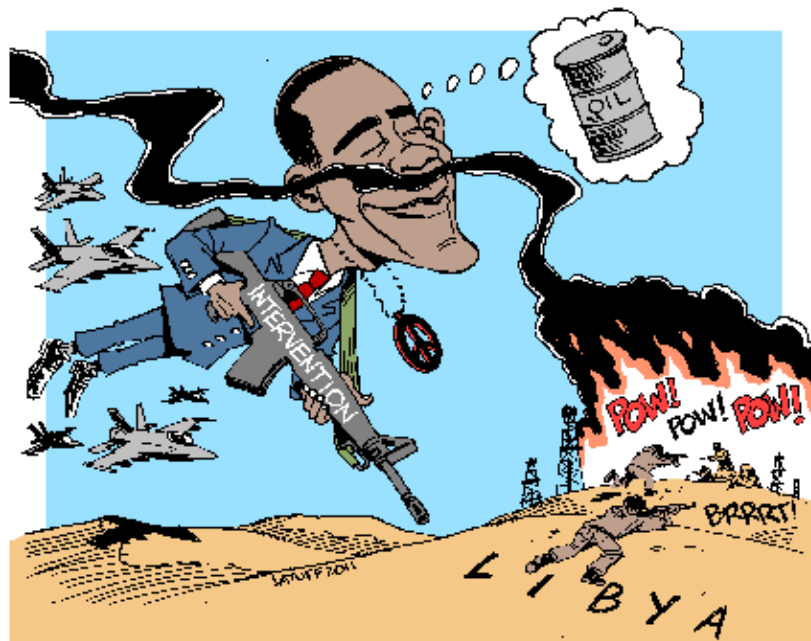
MOSUL - Insurgents in a car killed an off-duty policeman near his house in southwestern Mosul late on Tuesday, police said.

MOSUL - Insurgents shot dead an off-duty Iraqi army lieutenant near his house in eastern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - Insurgents opening fire at an Iraqi army checkpoint killed one soldier in Baghdad's northwestern Hurriya district, an Interior Ministry source said.

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

LIBYA WAR REPORTS



I Am Every Child.

From: Felicity Arbuthnot

To: Military Resistance
Subject: I am Every Child.
Date: Mar 21, 2011

I have seen them, held their hands, stroked their faces. I know the reality, believe me. A minute piece from the heart. Not even one of my quotes. When will we stop?

Felicity Arbuthnot.

I am Every Child.

Right. I will only say this once. For those saying "humanitarian intervention" is right in Libya.

I am every child soiling him or her self, in terror at the sound of the "liberating" 'planes.

I am every child that throws up in terror.

I am every child that loses their home, and if they survive, sit on the bricks of the place they called sanctity, safeness, being: "kissed better."

I am every child whose limb you have blown off - whose parents you have blown to bits, who is alone and five years old.

"Liberators," Look yourselves in the mirror and weep.

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Government Troops Massacre Civilians In Market For No Particular Reason

Mar 24, 2011 GAROWE ONLINE

At least 10 people have been killed and 31 others injured after African Union troops and Somali government forces shelled mortars in Bakaro, the largest market in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu on Wednesday.

A local Emergency ambulance service staff said that they collected 31 wounded civilians from the market streets and its neighbourhood villages and almost all of them were critically injured.

Somali government forces and AMISOM [U.S.-backed occupation] troops targeted Bakaro market while there was no fighting in the capital. Almost all of the market's business was closed after deadly clashes in Mogadishu the past two weeks.

Bakaro is the largest market in the capital and most of the businessmen left the market to neighbouring districts where the government troops control.

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

Hope for change doesn't cut it when you're still losing buddies.

-- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Why Helicopter



Photograph by Mike Hastie, U.S. Army medic Vietnam 1970-71

From: Mike Hastie
To: Grant E. Remington
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:28 AM
Subject: The Why Helicopter

My worst moment in Vietnam?

After a major operation and casualties at Charlie Med, when the excitement was over, my buddy Bob and I surveyed the helicopter pad. The dead Marines (forty-nine by our count) were neatly laid out along the pad.

We looked at each face. Only five or six needed a shave. The whole group were pinned down under fire for two days. They were so young. Bob and I said nothing, looked at each other and cried.

Tom Comiskey
Vietnam 1965-66

Photograph by Mike Hastie
U.S. Army medic Vietnam
1970-71

Photo and caption from the I-R-A-Q (I Remember Another Quagmire) portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: (hastiemike@earthlink.net) T)

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

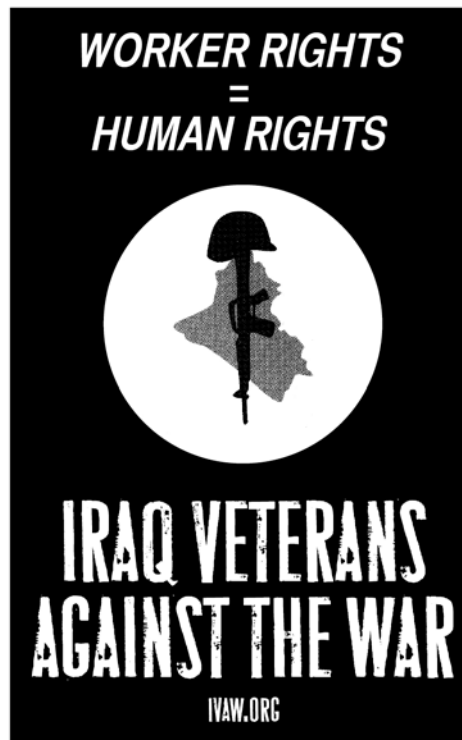
Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71
December 13, 2004

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CLASS WAR REPORTS



Troops Invited:

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Class War Algeria: “The Protests Are Multiplying”



Clashes in Oued Koriche, Algiers March 23, 2011. The protesters were demonstrating against a plan by the authorities to demolish houses built without proper approval.
Reuters

MARCH 24, 2011 By DAVID GAUTHIER-VILLARS, Wall St. Journal [Excerpts]

ALGIERS—Hundreds of people clashed with riot police in a poor neighborhood of the Algerian capital on Wednesday, in an eruption of violence that speaks to the growing social unrest across the North African country.

The clashes broke out at dawn when city authorities ordered bulldozers to destroy a group of houses built on a public garden on the grounds that they had been illegally constructed. Estimates of the number of people injured differed: Witnesses said about 40 wounded people were evacuated by ambulances. Local police said 20 people, mainly police officers, had been hurt in the clashes.

Wednesday's clashes came amid escalating social tensions in Algeria, where youths, civil servants, and unemployed people in the capital as well as in provincial cities are asking for better living and work conditions in protests that appear to be a growing challenge to the authority of President Abdelaziz Bouteflika.

The protests are multiplying. On Wednesday, dozens of teachers were protesting across the street from Mr. Bouteflika's presidential palace for the fourth day in a row, saying they wanted proper job contracts.

"I got my diploma as an English teacher in 2002 and I have been bumped around with short-term contracts ever since then," said Ehalima Dahman.

In Climat de France, a poor Algiers neighborhood locked between the sea and surrounding hills, bulldozers arrived before dawn Wednesday to destroy some 30 brick houses that had been built a few months earlier on a parking lot and a public garden.

Several hundred inhabitants of neighboring houses, mainly young men, came down and began pelting the bulldozer drivers and riot police with rocks, bricks and tiles, according to witnesses.

Police responded with tear gas and rubber bullets. "Look, I nearly lost my eye," said one man, showing his bleeding cheek and a black rubber bullet that he said caused the bruise.

By late Wednesday, the clashes were over but tension remained palpable. The houses deemed illegal had been flattened and the debris removed in trucks. The charred frame of a Russian-made Lada car marked the frontline between the Climat de France inhabitants and hundreds of riot police massed on the hills.

A child threw a small rock in the direction of police." Stop, Faouzi," his father said. "Come home."

Class War Bulgaria



Bulgarians rally against the government in the capital Sofia, March 26, 2011. Thousands gathered to call for the government's resignation over its failure to cope with the economic crisis which has hit hard one of the European Union's poorest nations. (AP Photo/Valentina Petrova)

Yemen: “Three Senior Army Commanders Defected To A Movement Calling For The Ouster Of The U.S.-Backed President”



General Ali Mohsen, commander of Yemen's northwest military zone, announces on television that his unit will be joining the revolution against the dictatorship; March 21, 2011. REUTERS/Handout via Reuters TV



Anti-government protesters demanding the ouster of Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh outside Sanaa University March 26, 2011. REUTERS/Ammar Awad

SANAA, Yemen – Rival tanks deployed in the streets of Yemen's capital Monday after three senior army commanders defected to a movement calling for the ouster of the U.S.-backed president, radically depleting his support among the country's most powerful institutions.

Maj. Gen. Ali Mohsen al-Ahmar, commander of the army's powerful 1st Armored Division, announced his defection in a message delivered by a close aide to protest leaders at the Sanaa square that has become the epicenter of their movement.

Some of the division's tanks and armored vehicles then deployed in the square, which protesters have occupied for more than a month to call for the resignation of President Ali Abdullah Saleh after 32 years in power.

An increasingly violent crackdown on the demonstrations escalated dramatically on Friday when Saleh's forces opened fire from rooftops, killing more 40 in an assault that caused much of his remaining power base to splinter.

Maj. Gen. al-Ahmar also sent tanks to the state television building, the Central Bank and the Defense Ministry.

Saleh, who has cooperated closely with a U.S.-backed offensive against his nation's branch of al-Qaida, looked to be far closer to what analysts increasingly have called inevitable: a choice between stepping down or waging a dramatically more violent campaign against his opponents.

Saleh appeared to be retaining the loyalty of at least some of Yemen's military.

Defense Minister Mohammed Nasser Ahmed said on television that the armed forces remained loyal to the president and would counter any plots against "constitutional legitimacy" and "democracy."

Ahmed spoke after a meeting of the National Defense Council, which is led by Saleh and includes the prime minister, the defense and information ministers as well as the intelligence chief.

At least a dozen tanks and armored personnel carriers belonging to the Republican Guards, an elite force led by Saleh's son and one-time heir apparent, Ahmed, were deployed outside the presidential palace on Sanaa's southern outskirts, according to witnesses.

A senior opposition leader said contacts were under way with the president over a peaceful way out of the ongoing crisis. One option under discussion, he said, was for Saleh to step down and a military council takes over from him to run the country till presidential and legislative elections are held.

The leader, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the contacts, declined to say how much progress the talks have made, but gave 48 hours as the likely timeframe for a breakthrough.

Saleh also sent a message via his foreign minister to King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, Yemen's powerful neighbor and the on-and-off backer of the Yemeni leader. The contents of the message were not known.

All three army officers who defected belong to Saleh's Hashid tribe and a tribal leader said it was rallying behind Maj. Gen. al-Ahmar as a possible replacement for Saleh, eager to keep the president's job for one of its own.

There were two other prominent defections Monday.

Yemen's ambassadors to Egypt and the Arab League announced in Cairo that they were supporting the protesters. Abdel-Wali al-Shamiri, the envoy to Egypt, and Abdel-Malik Mansour, the representative to the 22-member League, called for Saleh to step down and condemned the use of violence.

Regional TV stations reported that dozens of army commanders and politicians were joining the opposition, but there was no immediate independent confirmation.

Saleh fired his entire Cabinet Sunday ahead of what one government official said was a planned mass resignation, a series of ambassadors have quit in protest and Sadeq al-Ahmar, the chief of the Hashid tribe, said Monday that he too was joining the opposition.

Maj. Gen. al-Ahmar has been close to Saleh for most of the Yemeni president's years in power.

He is a veteran of the 1994 civil war that saw Saleh's army suppress an attempt by southern Yemen to secede. Al-Ahmar also fought in recent years against Shiite rebels in the north of the country.

His defection to the opposition was welcomed by protesters, but the warm reception may not guarantee him a political career in a post-Saleh Yemen given his close links to the president.

Popular among troops and viewed as a seasoned field commander, al-Ahmar also has widely been seen as a rival to the president and his son, who saw him as a threat to him succeeding his father.

Speaking to Qatar-based Al-Jazeera television from Sanaa, al-Ahmar said the death of scores of protesters at the hands of security forces on Friday made him decide to back the opposition after weeks of trying to mediate between Saleh and the protesters.

"The demands of the protesters are the demands of the Yemeni people," he said. "I can no longer fool myself, it is not the custom of men or tribes to do so."

The two other officers who announced their defection were Mohammed Ali Mohsen and Hameed al-Qusaibi, who both have the rank of brigadier. Yemen's ambassadors to Jordan, Syria and parliament's deputy speaker also announced Monday they were supporting the opposition, further undermining Saleh's weakening authority.

Saleh and his weak government have faced down many serious challenges, often forging fragile alliances with restive tribes to extend power beyond the capital, Sanaa.

“Mourners Chanting ‘No More Fear!’ Have Marched Through A Syrian City Where Anti-Government Protesters Had Deadly Confrontations With Security Forces In Recent Days”



A crowd condemns the dictatorship during a funeral procession for a protester killed by the government in Daraa, south Syria, March 20, 2011. REUTERS/Reuters TV



3.21.11: Syrians march against the dictatorship in the village of Ankhal near southern town of Daraa, 100 kms (60 miles) south of Damascus. Thousands of Syrians Monday braved security forces and marched in the southern town of Daraa after the funeral of a protester killed in the previous day's unrest. (AFP)



3.21.11: A torched car at the government courthouse that was set ablaze a day earlier by angry protesters in the southern town of Daraa. (AFP/Louai Beshara)



(AP Photo/Hussein Malla)

3.21.11 AP [Excerpts]

The photo above shows the destroyed Revolution Youth Union branch, affiliated to the Syrian Baath Party government, which was destroyed by Syrian anti-government protesters, in the southern city of Daraa, Syria, March 21, 2011.

Mourners chanting 'No more fear!' have marched through a Syrian city where anti-government protesters had deadly confrontations with security forces in recent days.

The uprising in Daraa, a city of about 300,000 near the border with Jordan, was fast becoming a major challenge for President Bashar Assad, who tried to contain the situation by freeing detainees and promising to fire officials responsible for the violence.

The Arabic banner in top building, right, read: 'The Revolution Youths Union,' the poster in the left shows the poster of late Syrian President Hafez Assad and his son Bashar Assad, now President of Syria.



Syrian protesters from Ghabagheb walk towards the restive city of Daraa on March 25. Protesters in the southern Syrian town of Tafas have torched an office of the ruling Baath party, a rights activist at the scene told AFP. (AFP/File/Anwar Amro)

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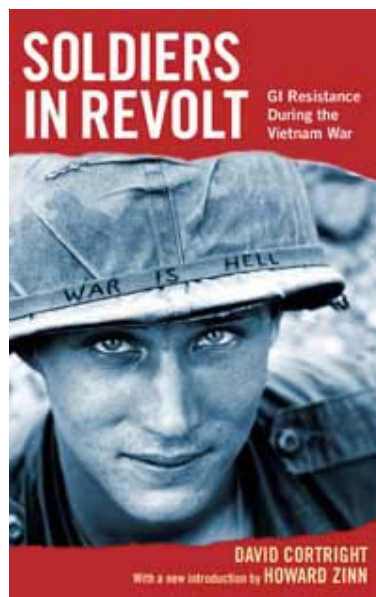
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