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**U.S. Government Money Goes
To Taliban Pockets In
Afghanistan:
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Afghan Deputy Minister For Public Works Says “Companies Paying The Taliban Is Not A Problem For Us”

Mar 31 by Emmanuel Duparcq, AFP [Excerpts]

When Afghan businessman Rahim won a lucrative deal from a NATO sub-contractor to build a road in the violence-hit south of the country, he put in a call to a local Taliban leader.

The pair cut a deal -- every month Rahim would meet a Taliban representative and quietly hand over \$20,000. In return, the insurgents would leave his project alone.

“It was a good deal. We finished the project in seven months, 20 days ahead of schedule, without once being attacked,” he told AFP.

As the United States and its Western allies ramp up development in Afghanistan ahead of a planned military withdrawal, a significant proportion of the money spent is going to the very organisation they are here to defeat.

Much of the construction work is being done in the south and east, the areas worst-hit by the fighting, many of which are controlled by the Taliban.

Even NATO, encouraged by the United States, is undertaking more and more development work alongside its anti-Taliban operations, banking on a combination of the two to bring peace to the volatile region.

Several entrepreneurs, some with family or tribal links to the insurgents, showed AFP two documents: their contract with NATO or one of its sub-contractors, and a letter signed by the Taliban leadership authorising the project.

The strategy does not always work -- one of Rahim’s competitors, Shahir, tried to cut a deal with the Taliban in another part of southern Afghanistan and was rejected on the basis that the area was strategically too important.

He went ahead with the road-building project anyway, but had to give up after three months.

“The Taliban planted bombs all around the road and sometimes attacked us directly,” said Shahir. “I lost 25 men and \$4 million.”

The Taliban on Monday claimed responsibility for an attack that saw three bombers ram an explosives-laden truck into a construction depot in the east of the country, killing 24 workers and wounding 59 others.

Officially, the Taliban still oppose any project funded by what they term foreign “invaders”.

But unofficially, local businessmen say the insurgents are prepared to turn a blind eye to those that are supported by the local population, usually for a fee of around 10 percent of the project cost.

Thomas Ruttig of the Afghan Analysts Network, a Kabul think tank, believes Western aid money is now one of the insurgents' main sources of income.

“The Taliban have changed their behaviour vis-a-vis the reconstruction,” he told AFP. “Their overall policy now is to present themselves as a parallel government that is good to people.”

The result, says Rahim, is an acceptance of small building projects for things like schools and clinics, but a rejection of asphalt roads, which could be used by foreign troops with their armoured vehicles.

Arnold Fields, who until recently oversaw US reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan, said in October that the US government was unable to determine exactly how nearly \$18 billion paid to almost 7,000 mostly private contractors between 2007 and 2009 had been spent.

A spokesman for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force told AFP its rules “make it clear that our contracting funds should be spent with contractors who work for the best interest of the Afghan people”.

But Afghanistan's Western-backed government is more pragmatic.

“Companies paying the Taliban is not a problem for us,” Ahmad Shah Wahid, deputy minister for public works, told AFP. “The main thing is to get the job done.”

Analyst Ruttig despairs of the situation. “The militarisation and privatisation of aid prevent the development of Afghan institutions,” he said.

“It is aimed at fighting the insurgency and ending the conflict, but it fuels it.”

Troops Invited:

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AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Two Foreign Occupation “Servicemembers” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Tuesday: Nationality Not Announced

March 30, 2010 AP

Two foreign servicemembers died following an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan yesterday.

Griffin Soldier Killed In Action Before Trip Home; Two More Killed, Three Wounded



Mar 30, 2011 by Ben Mayer, WXIA-TV

GRIFFIN, Ga. -- Some of the greatest ironies in life are also the hardest. In the case of Pfc. Jeremy Faulkner a request from the battlefield of Afghanistan will be granted far sooner than anyone ever wanted.

On Sunday, Athens was in mourning. Tony Berry was mourning, too.

An honor guard motorcycle rider for a Christian motorcycle ministry Wings in the Wind, Berry drove down the college town's sad, soggy streets in honor of slain Police Officer Buddy Christian.

"I just felt led to be up there to be part of the police family," Berry said.

How could he know the next morning he and his wife would get the worst news a parent can ever get?

The news came to his Griffin doorstep like it has for the parents of the other 1,500 men and women killed in Afghanistan.

His stepson and Army Private First Class Jeremy Faulkner had been killed in small arms fire. Their unit was ambushed while out on patrol. Three others were killed. One badly wounded.

Pfc. Faulkner, who grew up in Stockbridge, was ready to come home. But not like this.

The 23-year-old was set to visit Griffin to meet his new nephew, and to spend time with his parents in just a couple of weeks.

Instead, they will greet his body Thursday morning when it arrives at Dover Air Force Base.

But the story does not end there. A conversation they had just days before is haunting now.

"He distinctly told me if anything should ever happen we wanted the patriot guard and the wings in the wind to be part of his going home," Berry said.

"I just looked at Tony and said we're not going to talk about that right now. Jeremy's going to be home in three weeks," Jimmy Johnson, a family friend, assured Berry at the time.

Berry is already at work coordinating the Patriot Guard, the Wings in the Wind, and a Harley Davidson honor guard for Pfc. Faulkner's return.

Pleasanton Soldier Killed In Afghanistan

March 30, 2011 KTVU.com.

PLEASANTON, Calif. -- A 23-year old soldier was killed soldier from Pleasanton was killed in Afghanistan Tuesday.

Army specialist Jameson Linskog is the first native of that city to die in Afghanistan.

Linskog was a medical technician and his unit came under fire. He was killed while trying to help another soldier

He was due to be discharged next year.

Plainfield Soldier Dies In Afghanistan

30 Mar 2011 By: Sara Welch, (WTNH)

Plainfield, Conn -

A third Connecticut soldier has died in the Middle East this month.

On Wednesday night, family members confirmed that Sergeant Frank Adamski, of Plainfield, was killed while serving in Afghanistan.

"We had a lot of fun together. Frank was a great guy," said Lee Cote, a friend of Sgt. Frank Adamski.

Cote is having a hard time coming to terms with the death of his friend.

"I had just sent Frank a birthday message, because his birthday was last night. I sent him a message. I said I miss you, I love you, I hope you come back safe," said Cote.

Cote, who grew up with Adamski, sent that birthday message on Facebook, and then learned the sad news from one of Adamski's cousins.

"When I heard that, I was thinking maybe he's just joking around with me. I asked him about 5 times is this a joke. I just didn't want to believe it. My best friend has been in the army 7 years now. That's the worst part. No one should have to celebrate a birthday this way," Cote said.

We spoke with Adamski's Aunt by phone. She told us her nephew was home on leave just a few weeks ago to be with his wife Danielle, and celebrate his baby daughter's first birthday.

"If I can say, I'm really ashamed, because I didn't get a chance to see him 2 weeks ago, because he was away for so long, he wanted to spend time with his daughter," Cote stated.

This wasn't Adamski's first tour of duty. His Aunt tells News 8 he had also served in Iraq. She says the family is still waiting to hear about the circumstances surrounding his death.

A patriot is how Lee Cote describes his friend.

"He was really passionate about our country, and that's why he did it. He wanted to put himself out there, and make a stand for our country. He really cared about our country. To Danielle, and the rest of his family, I'm speechless. I don't know what to say. I really wish it was me and not him," Cote said.

Friends are still waiting to hear about funeral arrangements in the coming days.

Canadian Soldier Killed By Improvised Explosive Device In Panjwa'i

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OTTAWA — One Canadian soldier was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated during a dismounted partnered patrol in the Panjwa'i district of Kandahar Province at approximately 12 p.m. (noon) Kandahar time on Sunday, March 27, 2011.

Killed in action was Corporal Yannick Scherrer, from 1er Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment, based at CFB Valcartier, Quebec serving with 1er Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment Battle Group.

Homosassa Soldier - Superman To Friends - Killed Overseas



Pfc. Michael C. Mahr

March 24, 2011 By HOWARD ALTMAN, The Tampa Tribune

Stephanie Mahr says she tried to talk to her husband Michael on the telephone every day.

Even for just 10 minutes, so she and the couple's 3-year-old son Jadon could stay in touch.

It wasn't always easy. The phone would drop the call or her husband would be too busy, or exhausted, from his job making sure the roads in Logar Province, Afghanistan, were clear of improvised explosive devices.

She remembers the last call.

It was Monday.

"He told me that there was this mission coming up and he would not be able to have any contact," says Stephanie Mahr. "I told him I felt really scared. I had a really bad feeling about it."

Michael, she says, tried to reassure her.

"He told me the same thing he told me all the time," she says.

I am a good soldier and I am coming home.

Tuesday evening, in a telephone call from her husband's step-father, Stephanie Mahr learned that her "especially bad feeling" was right.

Mahr, an Army private, and Staff Sgt. Joshua S. Gire of Chillicothe, Ohio, were killed Tuesday riding in their RG-31 Cougar armored car.

"Enemy forces attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device, rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire," is the official word from the Department of Defense.

Michael Mahr was scheduled to come home in August.

"Everybody loved him," says Stephanie Mahr, talking from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, where she is waiting for the military transport carrying her husband. "His Army buddies called him 'Superman.' He didn't have any fear."

Mahr and his twin brother Matthew were born in Orlando, says their mother, Kimberly Albury. She divorced their father, remarried James Albury and moved to Citrus County when the twins were about eight, she says.

"There were eight kids all together in the house," she says. "There was never a dull moment."

The twins, she says, were especially close.

They played football together at Sumter High School in Bushnell, where they were both offensive lineman. They went to work together at Walmart.

"When Michael made the decision to go into the Army, it was hard on Matthew," says Albury. "It was hard on Matt. Hard on both of them being apart."

Sumter High football coach Inman Sherman says he, too, was struck by the closeness of the twins.

"You seldom saw one without the other," Stewart says. "If you saw one, the other was within 10 feet."

"Matthew is very torn up about it," his wife, Carly, wrote in an email on their way to Dover. "They were extremely close. Even while he was stationed overseas they did not go a day without talking online or by phone. When they get together they orbit each other. If one moves the other mirrors it perfectly."

Michael Mahr "was your typical 26-year-old video game junkie," recalls his mother. "He loved X-Box. He loved the Gators. Loved, loved the Gators. He liked to go to rock concerts."

Albury says tried to dissuade her son when he told her he wanted to join the Army.

"I said, 'We already have a daughter in the Army, you won't make it through basic training.' He had a bad tendon in the ankle and couldn't work but it never bothered him."

Albury says she found out about her son's death when the men in uniform showed up at her door.

They didn't have to say a word, she says.

"We knew."

Stephanie Mahr says she first met her future husband when the two were working together at a Walmart in North Carolina in 2006.

"Actually, it never even crossed my mind" that she would one start dating her co-worker.

Then one night, sparks flew.

"He came in, looked good and smelled good and something clicked," Stephanie Mahr says.

A few months later, in April, 2007, they were married. Then Jadon was born. And they moved to Homosassa.

Initially, Mahr wasn't itching to enlist.

"He never really wanted to," she says. "Once he got out of Walmart, he never wanted to do anything. Then he went to a recruiter and it was like he was meant to be in the Army."

Stephanie Mahr says as a military brat herself, she knew all about that life.

"I was scared," she says. "He is my life and I didn't want him to go."

But he went.

He enlisted April 26, 2010, and at first went to Germany. He came home and left for Afghanistan on Nov. 2, Jadon's third birthday.

Mahr, she says, became a "great soldier." He was up for the Soldier of the Month in Afghanistan," she says, "because everyone said he was the best RG driver."

It is no easy task. The vehicle is extremely heavy and you have to watch out for IEDs and the enemy while navigating often treacherous roads.

"I believe they were ambushed," says Stephanie Mahr of her husband's last mission. "I talked to one of his buddies, who he was teaching to drive the RG. He said it was quick."

Stephanie Mahr says she has no idea how she will react when she sees the casket come off the plane.

"There is no way to be ready," she says. "I still don't believe it. He promised me every day he would be home. He said the same thing every time we talked."

Honey, you ain't got to worry about me. We are the Expendables.

“The platoon called themselves ‘The Expendables,’” says Stephanie Mahr. “They were the baddest ass crew out there.”

Stephanie Mahr says she doesn’t know her son will react to seeing the plane either.

“He knows a military plane will be here,” she says. “And I have explained to him what is going to happen, but I don’t think he will fully understand. He misses his daddy terribly.”

Mahr’s unit in Germany will hold a memorial service for him.

Stephanie Mahr says it is too early to make plans for a funeral for her husband here.

She doesn’t know how to begin setting up a memorial fund.

But she does have a message to anyone who cares about those who are serving and want to help. “They need to communicate with their families.”

Phone cards trump popcorn, she says.

“One thing I want people to know is that all the things they send to soldiers is great, but one thing that makes it really hard on them is not being able to communicate. Internet is very, very expensive over there.

“Soldiers have to pay \$200 a month for Internet service. We have to buy phone cards and it all adds up.”

Family Of Sgt. Travis Tompkins Of Lawton Speak Out About Their Fallen Son

March 20, 2011 BY DAVID HARPER, The Oklahoman

Sgt. Travis Tompkins of Lawton received all manner of awards during his career in the Army, but on Saturday his father gave him some of the greatest compliments one military man could give to another.

“He was a working soldier,” Leland Tompkins said on Saturday. “He was a working leader. He cared about his soldiers. He volunteered for everything.”

Leland Tompkins served for more than two decades in an Army career that began during the Vietnam War and ended in the closing days of the Cold War.

That experience did not make the pain any less last week when he received the news that his 31-year-old son was killed in Afghanistan when insurgents attacked his unit with a rocket-propelled grenade.

Travis Tompkins, who was promoted posthumously to staff sergeant, was a military police officer with the Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.

“He was one of the best people you could ever have on your side,” his mother Vickie said Saturday.

Judging by the sheer number of honors he received, a lot of other people agreed.

Tompkins’ awards and decorations included the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the NATO Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Army Commendation Medal, among many more, according to the Department of Defense.

He was carrying on a tradition of service in his family that dates back to World War I.

‘He was our world’

Leland takes pride in the fact that he has kept his family firmly based in Lawton since February 1976, even when his military duties took him elsewhere over the subsequent 12 years.

Travis shared that commitment to family. In fact, his mother Vickie said Saturday that the main thing she wanted people who never met him to know is what a great son he was to her and what a wonderful husband he was to his wife, Candy, and their children.

On Saturday, Leland said Candy was still did not feel up to being interviewed, but Candy did send the Tulsa World an online message in which she mentioned that the couple recently renewed their vows on their 10th anniversary when he was home on leave.

“It was the most perfect day,” she wrote. “He was a wonderful man, an excellent soldier and above all the best father and husband and son and brother. I don’t know how I’ll ever live without him. He was our world.”

Leland said the family has received hundreds of messages of condolence in recent days. He encouraged people to donate to the USO in honor of Travis and to keep Travis in their hearts.

6 French Troops Wounded By Car Bomb Attack In Tagab

31 Mar, 2011 By The Associated Press

PARIS - The French military says six of its soldiers were lightly wounded in Afghanistan when a bomber blew up his car near their transport vehicle.

Military spokesman Thierry Burkhard says Wednesday’s attack also lightly wounded four Afghans, three of them children. The attacker was driving a car filled with explosives.

The attack took place in the Tagab region of Kapisa province, east of Kabul.

Minden Marine Mending After Afghan Explosion

Mar. 30, 2011 by John Andrew Prime, Thetowntalk

A Minden Marine survived an improvised explosive device blast in Afghanistan earlier this month and faces surgery in California.

Cpl. Russ Moseley, a 26-year-old in the 2nd Battalion 1st Marine Division out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., was injured in the blast March 13, his family says.

“He was working his dog and he stepped on an IED, and it shattered everything in his (right) foot and some other spots in that leg,” his father, Clint Moseley, said in a call from Naval Medical Center San Diego.

“He had the choice to keep it or have it amputated, and he chose to have it taken off so he’ll have more mobility.”

After that will be the process of recovering and adjusting to a prosthesis and getting on with life.

“It will be four years this year, so he was due to re-up or get out,” said Clint Moseley, a supervisor with Select Energy. He and his wife, Debbie, have been at their son’s side since he arrived stateside. “We haven’t thought of anything but him.”

Despite his serious injury, Russ is “really in good spirits, especially facing what he’s facing,” said Debbie Moseley, a sixth-grade math teacher at Haughton Middle School. She said the amputation will take off his foot just above the ankle.

She said her son had thought of getting out of the Marines, but with his wounding is considering remaining to help with its Wounded Warrior Regiment program that helps wounded and injured Marines.

Debbie Moseley said Russ served a previous tour in Iraq and went to Afghanistan with his unit in October, not long after his daughter, Lily, was born.

“He had been home almost a year,” she said. Lily “was 2 weeks old when he left, and he wasn’t due back until the middle of May, when this happened.”

Russ Moseley and his wife, the former Suzanne Lee, of Minden, were friends from kindergarten until he graduated from Minden High in 2002, Debbie Moseley said.

“When he came back from Iraq, she was on a scholarship in Arizona. They got back together on Facebook and the rest is history.”

Debbie Moseley said she taught her future daughter-in-law 13 years ago, her first year as a teacher.

“When (Russ) called to tell me they were seeing each other and were engaged, he asked me if I remembered Suzanne Lee,” mom said. “I said ‘Yeah, the girl with beautiful brown eyes who sat in the third row.’”

Debbie Mosely wanted to correct some misinformation that is going around.

“His dog was not killed,” she said. “She wasn’t even injured. She was ahead of him and actually laid down to alert him that she had caught on to something.”

The dog, a black Labrador named Kansas, was devastated, though, she said.

“They did give her to another handler after they medevaced him out, and one of the guys from his group called him and told him she didn’t eat for two days. They had to baby her.”

Man and dog were close, mom said.

“He is just crazy about her. They ate together, slept together. ... He used her for a pillow on the field, that type of thing. They were tight.”

Foreign Troops Kill And Wound Assorted Local Civilians Because Some Were Driving A Car With Bad Brakes

31 March 2011 Reuters

Foreign soldiers opened fire after a car with brake failure sped towards a checkpoint set up by foreign and Afghan troops, who thought the vehicle was part of a suicide attack, said Fazel Ahmad Sherzad, a senior detective in Kandahar city.

Two civilians were killed and four wounded by bullets that hit more than one car, he said, adding that the dead were both adolescent boys.

Dawood Farhad, a doctor at Kandahar provincial hospital, said two bodies were brought in with gunshot wounds.

After the troops opened fire, the car went into the ditch and flipped over, killing the passenger and a nearby pedestrian and wounding two other civilians.

Eight Occupation Workers Killed In Mazar-I-Sharif: Attackers Burn Parts Of Compound And Topple A Guard Tower



Afghans rally against US occupation in Mazar-i-Sharif north of Kabul, Afghanistan April. 1, 2011. The sign reads "Down With America. Down With Obama." (AP Photo/Mustafa Najafizada)



The UN headquarters burns after Afghans attacked the compound in Mazar-i-Sharif. (AFP)

Mazar-i-Sharif : Eight foreign employees of the United Nations were killed on Friday in the northern Afghan city of Mazar-i-Sharif after protesters over-ran their compound, police said, in what looks to be the deadliest ever assault on the UN in Afghanistan.

Two of the dead were beheaded by attackers who also burned parts of the compound and climbed up blast walls to topple a guard tower, said Lal Mohammad Ahmadzai, a police spokesman for the northern region.

Over a thousand protesters had flooded into the streets of the normally peaceful city after prayers to denounce the burning of the Quran by a US pastor, and after two or three hours violence broke out.

Police fired into the air in an unsuccessful bid to control the crowd.

A police source said protesters had stormed into the compound where they attacked the victims.

The chief of the mission in the city was wounded but survived, and the dead included employees of Norwegian, Romanian and Swedish nationalities, he added.

“The Taliban Seized Control Of A District In Eastern Nuristan Province On Tuesday, Chasing The Governor And The Police From The District Capital”

“Our Recent Successful Operation Has Shown That Our Mujahedeen Can Launch A Big Operation With High Morale, And Defeat The Security Forces Of An Entire District”

[Thanks to Alan Stolzer, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

March 29, 2011 By ROD NORDLAND and SANGAR RAHIMI, The New York Times Company [Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban seized control of a district in eastern Nuristan Province on Tuesday, chasing the governor and the police from the district capital, according to both Afghan officials and a spokesman for the Taliban.

It was the second Taliban success in recent days in the general area of the strategic Pech Valley, which American troops are in the process of withdrawing from and turning over to Afghan authorities.

“The white flag of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is flying over the Want district center, while some policemen of the puppet administration flee toward the provincial capital after slight resistance,” said the Taliban spokesman, Zabiullah Mujahid, in a statement to news organizations circulated by e-mail.

He was referring to the district more commonly known as Waygal.

The Nuristan Province police commander, Gen. Shams-ul-Rahman Zahid, confirmed that the police had fled their barracks and district government buildings in town of Waygal, the capital of Waygal district, leaving the Taliban in what he said was temporary control of the district.

The district governor, Mulavi Zia-ul-Rahman, was also said to have fled.

“Police forces have tactically withdrawn from the district center early this morning about 5 a.m. following harsh fighting and due to lack of ammunition, and to avoid civilian casualties,” General Zahid said in a telephone interview.

“We are planning a counterattack to retake the district,” he said.

“We will reinforce and retake the district soon from the insurgents.” **[Yes, of course, no doubt at all.]**

On Saturday, 40 police recruits had been returning to their homes, also in Waygal district, when they were captured by Taliban insurgents as they crossed through Capa Dara district in the Pech Valley area, which is in Kunar Province close to the Nuristan border.

While the Taliban are present in a majority of districts in Afghanistan, the capture of administrative centers in the districts is relatively rare.

Waygal district, mountainous and lightly populated with about 50,000 residents, is normally reached by traversing the Pech Valley, and has been under control of only the Afghan National Police.

American troops began a two-month withdrawal from their hard-fought positions in the Pech Valley in February, to be replaced by an Afghan National Army corps as part of a counterinsurgency strategy to concentrate coalition troops in population centers.

Previously, however, the Pech Valley area was regarded as an important infiltration route from Pakistan for the Taliban, and has long been used as a redoubt for guerrilla warfare in Afghanistan.

“There have been no Afghan National Army or NATO forces present in the Waygal district for the past four years,” said General Zahid.

“This shows first of all the incompetence and inefficiency of the Afghan government,” said Parween Nuristani, a member of the Afghan Parliament from Waygal.

Mr. Mujahid said the insurgents surrounded the district seat late Monday night, and by morning had subdued it, capturing 12 policemen and seizing 19 truckloads of equipment and supplies.

“Recently the invaders’ big General Petraeus talked about improvements in Afghanistan, but our recent successful operation has shown that our mujahedeen can launch a big operation with high morale, and defeat the security forces of an entire district, which shows the falseness of General Petraeus’s claims,” Mr. Mujahid said, referring to the top United States and NATO commander, General David H. Petraeus.

“We Want Those Bloody Bastard’s American With Their All Forceses To Leave Afghanistan” [Get The Message?]



Afghans rally against U.S. occupation of Afghanistan in Kabul April 1, 2011. The sign says “We Want Those Bloody Bastard’s American With Their All Forceses To Leave Afghanistan.” REUTERS/Omar Sobhani



Afghans walk on a US flag during an anti-US military demonstration in Herat west of Kabul, Afghanistan on Friday, April. 1, 2011. (AP Photo)



Afghans burn an American flag in Herat province April 1, 2011. Hundreds of Afghans took to the streets after Friday prayers to condemn the U.S. army in Afghanistan. REUTERS/Omar Sobhani

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



A U.S. soldier patrols near the village of Tarok Kolache, in the Arghandab River Valley of Afghanistan on April 1, 2011. REUTERS/ Haraz N. Ghanbari/U.S. Navy/Handout

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

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

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

**Insurgents Capture And Destroy
Tikrit Government Provincial
Government Building:
No Survivors Found Inside;**

“Some” U.S. Soldiers Wounded



The destroyed provincial council building of Tikrit, Iraq, March 30, 2011. (AP Photo/Karim Kadim)

Mar 29 By LARA JAKES, Associated Press & Mar. 30, 2011 Washington Post [Excerpts]

TIKRIT, Iraq - Uniformed attackers driving military trucks and armed with a car bomb, guns, grenades and belts blasted their way Tuesday into a provincial government headquarters in this northern city, killing at least 56 people in a highly organized raid, according to witnesses and local officials.

They fired mortars before overcoming the security detail and entering the building. A car bomb was detonated when more government security forces arrived.

The five-hour standoff in Tikrit ended only when the attackers blew themselves up.

The attackers went room to room, tossing grenades down hallways and through doorways and killing local politicians and government workers with shots to the head, according to Iraqi security forces and two witnesses who escaped by jumping out of a second-floor window.

After an hours-long firefight, Iraqi security forces - who called in U.S. helicopters and soldiers for support - entered the building, but there were no survivors inside.

American troops who were nearby as part of an advising mission with Iraqi forces responded to the attack, and some U.S. soldiers received minor wounds, said military spokesman Col. Barry Johnson.

The U.S. troops dropped back after Iraqi forces took control, Johnson said.

The standoff in Tikrit, the capital of Salahuddin province 80 miles (130 kilometers) north of Baghdad, began around 1 p.m. when the attackers blew up a car outside the council headquarters to create a diversion before launching their raid.

Wearing military and police uniforms — including one with a high rank — the insurgent soldiers identified themselves as Iraqi government soldiers at a security checkpoint outside the government compound but opened fire on guards when they were told they needed to be searched.

Tuesday's attack left 56 people dead and 98 wounded, including government workers, security forces and bystanders, said Salahuddin health director Dr. Raied Ibrahim. Many died in the volleys of gunfire and explosions.

Among the dead were councilman Abdullah Jebara, a vocal anti-insurgent foe; the council's health committee chairman, Wathiq al-Sammarai; and Iraqi journalist Sabah al-Bazi, a correspondent for Al-Arabiya satellite TV channel and a freelancer for CNN and Reuters.

It's not hard to buy uniforms on Iraqi streets, and the ease and deadliness of the attack demonstrated sophisticated planning by the insurgent fighters.

The provincial council meets at the headquarters every Tuesday, but Abdul-Rihman said local lawmakers ended their discussion early because there was little on their agenda. As a result, he said, most of the lawmakers had already left the headquarters when the assault began.

Al-Asi, the provincial spokesman, said 15 people were taken hostage on the headquarters' second floor, where the gunmen hurled grenades and fired at security forces below. The hostages, including three lawmakers, were each shot in the head, al-Asi said.

Parliament lawmaker Qutayba al-Jabouri said security forces did not try to negotiate with the attackers since they were under assault.

Baghdad University political analyst Hassan Kamil called Tuesday's attacks "another indication that the insurgents are no way thinking of giving up the struggle in Iraq."

"It is a show of force aiming at convincing people that despite the setbacks, the insurgency is still active," Kamil said. "Security is still fragile."

More Resistance Action; Green Zone Hit

March 27 (Reuters) & 29 March 2011 (AP) & March 31 (Reuters) & April 1 (Reuters)

BAGHDAD - Iraqi officials say a rocket fired at the Green Zone in Baghdad has killed a bystander and wounded four others. A policeman at the scene said a Katyusha rocket

landed inside the Green Zone but there were no immediate reports of casualties. The attacks were launched on the second day of a trade visit to Iraq by Turkey's prime minister. A second policeman said one person was killed and four wounded. A doctor confirmed the casualties. Both spoke on condition of anonymity

FALLUJA - Officials say a bomber disguised as a street cleaner struck Iraqi soldiers protecting a mosque in central Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, killing two army officers and a soldier, and wounding three army officers.

A senior police official in the city of Fallujah says the attacker walked up to the soldiers shortly before Friday noon prayers and blew himself up outside the mosque.

An army commander was among the dead.

The mosque is near a government compound that houses offices for Fallujah's mayor, city council, police and courts.

RAMADI – Insurgents carrying silencers shot dead a police colonel late on Saturday near his house in the city of Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - Insurgents in a speeding car killed an off-duty policeman near his house in eastern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad on Monday evening, police said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb wounded a police captain in eastern Mosul late on Monday, police said.

Insurgents stormed the house of an Iraqi army captain, killing two of his brothers and wounding him on Wednesday in the Abu Ghraib area in the western outskirts of Baghdad

BAGHDAD - Insurgents stormed the house of a police officer, killing him and wounding three of his family members on Tuesday in Abu Ghraib area, police said.

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Protesters rally against the Iraqi government at Tahrir Square in Baghdad, Iraq, April 1, 2011. The banners in Arabic reads, “We demand to dissolve parliament.” (AP Photo/Khalid Mohammed)

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



The remains of Staff Sgt. Chauncy Ryan Mays, March 4, 2011 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Mays, 25, of Cookville, Texas, died Feb. 28, 2011 in Wardak province, Afghanistan of wounds sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. (AP Photo/Steve Ruark)

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



DANGER: CONSPIRACIES AT WORK

#1: Rare Photo Of A Bilderberger



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Taken in Gstaad by a hidden camera in 2010, this rare photo shows one of the Bilderbergers, a secret conspiratorial organization that controls all political and financial events that happen in the world, and have done so for at least 3,493 years. They are responsible for the invention of money, the Federal Reserve Bank, and bedbugs.

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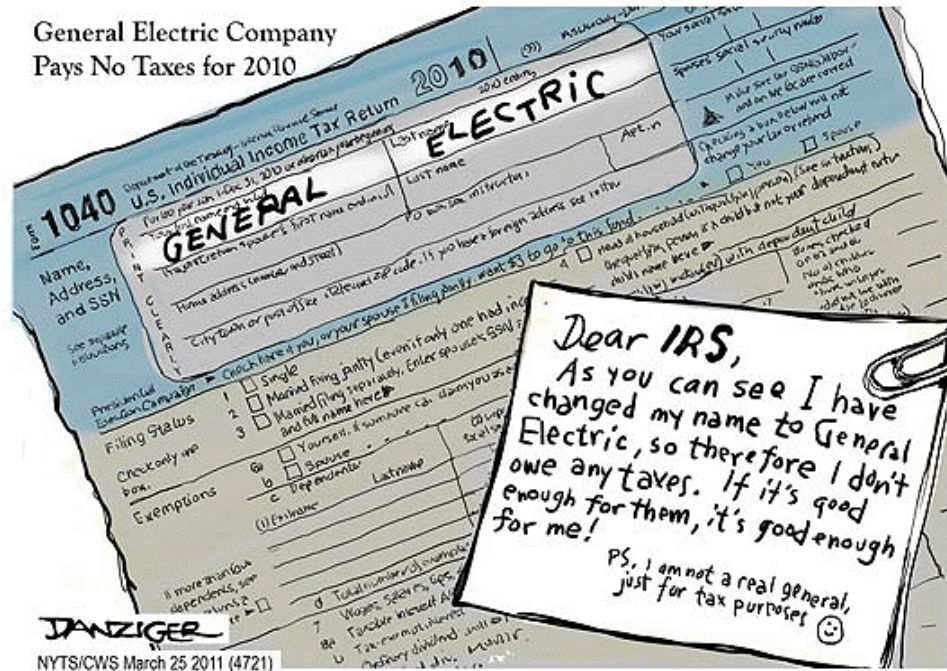
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Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War

CLASS WAR REPORTS



Ready For Class War USA:

“Thousands Of Union Coal Miners And Supporters From Several States Tried To Spark An Uprising In Southwestern Pennsylvania On Friday Proclaiming Themselves Ready To Mobilize For The War They Say Is Being Waged On Organized Labor In The United States”



Members of the United Mine Workers of America march along State Route 21 to the Greene County Fairgrounds in Waynesburg, Pa., for a labor rally April 1, 2011. Thousands of union coal miners and supporters from several states tried to spark an uprising in southwestern Pennsylvania on Friday, proclaiming themselves ready to mobilize for the war they say is being waged on organized labor in the United States. (AP Photo/Keith Srakocic)



Leaders from unions representing steelworkers, farmers, teachers, and maritime workers and others join with mine worker leaders in leading a march along Pa. State route 21 to the Greene County Fairgrounds in Waynesburg, Pa. for a labor rally with nearly 3,000 attending on April 1, 2011. (AP Photo/Keith Srakocic)



Labor union members listen to speakers at a labor rally at the Greene County Fairgrounds in Waynesburg, Pa., Friday, April 1, 2011. Thousands of union coal miners and supporters from several states tried to spark an uprising in southwestern Pennsylvania on Friday, proclaiming themselves ready to mobilize for the war they say is being waged on organized labor in the United States. (AP Photo/Keith Srakocic)

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