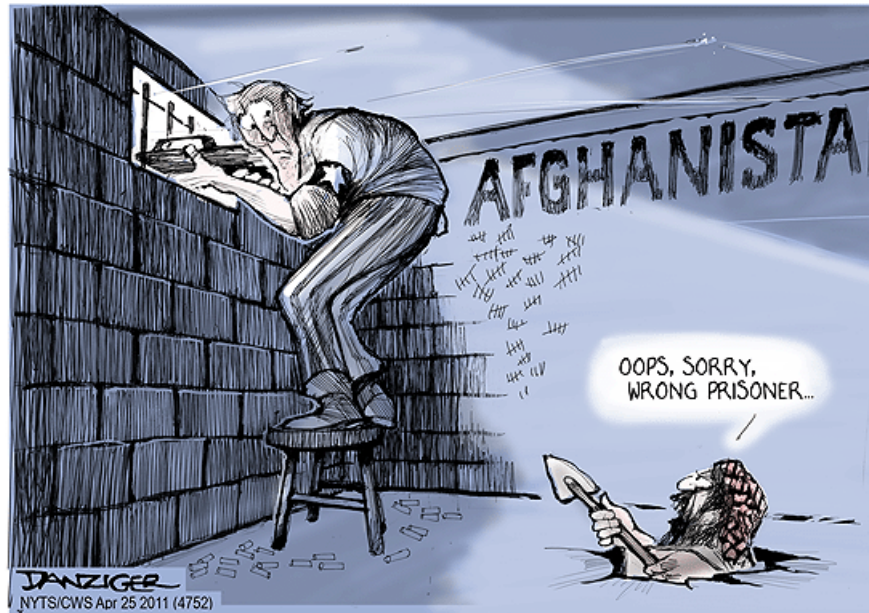


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Taliban Tunnels into Afghanistan Prison



“OK, He’s Dead” “Can We Go Home?”

May 2, 2011 By Colin Kelly - Staff writer, Army Times [Excerpts]

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan —

For one soldier, in his first day in the theater, it was a historic day.

Army Maj. Erik S. Archer said he heard the news from the soldier who he’s replacing.

“My guy that I’m RIPing in with knocked on my door said, ‘Hey, you gotta come see this, the president is announcing that they got bin Laden,’ and I didn’t believe him at first,” Archer said. This is my fourth time overseas, and I went and saw the president and ... it was just goose bumps to see all the people outside the White House clapping and cheering.”

Another soldier, Spc. William Baxter, a parachute rigger with the 101st Sustainment Brigade, was more succinct with his thoughts.

“OK, he’s dead, can we go home?” he asked.

MORE:

The Game Changer

5.2.11 By Robert Naiman, Commondreams.org [Excerpts]

But whether anyone at the Pentagon likes it or not, the death of bin Laden is a game-changer politically, for U.S., Afghan and world public opinion, in terms of the perceived justification for maintaining 100,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Two-thirds of Americans were saying that the war in Afghanistan wasn't worth fighting, and three-quarters of Americans were saying that they wanted to see a substantial withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Afghanistan this summer.

Indeed, in Afghanistan, the immediate reaction has been: "Congratulations! Well done! Now it's time for you to leave our country."

The Wall Street Journal reports:

“Osama Death Strengthens Calls for Afghan Pullout”

“The death of Osama bin Laden is reinforcing calls for a quicker pullout of American troops from Afghanistan and strengthening pressure to end America's longest war by finding a political settlement with the resilient Taliban insurgency.”

Thrilled Beyond Measure At The News



U.S. soldiers watch a television report on the death of Osama Bin Laden at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan May 2, 2011. REUTERS/Lucas Jackson

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Marine Sgt. Sean Callahan Buried At Arlington



A Marine pays his last respects to Marine Sgt. Sean Callahan of Warrenton, Va., who was killed in combat in Afghanistan, during a burial service at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., May 2, 2011. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

May 02, 2011 By Kari Pugh, InsideNova

MANASSAS, Va. –

He was born on Flag Day, and buried at Arlington National Cemetery the day after the world learned of the death of terror mastermind Osama bin Laden.

As thousands gathered in celebration at the White House and in Manhattan, the family of Marine Sgt. Sean. T. Callahan, 23, tried to figure out how to say goodbye.

Callahan, a 2005 graduate of Brentsville District High School, was killed in combat on April 23 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

Callahan, a talented guitarist who grew up in Prince William County, joined the Marine Corps in 2008 and became an anti-tank missileman. He served in Iraq in 2009, then was deployed to Afghanistan last year.

On Monday morning, hundreds gathered at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas for a procession to Arlington National Cemetery.

Local residents saw the procession as it made its way along Va. 234 and up Interstate 95, led by police officers on motorcycle from Fairfax, Prince William, Alexandria, Arlington and state police.

Callahan was buried with full military honors.

He is survived by his parents, Patrick and Janet Callahan; a brother, Marine Cpl. Daniel Callahan and two sisters, Heather and Melodie Callahan.

Palau Soldier Dies: Death Marks 39th War Casualty



Apr. 27, 2011 by Oyaol Ngirairiki, Pacific Daily News

The Micronesia region has lost another son in the war on terror.

Sgt. Sonny J. Moses of the Republic of Palau died April 18 of wounds suffered during a grenade attack at a military base in Nangarhar province, Afghanistan.

The 22-year-old is the son of retired teachers. He is the brother to two other soldiers who also serve in the U.S. military.

In the midst of grief, the soldier's father, Sudo Moses, said Sonny Moses loved being a soldier.

"I'm sad he's gone, but I don't regret that decision. He did what made him happy -- I never understood it, to this day I don't understand why he wanted to be a soldier, but it made him happy and that's what mattered," the Sudo Moses said by phone from Palau.

Sudo Moses said his son Arnold Moses is also in the Army and is stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. One of his older daughters, Deila Moses, is in the Guam Army National Guard.

"I have this fear in my heart, anxiety on my mind, because I think if it can happen to one of my children, then it can happen to the others as well," Sudo Moses said, adding that being a soldier isn't something he wanted for Sonny Moses or any of his children.

"But I didn't want to force him, or any of them, to do what I wanted and end up resenting me later in life."

According to The Associated Press, the attack occurred on April 16. Moses died two days later in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

Palau President Johnson Toribiong said the island nation is saddened.

The death of Sonny Moses increased to five the number of Palauans who have died fighting terrorism under the American flag, he said.

Guam, the Northern Marianas and the Federated States of Micronesia also have lost sons and daughters to the war on terror, raising the fatality count in the Micronesia region to 39.

"Palau has lost another hero. He lost his life in the fight against terrorism. He was a young soldier and Palau is saddened by his death," Toribiong said. "On behalf of the people of Palau, I extend our deepest condolences to the family of Army Spc. Moses."

Moses was posthumously promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Sonny Moses, the youngest of a family of eight children, will be returned to Palau on May 8.

"His brother, ...Arnold, is escorting his body home," said Sudo Moses. The funeral is expected to be held May 10 in the village state of Ngchesar.

Sudo Moses and his wife, Anemary Moses, are retired teachers, who encouraged their children to be independent, hard working and kind.

"From elementary all the way up to high school he had really good grades," Sudo Moses said. "When we talked about what he would do after graduation, I suggested he go to college and pursue a career in business."

Sudo Moses said, looking back, he realized that his son wasn't committed to the idea, though Sonny Moses didn't disagree with his father. Almost immediately after graduating, Sonny Moses signed up for the Army. He took all the exams and was shipped out to boot camp in a matter of weeks. "It happened really quickly," he said.

Regional leaders have sent their condolences to the Moses family.

Sudo Moses said his family has found comfort in "knowing that so many people are mourning with us."

Ambassador Helen Patricia Reed-Rowe of the U.S. Embassy in Palau was among those who sent condolences to the Moses family. "The American people praise Spc. Moses

as a hero of freedom for all of the people of the world and express appreciation to him and the people of the Republic of Palau," she said.

Gov. Eddie Calvo, last night, joined the president of Palau and the U.S. ambassador. "Our hearts go out to his family. Christine, Ray, Notch and I are praying for them. This young man paid the ultimate price for our freedom. We mourn him as a hero and a brave son of Micronesia." Calvo issued the statement also on behalf of first lady Christine Calvo, Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio, and Tenorio's wife Naoko Shimizu.

Moses was assigned to the 101st Special Troops Battalion, 101st Sustainment Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky., according to the AP.

Toll of war:

At least 1,195 military service members have died in Afghanistan as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The AP count is one more than the Defense Department's tally as of Tuesday.

Neighbors Say Teen Wanted To Be Soldier

042011 myfoxphilly

PHILADELPHIA - Neighbors who knew John Kihm told Fox 29 on Thursday the 19-year-old who died in Afghanistan this week always wanted to be in the military.

Two years ago, Kihm was a high school senior, at Cardinal Dougherty. On Thursday evening, his family was waiting for his remains at Dover Air Force Base.

PFC Kihm died Tuesday when a bomb exploded during a patrol in the Kandahar province.

For 25 years, Beverly Gehan has lived next door to the Kihm family. On Thursday afternoon, she clutched a picture of Kihm as we spoke with her.

"It just makes you sad," she said.

Kihm personally signed the picture for Gehan before he shipped off to Afghanistan last month with the U.S. Army's first battalion.

On Thursday, flags flew in front of the Kihm household, while neighbors grieved.

"He was a real nice kid. Well respected and respected every body else. Real nice kid," said Brad Lempert.

Kihm graduated from Dougherty in 2009 where he was a member of the wrestling and cross country teams.

Neighbors said he always dreamed of being a soldier from the time he was a little kid.

"I think he's the kind of guy who was proud of doing what he was doing," Lempert said.

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

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

Four Policemen Killed And 11 Containers Transporting Supplies To Foreign Forces In Afghanistan "Completely Destroyed" In Pakistan



Fuel tankers burn in Pindi Gheb, some 122 km (76 miles) east of Pakistani capital Islamabad May 2, 2011. Insurgents attacked and set fire to trucks transporting supplies to foreign forces in Afghanistan in Pakistan's eastern Punjab province. REUTERS/Mian Khursheed

May 2, 2011 Daily Times

PINDI GHEB: Four policemen were killed and 11 containers transporting supplies to foreign forces in Afghanistan were completely destroyed when unidentified armed men fired rockets on supply containers and the police checkpost on Rawalpindi-Talagang Road near Dhalya Chowk on Sunday.

The attack took place in Pindi Gheb some 122 kilometres east of Islamabad.

According to reports, four personnel, including sub-inspector Ramazan, constable Muhammad Munir, constable Asif Mehmood and wireless operator Zafar were killed in the rocket attack.

The fire engulfed the petrol pump as the fire brigade personnel were trying to control it.

As soon as the police reached the spot, the attackers managed to escape.

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

**NO MISSION
POINTLESS WAR
ALL HOME NOW**



U.S. Army soldiers patrol near the village of Sami Kalache in the Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar April 15, 2011. REUTERS/Bob Strong

MILITARY NEWS

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



The remains of Spc. Christopher Glenn Stark March 4, 2011 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Stark, 22, of Monett, Mo., died Feb. 28, 2011 in Wardak province, Afghanistan of wounds inflicted by an improvised explosive device. (AP Photo/Steve Ruark)

**Army Admits Oregon National
Guard Troop Treated Like Shit At
Medical Center:**

**“The Army Says There’s No
Indication Of Unequal Treatment Of
Active Duty, Reserve And National
Guard Soldiers”**

**“So If The Oregon Guard Brigade
Received ‘Unacceptable’ But Equal
Treatment, Does That Mean All Soldiers**

Have Been Receiving The Same Poor Level Of Care?"

04/28/11 THE NEWS TRIBUNE [Excerpts]

The way Madigan Army Medical Center treated Oregon's 41st National Guard Brigade last year was unacceptable, the Army admits, and changes have been made to address the problem.

It just won't say what those changes are. According to the Army, that information – as well as details about the investigation – are classified.

Talk about unacceptable.

It's understandable that privacy issues might be involved, but that can be handled by redacting names.

Government entities do that all the time.

Another reason the Army gives for keeping the information secret is that it pertains to quality assurance – which sounds like an awfully broad and convenient classification.

The investigation into complaints of substandard treatment of Oregon National Guard soldiers compared to that of regular Army soldiers led to the Army concluding that it had "systemic issues" with its Soldier Readiness Processing sites at hospitals when units return from combat. T

hat suggests a much wider problem than that experienced by one National Guard brigade at one SRP.

The Army says there's no indication of unequal treatment of active duty, Reserve and National Guard soldiers. So if the Oregon Guard brigade received "unacceptable" but equal treatment, does that mean all soldiers have been receiving the same poor level of care?

It could be that the Oregon soldiers were at Madigan at a particularly manpower-stressed time for the hospital. Or that the members of Congress they complained to – Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden and Rep. Kurt Schrader – were unusually forceful in pursuing the issue with the Army. It's hard to tell, since the details aren't being shared.

Wyden and Schrader were able to announce some important – and welcome – changes resulting from the Army investigation. Among them, Guard and Reserve soldiers can spend up to 14 days at military hospitals while being demobilized instead of five to seven days, and a Soldier Validation Board will ensure soldiers receive appropriate care and benefits.

Also, Guard and Reserve units' leaders will be required to stay with their soldiers receiving post-deployment attention.

The Army concluded that one reason the Oregon soldiers got substandard care was that their superiors had gone home, leaving no ranking officers to run interference. Wyden's office says the senior officers tried to stay but the Army wouldn't allow it.

The Army should be more forthcoming about what problems it found at Madigan and how they're being addressed to prevent a recurrence of the "unacceptable" care given the Oregon National Guard.

There's no reason for that information to be secret.

And if plans are in the works to address those "systemic" issues, that also is of public interest.

**“Anyone Surfing The Internet
This Week Is Free To Read
Leaked Documents About The
Prisoners At Guantánamo Bay”
“Except, That Is, For The Lawyers
Who Represent The Prisoners”
“It Makes The Government Look
Totally Ham-Handed”
“There Are Documents On The Front
Page That Everyone's Talking About,
And It Looks Ridiculous To Pretend
They're Not There”**

April 26, 2011 By SCOTT SHANE, New York Times

WASHINGTON — Anyone surfing the Internet this week is free to read leaked documents about the prisoners held by the American military at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, to print them out or e-mail them to friends.

Except, that is, for the lawyers who represent the prisoners.

On Monday, hours after WikiLeaks, The New York Times and other news organizations began publishing the documents online, the Justice Department informed Guantánamo defense lawyers that the documents remained legally classified even after they were made public.

Because the lawyers have security clearances, they are obligated to treat the readily available files “in accordance with all relevant security precautions and safeguards” — handling them, for example, only in secure government facilities, said the notice from the department’s Court Security Office.

It is only the latest absurdist challenge posed by the flood of classified material obtained by WikiLeaks over the past year: field reports from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq; State Department cables; and now the military’s risk assessments of 700 past or present Guantánamo prisoners.

Joseph Margulies, a Northwestern law professor who represents Abu Zubaydah, the detainee accused of being a terrorist facilitator who was waterboarded by the Central Intelligence Agency, said he could not comment on the newly disclosed assessment of his client, which is posted on The Times Web site.

“Everyone else can talk about it,” Mr. Margulies said. “I can’t talk about it.”

The ballooning category of public-but-classified documents has befuddled officials and led to a series of unusual pronouncements from government agencies and those who work with them.

Some foreigners applying for asylum in the United States have attached diplomatic cables printed from the Internet that describe repression in their native countries — requiring the Department of Homeland Security to store their applications in special safes and to apply cumbersome security rules.

State Department employees have confided that they read leaked cables on newspaper Web sites at home rather than risk trouble by viewing them at work.

A Times reporter who appeared with a State Department official on a recent panel was advised not to show leaked cables as slides — the official was prohibited from looking at them.

But the prohibition for Guantánamo lawyers has serious implications, said Mr. Margulies, who wrote a book on Guantánamo and has represented five prisoners there. Decisions about who gets released have been influenced by politics and public pressure as much as by legal standards, he said.

“It’s important to be able to use these documents to shape and inform the discussion in the public square,” he said. If a leaked risk assessment contains clearly disproved accusations about a prisoner, a lawyer should be able to publicly refute it, he said.

Meanwhile, Dean Boyd, a Justice Department spokesman, said the department was trying to answer questions posed by lawyers for Guantánamo prisoners about the restrictions on using the leaked documents.

At the Congressional Research Service, the branch of the Library of Congress that advises senators and representatives, employees were advised in December that they could not quote the classified documents obtained by WikiLeaks in their reports. Some analysts with the service grumbled privately that members of Congress were asking about diplomatic cables, but they were not permitted to quote the cables in reply.

Janine D’Addario, a spokeswoman for the research service, said she could not say whether the restrictions had hampered its work because its research was supposed to be confidential.

But Steven Aftergood, director of the Project on Government Secrecy at the Federation of American Scientists, said there was no question that the researchers were handicapped as they reported on the wars, foreign relations or Guantánamo.

“It’s the definition of self-defeating,” Mr. Aftergood said. “It doesn’t serve the interest of Congress or the public.”

Mr. Aftergood said the problems had resulted from the unprecedented scale of the WikiLeaks disclosures, which the rules did not anticipate. Tens of thousands of military documents have been disclosed, and about 8,000, so far, of a cache of 250,000 diplomatic cables.

“The surge of classified documents into the public domain has tied the system up in knots,” he said. The rush to impose patently pointless restrictions “does demonstrate a disappointing lack of agility in the security system,” Mr. Aftergood said.

But Peter J. Spiro, who teaches international law at Temple University, said the government’s dilemma was real. The law is clear: only a document that is properly declassified loses its protections. And if the government ruled that classified documents disclosed to the public were automatically declassified, that would simply create a more powerful incentive for disgruntled government employees to leak.

“The trouble is, it makes the government look totally ham-handed,” Mr. Spiro said. “There are documents on the front page that everyone’s talking about, and it looks ridiculous to pretend they’re not there.”

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

**Phase One Of The Arab Spring Is
Over:**

**Phase Two – The Attempt To Crush
Or Contain Genuine Popular
Movements – Has Begun;**

**“The NATO Bombing Of Libya Was An
Attempt By The West To Regain The**

‘Democratic’ Initiative After Its Dictators Were Toppled Elsewhere”

The country will either be partitioned into a Gaddafi state and a squalid pro-west protectorate led by selected businessmen, or the west will take out Gaddafi and control the whole of Libya and its huge oil reserves.

29 April 2011 By Tariq Ali, Guardian News and Media Limited

The patchwork political landscape of the Arab world – the client monarchies, degenerated nationalist dictatorships and the imperial petrol stations known as the Gulf states – was the outcome of an intensive experience of Anglo-French colonialism.

This was followed after the second world war by a complex process of imperial transition to the United States. The result was a radical anticolonial Arab nationalism and Zionist expansionism within the wider framework of the cold war.

When the cold war ended Washington took charge of the region, initially through local potentates then through military bases and direct occupation. Democracy never entered the frame, enabling the Israelis to boast that they alone were an oasis of light in the heart of Arab darkness.

How has all this been affected by the Arab intifada that began four months ago?

In January, Arab streets resounded to the slogan that united the masses regardless of class or creed: "Al-Sha'b yurid isquat al-nizam!" – "The people want the downfall of the regime!"

The images streaming out from Tunis to Cairo, Saana to Bahrain, are of Arab peoples on their feet once again.

On 14 January, as chanting crowds converged on the ministry of interior, Tunisia's President Ben Ali and his family fled to Saudi Arabia. On 11 February the national uprising in Egypt toppled the dictatorship of Hosni Mubarak as mass rebellion erupted in Libya and the Yemen.

In occupied Iraq, demonstrators protested against the corruption of the Maliki regime and, more recently, against the presence of US troops and bases.

Jordan was shaken by nationwide strikes and tribal rebellion.

Protests in Bahrain spiralled into calls for the overthrow of the monarchy, an event that scared the neighbouring Saudi kleptocrats and their western patrons, who can't conceive of an Arabia without sultans.

Even as I write, the corrupt and brutal Ba'athist outfit in Syria, under siege by its own people, is struggling for its life.

The dual determinants of the uprisings were both economic – with mass unemployment, rising prices, scarcity of essential commodities – and political: cronyism, corruption, repression, torture.

Egypt and Saudi Arabia were the crucial pillars of US strategy in the region, as confirmed recently by US vice-president Jo Biden, who stated that he was more concerned about Egypt than Libya.

The worry here is Israel; the fear that an out-of-control democratic government might renege on the peace treaty.

And Washington has, for the time being, succeeded in rerouting the political process into a carefully orchestrated change, led by Mubarak's defence minister and chief of staff, the latter being particularly close to the Americans.

Most of the regime is still in place.

Its key messages are the need for stability and a return to work, putting a stop to the strike wave.

Fevered behind-the-scenes negotiations between Washington and the Muslim Brotherhood are continuing.

A slightly amended old constitution remains in force and the South American model of huge social movements producing new political organisations that triumph at the polls and institute social reforms is far from being replicated in the Arab world, thus not posing any serious challenge, until now, to the economic status quo.

The mass movement remains alert in both Tunisia and Egypt but is short of political instruments that reflect the general will.

The first phase is over.

The second, that of rolling back the movements, has begun.

The NATO bombing of Libya was an attempt by the west to regain the "democratic" initiative after its dictators were toppled elsewhere.

It has made the situation worse.

The so-called pre-empting of a massacre has led to the killing of hundreds of soldiers, many of whom were fighting under duress, and permitted the ghastly Muammar Gaddafi to masquerade as an anti-imperialist.

Here one has to say that whatever the final outcome, the Libyan people have lost.

The country will either be partitioned into a Gaddafi state and a squalid pro-west protectorate led by selected businessmen, or the west will take out Gaddafi and control the whole of Libya and its huge oil reserves.

This display of affection for "democracy" does not extend elsewhere in the region.

In Bahrain, the US green-lighted a Saudi intervention to crush local democrats, enhance religious sectarianism, organise secret trials and sentence protesters to death.

Bahrain today is a prison camp, a poisonous mixture of Guantánamo and Saudi Arabia.

In Syria the security apparatus led by the Assad family is killing at will, but without being able to crush the democratic movement.

The opposition is not under the control of Islamists: it is a broad coalition that includes every social layer apart from the capitalist class that remains loyal to the regime.

Unlike in other Arab countries, many Syrian intellectuals stayed at home, suffering prison and torture, and secular socialists like Riad Turk and many others are part of the underground leadership in Damascus and Aleppo.

Nobody wants western military intervention. They don't want a repeat of Iraq or Libya. The Israelis and the US would prefer Assad to stay as they once did Mubarak, but the dice are still in the air.

In Yemen, the despot has killed hundreds of citizens but the army has split, and Americans and Saudis are trying desperately to stitch together a new coalition (as in Egypt) – but the mass movement is resisting any deals with the incumbent.

The US has to contend with an altered political environment in the Arab world. It is too soon to predict the final outcome, except to say it is not over yet.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?

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Film Maker's Warnings Come True In Afghanistan:

“The Day After The Warning, 470 Taliban Prisoners Escaped From A Prison Supported By U.S. Taxpayers Said Boyle”



Richard David Boyle, speaks at a fundraiser for children in Japan in Redlands Saturday, warned about deception in Afghanistan.

April 25, 2011 Highland News

After showing “Below the Volcano,” the documentary about the war in El Salvador, Richard David Boyle in response to a Redlands audience question, warned about wasting American lives and billions of dollars support a corrupt government in Afghanistan.

The day after the warning, 470 Taliban prisoners escaped from a prison supported by U.S. taxpayers said Boyle, who spent many months in Afghanistan in 1970.

Today he said he is sure it was an inside job by the Karzai government, which he believes is secretly working with terrorists to grow opium, sell American weapons and “play both sides” of the conflict.

“Over 100,000 died in El Salvador because of wrong foreign policy decisions,” Boyle said Saturday night at the Redlands Event Center.

“In El Salvador we supported a right wing death squad run government and in Afghanistan we support those who profit off opium, stole billions of U.S. aid and even worked up crowds against America over the Koran burning incident.”

Boyle's film, "Below the Volcano" documented war crimes in El Salvador in the eighties, including murder of U.S. nuns and children by the American backed government of Roberto D'Aubuisson, known as Major Bob.

The film also led to the making of the Oscar nominated feature "Salvador" also shown, which according to former ambassador Robert White, was instrumental in getting Congress to stop funding that war.

Boyle was also asked about Libya, and said that "Murrmar Gaddafi is a bad guy who must be stopped," but said we "should not send American troops to do it." Boyle pointed out that the French stopped Gaddafi's 1980 invasion of Chad with French Foreign Legion mercenaries and that we should work with them to stop genocide in Libya.

Boyle, who was a former national security adviser to Congressman Pete McCloskey when he ran in the Republican primaries against Richard Nixon in 1972, said U.S. foreign policy has consistently made wrong decisions by supporting corrupt dictators in Vietnam and Cambodia.

"That policy led to the massacre of two million Cambodians," said Boyle who was a prisoner of war of the Khmer Rouge in the French embassy in 1975. He also said George W. Bush lied about Iraq having weapons of mass destruction.

Boyle showed a clip of his new film co-directed by three and four year old orphans, "Henry's Gang Make a Movie." Boyle said he was pleased that World Vision, which raised \$2.6 billion for charity last year has agreed to help Sister Alexis with her 78 orphans, living in Angeles City, Philippines.

The event was a fund raiser for World Vision and the children who were victims of Japan's recent earthquake.

Boyle before being captured by the Khmer Rouge in 1975, got a radio from fleeing World Vision staff and for a week it was the only contact with the outside world. 1100 prisoners, including Boyle were eventually freed, however many babies, which Boyle worked with a French nurse to save, died of cholera.

Boyle said he plans to do more events to raise money for children, including those homeless in America, with World Vision and Endless Loop Entertainment.

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

RALLY TO RETURN TO PALESTINE

**“The Force Of People's Demands For Justice
And Freedom Have Overwhelmed The
Dictators That Have Been Holding The Hopes
And Dreams Of Their Citizens Hostage”**



**Sunday, May 15, 2011 - 1 PM
Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, 47th St and 1st Ave (in front of
the UN)
NYC**

Apr 27, 2011 Via New York City Labor Against The War
TO: Supporters of the Right of Return
FROM: The Organizing Committee for Al-Nakba Commemoration 2011 in New York

We are living in a time of revolution.

The face of the Middle East is changing daily, and the force of people's demands for justice and freedom have overwhelmed the dictators that have been holding the hopes and dreams of their citizens hostage

For Palestinians, this changing world has yet to become their reality.

63 Years after Al-Nakba, Palestinians across the globe are still facing catastrophic oppression. Palestinians in Palestine and in the diaspora are continually being denied the right to exist as Palestinians, as free citizens of our world. Living under existential and physical occupation, it is the strength and determination of the Palestinian people that inspires this call to action.

We are calling for the implementation of Right of Return for Palestinian refugees to their homeland, and for the UN and the associated global community to live up to their responsibilities.

Resolutions are nothing but words if no action is taken to honor them.

Declarations of peace and peace processes mean nothing when negotiated by dictators and occupiers.

We answer Palestinian refugees' call from the refugee camps of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Gaza and the West Bank, who will be mobilizing for the 63rd anniversary of Al-Nakba, and support them to the fullest extent possible.

We will never forget the Nakba of 1948, and will continue to fight harder, and more passionately as long Israel and the rest of the global community deny Palestinians their right of return, and their right to a homeland.

We are calling upon the Palestinian, Arab and Muslim communities, and every ally, supporter, and person committed to freedom and justice in the United States to take part in this action by endorsing, participating, spreading the word, and making it clear that Palestinian refugees' determination to return home is greater than ever, and will never be defeated even after 63 years of exile, oppression and occupation.

The twisted system of occupation and oppression that burdens and cripples the lives of Palestinians all over the globe must be dismantled if we, as a global community, are truly committed to the ideals of democracy and freedom for all.

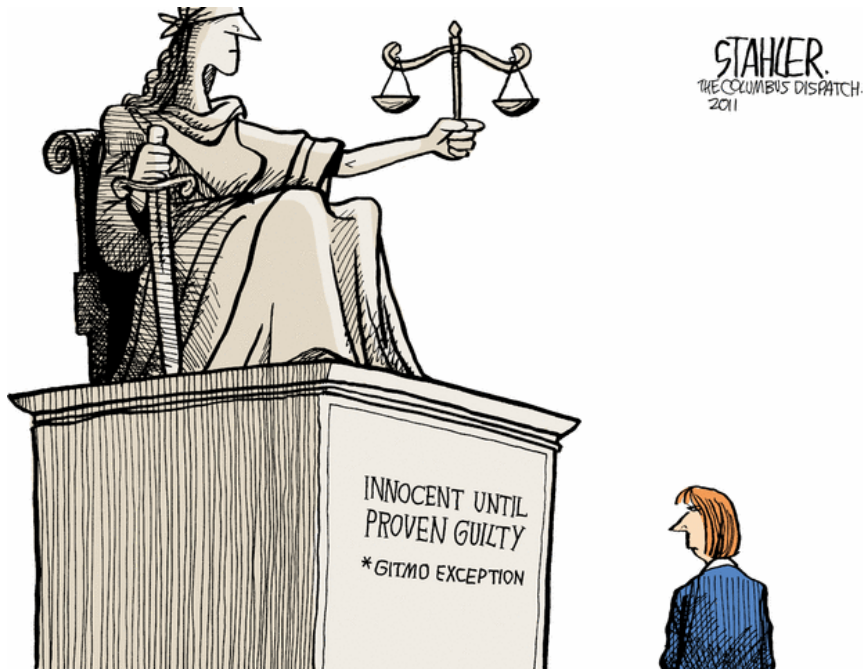
We are calling on the Palestinian and Arab communities in the US and our allies to rally at the United Nations in New York at 1 pm at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th and First Avenue) on Sunday, May 15th, in support of the Right of Return and the actions taken on that day by refugees themselves.

If you would like to endorse this call and/or to join the Organizing Committee, please email us at may15rally@gmail.com

Called by Organizing Committee for Al-Nakba Commemoration 2011: Al-Awda NY: The Palestine Right to Return Coalition, American Muslims for Palestine- NJ, American Muslims for Palestine NY, US Palestinian Community Network, WESPAC Foundation, Existence is Resistance, Hunter Students for Justice in Palestine, Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine, Brooklyn College Palestine Club, International Action Center, National Lawyers Guild - International Committee, Campaign to Free Ahmad Sa'adat - North America, New York City Labor Against the War, Labor for Palestine, United National Anti War Committee NYC, International Jewish AntiZionist Network, Women in Black, New Rochelle, NY, Middle East Crisis Committee, Connecticut, May 1st Coalition for Worker & Immigrant Rights, Al-Nakba Awareness Project

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DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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Welcome To The Occupied USA: Cops Beat, Taser And Break Kids Arm Because He Refused To Pull Up His Pants



Derby high school student Jonathan Villarreal reports two Derby Police SROs beat and tazed him and broke his arm because he refused to pull up his pants. Photographed Thursday, Apr. 28, 2011. Photo by Mike Hutmacher, The Wichita Eagle

April 29, 2011 BY FRED MANN, The Wichita Eagle [Excerpts]

DERBY — A Derby High School sophomore said today that he was hit by a Taser and had his arm broken by two school resource officers for refusing to pull up his pants.

The Derby Police Department said it will investigate the incident. The officers work for the department.

Jonathan Villarreal, 17, said he was walking with friends to the bus after school on Wednesday when one of the officers ordered him to pull up his pants.

He told them he could wear them how he wanted because school was out, he said.

Villarreal said he had pulled his jeans low on his hips, as is fashionable among some young men, after leaving the school.

He said one of the officers, a man who was larger than him, pulled him to the ground by the neck and told him to stop resisting arrest.

Villarreal denied he was resisting.

Both officers kned him in the back and neck while he was on the ground, he said.

Because they were physical with him, he struggled to get up, but was pushed back down, he said.

At one point as he tried to get up, Villarreal said he felt his arm break when he was pushed back down.

After Villarreal tried three times to get up, one officer fired a Taser at his chest, he said. Although he was wearing a heavy coat, he still felt an electrical shock, he said.

Villarreal said the officers handcuffed him in spite of his complaints about pain in his arm, and kept him handcuffed until paramedics arrived and ordered the cuffs removed.

During the altercation, he said, an officer struck him in the eye, which was swollen shut.

Villarreal was taken by ambulance to a hospital, treated and released.

Derby Police Chief Robert Lee said Villarreal used profanities when the officers asked him to pull up his pants. Lee also said the officers tried to escort Villarreal back inside the school to the office, but he refused to go.

At one point during the struggle, Lee said, Villarreal stood up and took "an aggressive stance," which led to the Taser attempt.

Three students who witnessed the incident supported Villarreal's account during a news conference this afternoon at the Sunflower Community Action offices, 1407 N. Topeka,

Lee said he expects the department will present the case to Sedgwick County juvenile authorities in the District Attorney's Office, who would make a decision about filing any charges. Villarreal's family is looking into legal action, according to Emira Palacios, of Sunflower Community Action.

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“A Homeless Single Mother Is Charged With First-Degree Larceny And Conspiracy For Signing Up Her 5-Year-Old Son To Attend Nearby

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Use Her Address”**



Tanya McDowell

Apr 25 By Liz Goodwin, Yahoo! Inc. [Excerpts]

Education activists are rallying around a homeless woman who may face jail time for enrolling her son in kindergarten under a friend's address. Supporters say the woman's story is yet another dismaying example of inequality in the U.S. education system.

Tanya McDowell, a homeless single mother from Bridgeport, is charged with first-degree larceny and conspiracy to commit first-degree larceny for signing up her 5-year-old son to attend nearby Norwalk schools under the address of a friend. (Her son went to the school for four months.)

Her friend has been evicted from public housing for letting McDowell use her address.) McDowell may face up to 20 years in prison and a \$15,000 fine if convicted.

Gwen Samuel, a Connecticut education activist, is organizing a press conference to try to get the charges dropped and raise awareness about parents who are criminally prosecuted, rather than dealt with individually by the school district, for using false addresses.

She says she expects a few hundred people to show up at Norwalk superior court at 9 a.m. Wednesday, including Kelley Williams-Bolar (pictured), the Akron, Ohio-based mom who made national news in January, when she was jailed for using her father's address to send her kids to a better-performing school. Bolar's story ignited a debate about inequalities in the public education system, where poorer parents often must send their kids to poorer schools because much of the funding is on the local level.

"This will continue to happen--this will set a precedent and districts will be like, 'OK I found a new way to get my money back, let's go after them,'" Samuel tells The Lookout.

Boyce Watkins, a Syracuse university professor and activist, tells The Lookout that Williams-Bolar heard about McDowell's case and wanted to support her.

"Kelley called me and said, 'I can't believe they're doing this to her, how can I help?'" She's now on her way to Connecticut, and her trip is paid for by Samuel's newly founded non-profit Connecticut Parents Union.

"First it happens to Kelley, then it happens to Tanya--they both happen to be poor black mothers trying to find a way to provide a better life for their children," Watkins said.

Samuel says McDowell "absolutely" sent her son to the Norwalk kindergarten because she knew it was better than the schools in nearby Bridgeport. "If you could see ... where he is now compared to Brookside, you'd see why I chose Norwalk," McDowell told the Daily Norwalk of her son's new school, Thomas Hooker Elementary School in Bridgeport.

"There has to be a penalty for stealing our services," school board president Jack Chiamonte countered in The Daily Norwalk. (The school district did not press charges against McDowell, however. She is charged by the city.)

McDowell, who used to work in food services, told the Stamford Advocate she occasionally stayed in a Norwalk homeless shelter--but she didn't register there, which would have made her son eligible to attend the school.

"I had no idea whatsoever that if you enroll your child in another school district, it becomes a crime," the 33-year-old told the paper.

Parents are rarely criminally prosecuted for using false addresses

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Respect To Huge Chavez: At Last, An Honest, Open, No-Bullshit Enemy Of Human Rights: He Personally Deports A Revolutionary Journalist To Government Torture And Possible Murder In Columbia, And Is Proud Of It

Perez's deportation was the latest sign of a thaw in relations between U.S.-allied Colombia and Chavez's leftist government, a shift from the tensions of recent years as Colombian officials previously accused Venezuela of harboring leftist rebels.

May 1, 2011 By Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has defended his decision to deport to Colombia a man accused of being a leftist rebel after some of his left-wing supporters criticized the handover.

In a speech Saturday night, Chavez dismissed a recent protest over the capture and deportation of Joaquin Perez. He referred to those who staged the small protest in Caracas as "ultra-leftists."

Several dozen demonstrators, including members of the Bolivarian Continental Movement, protested outside the Foreign Ministry on Thursday and burned an effigy bearing photos of Chavez's foreign minister and information minister, accusing them of betraying Chavez's leftist ideals.

"Don't be burning my ministers," Chavez said.

"Burn me because I'm the one who gives the orders. I make the decisions and I assume my responsibilities."

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Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said he personally called Chavez a week ago to inform him of Perez's pending arrival on a flight from Germany and to request his arrest.

Perez was deported to Colombia two days later.

Colombian and Swedish officials say Perez is a Swedish citizen who renounced his Colombian citizenship years ago. Sweden has asked Venezuela to explain why it wasn't informed before he was deported.

"I lived up to my responsibility and we captured him," Chavez said. "Those who now want to call me a traitor to the global Marxist-Leninist cause, well that's fine." **[Yes indeed. Calling this nationalist demagogue and disgusting enemy of democratic rights a "traitor" to the "Marxist-Leninist cause" makes about as much sense as calling the King of Saudi Arabia a "traitor" to the "Marxist-Leninist cause." T]**

Santos has called Perez the most important operative in Europe of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. Perez ran a Swedish-based website that serves as the leftist rebels' news agency and regularly carries FARC statements. However, Perez has denied belonging to the guerrilla group.

MORE:

Who Is This Man That The Scorpion Chavez Hands To The Colombian Torturers?

“Perez Becerra Was One Of The Most Important Voices In Defence Of Human Rights In Colombia”
“He Was Forced To Abandon Colombia In The Early 1990s Due To Constant Death Threats Against Him And After His Wife Was Assassinated”



Joaquin Perez Becerra arrives in Bogota, Colombia after being deported from Venezuela April 25, 2011. Photo: Fernando Vergara / AP

May 1, 2011 By Federico Fuentes, Green Left Weekly. [Excerpts]

A number of left groups in Venezuela and solidarity groups internationally have expressed concern over the April 23 decision by Venezuelan authorities to arrest well-known Colombian journalist and supporter of the Venezuelan revolution, Joaquin Perez Becerra.

Perez Becerra was arrested when he tried to enter the country through Caracas Airport.

He was deported two days later to neighbouring Colombia to face trial for supposed “terrorism” charges in Colombia.

The Venezuelan Communist Party newspaper Tribuna Popular said Perez Becerra had come to Venezuela to learn about the revolutionary process.

Pro-revolution National Union of Workers (UNT) federation noted in a statement that Perez Becerra was a “revolutionary journalist” and opposed the arrest and deportation of a “revolutionary journalist”.

As director of the Colombia news agency ANNCOL, Perez Becerra was one of the most important voices in defence of human rights in Colombia.

He was forced to abandon Colombia in the early 1990s due to constant death threats against him and after his wife was assassinated”.

Perez Becerra was forced to seek exile in Sweden to avoid the fate that befall more than 4000 members of the left-wing Patriotic Union — of which he was a member and elected councillor — who were killed in the violent bloodbath that wiped out that democratic and legal organisation.

He was never and is not a member of any illegal organisation.

Since moving to Sweden, where he became a citizen and has raised his family, Perez Becerra has never returned to Colombia.

Despite this, in January 2010, together with a number of other Colombian exiles, Perez Becerra was forced to seek Swedish government protection following threats made by then-Colombian president Alvaro Uribe.

Uribe accused the exiles of aiding “terrorism” and warned “those criminals ... and other bandits, who are Colombian professionals living over there in Sweden and other countries ... all of them have to be finished off”.

These threats are part of the broader international campaign being continued by Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos to criminalise solidarity with Colombia’s social movements through accusing those opposed to the crimes of the Colombian government of “aiding terrorism”.

In November, the Colombian government attempted to extradite Chilean journalist and Colombia solidarity activist Manuel Olate for supposed links to the Colombian guerrilla organisation, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

As in the case against Perez Becerra, the “evidence” cited against Olate was supposedly obtained from laptops recovered after the illegal bombing of a FARC camp in Ecuador in 2008.

Many military, police and international authorities have said the laptops were clearly tampered with and that any information obtained from them lacks credibility.

Chilean authorities eventually dismissed the extradition charges against Olate.

Santos has publicly said Perez Becerra’s deportation was the result of a special request made directly by him to Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

Perez Becerra now awaits an uncertain future, placed into the hands of a government that is internationally renowned for locking up and torturing political prisoners.

There are more than 7500 political prisoners in Colombia. Many of them are denied the right to a fair trial and due process.

Swedish lawyers have raised concerns that the decision to deport the journalist contravened a number of international conventions. They have also raised alarm at the fact that Venezuelan authorities did not inform the Swedish consulate of the arrest and deportation of one of their own nationals.

Venezuelan authorities recently handed over to Colombia 2 alleged members of the National Liberation Army (ELN) captured in Venezuelan territory.

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