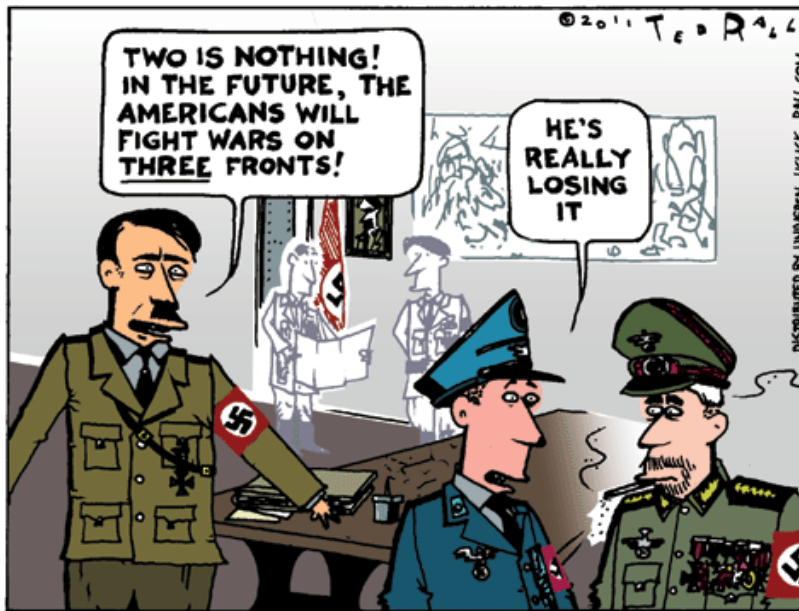


## Military Resistance 9F7



## The U.S. Imperial Government's Notion Of Justice: Coming Soon To A Courtroom Near You?

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May 31st, 2011 By John Hanrahan, freedetainees.org [Excerpts]

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Some 1,700 detainees are being held with no charges, no trial, no way to prove their innocence despite a Marine Corps general’s 2009 report saying many should be released.

Under a U.S. military system straight out of Kafka’s “The Trial” and Heller’s “Catch-22”, some 1,700 detainees at the Bagram U.S. Air Base in Afghanistan are being held without charges or a trial, primarily on the basis of secret evidence that they never get to see or challenge.

A still-classified 2009 Marine Corps general’s report concluded that many, probably a majority, were wrongly held then. But it was virtually impossible then and now for innocent detainees to prove they are not allied with insurgents.

As Human Rights First states, the ever-growing number of Bagram detainees – most of whom are Afghans – have far fewer rights than their counterparts at the much more controversial Guantanamo Bay prison. Thanks to a 2008 Supreme Court decision, Guantanamo detainees “have the right to challenge their detention in a U.S. court and to representation by a lawyer,” something Bagram prisoners are denied, the report notes.

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**Additionally “a significant number” of the approximately 41 non-Afghan detainees “have been recommended for release by a Detainee Review Board but remain in detention at...(Bagram)..without explanation.”**

In an interview with Nieman Watchdog, the HRF report's author, Daphne Eviatar, put that figure of 1,700 detainees into context, noting that it is "almost triple the number of detainees who were at Bagram when President Obama came into office two years ago, and is 10 times greater than the number of prisoners currently being held at Guantanamo."

There have been past indications that a majority of the Bagram detainees are being wrongfully held.

**In August 2009, various news outlets reported that U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Major General Douglas M. Stone had been assigned to investigate detention practices in Afghanistan and had issued a still-unreleased 700-page classified report.**

**As National Public Radio reported at the time, Stone told senior military officials that as many as 400 of the 600 detainees then held at Bagram could be released.**

**"Many of these men were swept up in raids – have little connection to the insurgency," NPR reported.**

Following up on General Stone's 2009 statement, one question the mainstream press could pursue, in addition to the due process issue, is: How many of the current Bagram detainees have no connection to the insurgency?

Former detainees repeatedly emphasized "that they believed they were wrongly imprisoned based on false information provided to U.S. forces by personal, family or tribal enemies."

Within 60 days of a detainee's transfer to the Bagram detention facilities, Pentagon rules require that he have a hearing before a Detainee Review Board (DRB), consisting of three field-grade military officers, to determine whether he has committed acts showing him to be an "enemy belligerent," and "whether he poses a future danger to U.S. forces."

**Under rules of the DRB proceedings, detainees do not have the right to legal representation or to see any classified evidence being used against them.**

**Although forensic evidence is not classified and can be presented in open sessions, all other evidence against the detainee – intelligence reports, accusations by informants, hearsay, etc. – is classified and is presented in a secret hearing that the detainee is not allowed to attend.**

**Nor is he allowed to find out what was said or presented as classified evidence in that secret hearing.**

**As the report states: "These informants are never questioned or cross-examined in court, so their veracity is never tested. It is also impossible to know if the classified evidence includes statements elicited from the detainee or from witnesses by coercion, torture, or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, despite the military's rule excluding tortured evidence."**

In changes to procedures instituted since President Obama came into office, Bagram detainees are now allowed to appear at the DRB public proceedings and be represented by “personal representatives.”

These representatives are “uniformed U.S. soldiers with no legal background or training in the culture or language of the detainees they represent” and their lone qualification is that they have completed a 35-hour training course, the report says.

**In the seven DRB hearings that Human Rights First staffers were allowed to witness, the report says, none of the personal representatives “seemed to have independently investigated the case, collected evidence on the detainee’s behalf, demanded that the government produce evidence, or asked even the most obvious questions challenging the evidence that the government presented.”**

**Additionally, in none of the seven hearings that HRF witnessed did the personal representative “introduce any evidence or call a single witness to the events being discussed in the case in an effort to challenge the government’s factual assertions, even in cases where it was obviously called for.”**

Whatever the reason for the personal representatives’ ineffectual performances, the result was that “each detainee was left to fend for himself,” which amounted generally to making a statement “denying the charges and insisting that he does not support the Taliban” or that he would not speak ill of U.S. and NATO forces to his neighbors. As of February, there were only 15 personal representatives – meaning each one had to serve more than 100 detainees.

**Although a detainee’s personal representative can attend the secret portion of the hearing while the detainee cannot, the representative is not allowed to divulge to the detainee any classified information – including informants’ statements – that he learns in such sessions.**

**This, of course, puts the detainee in a position in which it is “nearly impossible...to challenge that evidence or refute it with other evidence.”**

**Although specific details are classified about where the 1,700 prisoners were picked up, Eviatar said almost all of the former detainees HRF interviewed had been seized by U.S. and Afghan forces in night raids at their homes or compounds – and not in any armed combat situation.**

**The HRF report also told of one former detainee being imprisoned when he went to the U.S. military to inquire about his son, who himself had been arrested. It also discussed one current detainee who had been picked up while leaving a mosque.**

As the HRF report notes, the U.S. government and particularly the Pentagon’s Office of Detainee Affairs “have repeatedly stated that they do not believe that detainees in U.S. custody in Afghanistan have a right to legal counsel” and have insisted that the use of a personal representative “is an adequate substitute for a legal representative.”

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# IRAQ WAR REPORTS

## IRAQ: HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WAR?



The remains, from left, of Army Pfc. Michael C. Olivieri of Chicago, Ill., Pfc. Christopher B. Fishbeck of Victorville, Calif., Pfc. Michael B. Cook of Middletown, Ohio, and Emilio J. Campo Jr. of Madelia, Minn., at Dover Air Force Base, Del., June 8, 2011. Olivieri, Fishbeck, Cook and Campo Jr., were killed by a rocket attack on their base in Iraq. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Soldier's Mom: 'My Family Paid The Ultimate Sacrifice'**



The remains of Spc. Adam J. Patton, of Port Orchard, Wash., at Dover Air Force Base, Del., May 28, 2011

May 29, 2011 By KOMO Staff & News Services

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. -- A 21-year-old soldier from Port Orchard has died in Afghanistan.

Spec. Adam Patton was on his second deployment and his mother said Sunday that she honors and respects him for making the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

"I can't even imagine him not being with me, being in my life anymore," said his mother Sandi Kottre. "I don't know... unfortunately this tragedy had to happen on this (Memorial Day) weekend."

The Department of Defense says Specialist Adam Patton was one of six soldiers killed by a roadside bomb in the Kandahar province on Thursday.

"He was stronger than that," Kottre said. "It had to have been something real big to bring that kid down."

An Army team escorted his casket off the plane Saturday at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. Kottre said his body is still there.

"I still think he's going to call me or he's going to message me on Facebook," she said.

Patton was excited to join the Army three years ago after graduating from Kitsap High School's ROTC program. His first deployment was in 2009 for around a year. He told his mother he was concerned about his 2nd trip to Afghanistan six months ago.

"(He told me) where he wanted to be buried and who he wanted his truck to go to," Kottre said.

He leaves behind two sisters, a brother, step father, and heart broken mother.

"My family paid the ultimate sacrifice," she said.

And now she wants us to remember and honor all fallen soldiers on Memorial Day.

"When you see a man or woman in uniform, tell them thank you," she said.

Patton's body is scheduled to arrive in our area Thursday and his family is planning his funeral for Saturday.

Patton was assigned to Fox Company, (Pathfinder), 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

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## **KILLED IN ACTION: An Ottumwa Mom Is Mourning The Loss Of Her Air Force Son**



May 30, 2011 WHO-TV



Five Iowa service members have died in action this year. One of them, Staff Sergeant James Justice was buried at Arlington earlier this month.

The most recent Iowan killed is Air Force Staff Sergeant Joseph Hamski of Ottumwa. Sergeant Hamski died last Thursday in Afghanistan from injuries sustained during an IED attack.

"I knew from the first time he deployed there was always the possibility that he would not come back. I can't be angry for that," says Sgt. Hamski's mom Mary Winston.

Mary knows how to put things in perspective. The Ottumwa mom is spending Memorial Day remembering the good times with her son, Staff Sergeant Joseph Hamski.

"To this day, till his dying day he would buy video games and have to sit up all night to conquer the stupid thing. His wife says there are video games still all over apartment. He never grew out of that."

Joe died just four days ago in Afghanistan in an IED explosion, the very devices her son was trained to disarm. The 28 year-old was an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician, finishing up his fourth tour of duty.

"When he went in he was a kid. He didn't know what he was doing with himself but he grew up. He grew into his manhood."

Joe attended Iowa State for just a semester, but struggled academically. Mary says the minute her son joined the Air Force, he found his purpose in life. However, Joe, was very modest about his talents.

"He hated being the center of attention. This would make him nuts! He hated attention for himself. He would do anything for anyone else; at Christmas he loved giving gifts but he didn't want any for himself."

Joe had a bright future planned. He had only been married to his wife, Christina, also a Staff Sergeant in the Air Force, for less than two years. When his tour of duty was over, the two planned to start a family.

"He died an honorable death. How many people can say that?"

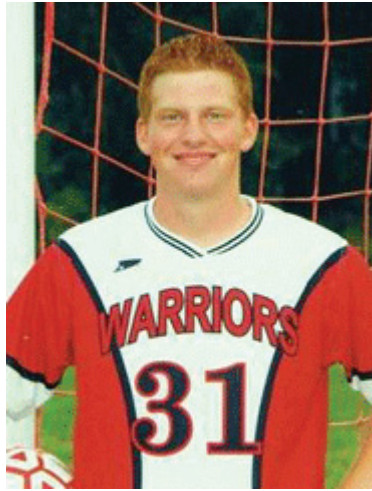
This memorial day, Mary mourns the loss of what could have been. Mary carries on, knowing her son died a hero.

"Because of the work my son did there's a lot of other mothers that aren't doing what I have to do today."

Mary flew back from Delaware this morning, however, Sgt. Hamski's body is still in Dover. Funeral arrangements are pending until he returns back to Iowa. Sgt. Hamski will be buried in Ottumwa.

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# “He Was A Wonderful, Wonderful Young Man”



Pfc. William Seth Blevins

5/26/2011 OCM News Service

SARDINIA - An Eastern High School graduate who died in combat is being remembered this week by those who knew and loved him, and honored by countless others throughout the community.

Pfc. William Seth Blevins, 21, of Sardinia, was among four U.S. Army soldiers killed in the Kunar province of Afghanistan on May 23 when their unit was attacked by an improvised explosive device, according to the U.S. Department of Defense.

In addition to Blevins, other casualties in the attack included Staff Sgt. Kristofferson B. Lorenzo, 33, of Chula Vista, Calif.; Pvt. Andrew M. Krippner, 20, Garland, Texas; and Pvt. Thomas C. Allers, 23, of Plainwell, Mich. They were all soldiers in the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, based in Hawaii, according to DOD.

While the area mourns the loss of Blevins, many members of the community are also celebrating his life and recognizing the ultimate sacrifice Blevins made in service of his country.

A 2008 graduate of Eastern High School, Blevins is remembered by family, friends and classmates as an active and well-mannered young man who was never shy about helping someone in need.

His family members were informed Monday, and Tuesday the Eastern Local School District posted a message mourning the loss and asking the community to keep Seth Blevins' loved ones in their prayers.

In additions to his parents, Trisha Blevins and Steve Blevins, Seth Blevins is survived by one sister, Paige Blevins.

"I was always proud of my son, no matter what he did. He was a perfect son," said his father, Steve Blevins, when contacted by The News Democrat on Thursday.

Steve Blevins said his son was well-known and well-liked in the community, adding that he had made a number of friends and touched a number of lives when he worked for Steve Blevins Construction.

Like others who knew him, Steve Blevins noted his son's memorable smile.

"Everybody loved him," said Steve Blevins. "And his smile, everybody remembers his smile."

Seth Blevins' bright smile is something that will certainly stick with Bethany Yockey, a former schoolmate who is helping to organize a campaign of yellow ribbons to line Seth Blevins' funeral route. Yockey was two years younger than Seth Blevins, but like many in the small and tight-knit Eastern Local School District, knew him personally for practically all of her years as a student.

"No one can forget his wonderful smiling face," Yockey said. "He was a wonderful, wonderful young man."

She points out that he was active in the community as a youth, participating in a number of activities like 4-H and the Brown County Fair.

Blevins was also a talented athlete who competed in basketball and soccer, and ran track for Eastern High School. He also belonged to National Honor Society and was involved with numerous academic and extracurricular activities.

Blevins graduated from EHS in 2008 and was accepted at Ohio University in Athens, where he applied for the ROTC program.

He joined the Army the following year and had studied in criminal justice at the University of Cincinnati as well. Seth Blevins was also a proud Christian, and a profile he developed on the social networking website MySpace indicates the large role his faith played in his life. "I am a Christian and proud of it, nothing will change that!" he wrote on his profile.

He was passionate about both music and sports, and liked attending church and enjoyed the company of family and friends.

The details of funeral arrangements for Seth Blevins had not been announced as of press deadline Thursday, but at least two groups of volunteers were planning to cover the expected funeral route with yellow ribbons in his honor. Both groups planned to meet Saturday, one in Georgetown and one at EHS, to make preparations for the ribbons.

Yockey said no one can replace Seth Blevins, but she and countless other individuals across Brown County will remember him fondly as a kind and brave and honorable young man.

“It is a great loss,” she said, “but we can celebrate his life now and hopefully show how much we were proud of him.”

The Meeker Funeral Home, in Russellville, will be handling arrangements.

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## Bel Aire Native Killed In Afghanistan

May. 29, 2011 BY DEB GRUVER, The Wichita Eagle

Thomas Bohall wasn't the star of his winning high school soccer team. He didn't even start his senior year. But at a celebration after the team took second statewide, his coach talked about how he was the life of the team.

Army Sgt. Thomas A. Bohall, 25, a Bel Aire native and a graduate of Ronald Reagan High School in San Antonio, died Thursday in Afghanistan with five other soldiers when insurgents attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device in Kandahar province.

His father, Tim Bohall of Weston, Fla., on Sunday recalled his son's coach's words. Sgt. Bohall was a goalie who played behind one of the top-rated goalies in the country, Tim Bohall said.

The coach started by talking about the underclassmen, then the seniors. Tim Bohall said he expected the coach to call his son's name first when he got to the seniors. He waited and waited as the coach introduced "Mr. San Antonio Soccer" and "Mr. Texas High School Soccer."

At some point, Tim Bohall said, a fellow player told the coach, "You forgot about Thomas." The coach replied, "I'm saving Thomas for last."

"Thomas had never started a varsity game," his father said. "Thomas had never scored a goal. And what the coach said was, 'This man was the life of our team. He rode the bench, but he never sat on the bench.' They called him the 'Rev' because he was the strength of the team."

The coach, he said, told those at the celebration, "I'd give anything to have a hundred Thomases."

Sgt. Bohall would run up and down the field during games, cheering his team on, not satisfied to sit on the bench, his father said.

"I believe in my heart that that is the way that Thomas carried himself with his troops serving our country," Tim Bohall said. "Thomas reveled in the success of his team and the success of others."

Sgt. Bohall was an infantryman who joined the Army in August 2005 and arrived at Fort Campbell in Kentucky in October 2008.

He earned several decorations and awards and served in missions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Sgt. Bohall was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell.

Sgt. Bohall “never met a man that he considered his enemy,” his father said. “Thomas loved what he was doing. He felt a true calling to serve the way that he served.”

Lorna Geist of Bel Aire, Sgt. Bohall’s mother, said her son attended middle school at Sunrise Christian Academy and spent two years at Heights High School. He spent his junior and senior years in Texas with his father.

“Tom loved adventure,” Geist said. “He loved the outdoors.”

She remembers him catching a snapping turtle at age 8, coming home proud.

“Look, Mom,” he told her. “I caught a snapping turtle out of the lake.”

He told her, “Don’t worry; I’m going to take it back. I just wanted you to see it.”

“He was into the next adventure,” she said. “He loved the Airborne. He loved jumping out of planes.”

A short service was held Saturday at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. Tim Bohall said several military dignitaries attended, including three members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Services for Sgt. Bohall are pending.

Sgt. Bohall’s survivors include his wife, Jessica, and daughter, Annabelle, both of Essington, Pa.

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JUNE 8, 2011 By ALISTAIR MACDONALD, Wall St. Journal [Excerpts]

TOR GHAI, Afghanistan -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee questioned the benefit of billions of dollars worth of development aid pumped into Afghanistan, in a report issued Wednesday that called for an overhaul to the effort.

The report said evidence is limited that development helps stabilize territory—a key tenet of the coalition’s counterinsurgency strategy.

**“Foreign aid, when misspent, can fuel corruption, distort labor and goods markets, undermine the host government’s ability to exert control over resources, and contribute to insecurity,” the report concluded.**

**“Development leads to security when development issues, like poverty, are the cause of conflict.**

**The causes of conflict in Afghanistan are more complex, such as tribal and ethnic friction,” said Andrew Wilder, an expert in Afghan reconstruction at the nonpartisan United States Institute for Peace.**

In the last ten years, the U.S. Agency for International Development and the State Department have spent around \$18.8 billion in aid in Afghanistan. Foreign donors spent around \$35 billion from 2002 to 2008—double the country’s 2009-10 gross domestic product, according to Afghan government figures.

In Tor Ghai, the scene that unfolded when grain trucks rolled in indicated that the area remained unsettled.

Tribal divisions quickly erupted as people from neighbouring villages arrived to take advantage. “There is enough seed for everyone,” Jim Hagerty, a civilian development expert working with the British military, assured village residents. To sate demand, Mr. Hagerty ordered in more grain.

As he brought in the new grain, the driver hired to transport it threw down a bag to a friend, Mr. Hagerty said, in a scene which on a small scale underscored the sort of corruption that is dogging Afghanistan nationally.

**Earlier, one local elder took his allocation further down the road to sell on privately.**

**There is also rampant local suspicion about how the aid programs work. A study by Stuart Gordon, an expert in Afghan development at think tank Chatham House, showed that many in Helmand saw aid benefiting only specific tribes and propping up existing elites.**

**The corruption this can encourage has often delegitimized the very government it is supposed to boost confidence in, said Mr. Wilder.**

Developers hope crops such as wheat and alfalfa will replace opium in villages across Afghanistan.

**A local farmer, Naimatulnah, who like many Afghans goes by one name, took a shipment of seed—but said he would plant it alongside his opium, having already planted the year’s crop.**

**Opium is more lucrative and easier to sell, he said.**

### **Troops Invited:**

**Comments, arguments, articles, and letters from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send email to [contact@militaryproject.org](mailto:contact@militaryproject.org): Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Same address to unsubscribe.**



**WELCOME TO OBAMAWORLD. HAVE A NICE DAY.**



A wounded United States Marine onboard a medevac helicopter from the U.S. Army's 1-214 Aviation Regiment after he was shot in the foot outside Sangin, Helmand Province of southern Afghanistan, June 10, 2011. (AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

**“All Hands Abandon Ship! Repeat,  
All Hands Abandon Ship!”  
The Queen Of England Names Her  
Useless Husband Lord High Admiral Of  
The British Navy**

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

06/11/2011 by David Collins, Daily Mirror

THE Queen paid tribute to her husband yesterday by making him Lord High Admiral of the Navy on his 90th birthday.

It was a special gift, since the title is usually held by the monarch herself.

Prince Philip served as a naval officer for more than 10 years, saw action during the Second World War and reached the rank of commander before retiring.

Among his other gifts was a set of ear defenders for when he goes shooting. It was presented by the Royal National Institute for the Deaf, which was at Buckingham Palace celebrating its 100th -anniversary and its rebranding as Action on Hearing Loss.

He joked: "Can you get Radio 3 on them?"

Former MP Ann Widdecombe said: "I'm delighted for the duke. I wouldn't be surprised if in 10 years he was getting his telegram from the Queen." Prime Minister David Cameron led tributes to Prince Philip, describing the consort as a "remarkable man who has given years of service to our country".

### **MORE:**

## **Some Quotations From The Idiot Admiral At Work**

Listverse.com [Excerpts]

China State Visit, 1986

"If you stay here much longer, you'll all be slitty-eyed."

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"Do you still throw spears at each other?"

When asked if he would like to visit the Soviet Union

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"You can't have been here that long – you haven't got a pot belly."

To a driving instructor in Scotland

"How do you keep the natives off the booze long enough to get them through the test?"

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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

## **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**

**“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**

## **Militants?**



Photograph by Mike Hastie Vietnam 1971

**While I was in Vietnam, Lt. William Calley was found guilty of his part in the My Lai Massacre.**

**Of course we all know by now, that he was a scapegoat, because the massacre was a military operation, and it was being monitored by high ranking military officers while the massacre was in progress.**

**Everything is a cover-up when things like this happen. The military is very professional about these kinds of atrocities. I have know many vets who have been involved in war crimes. This picture is of an Armored Personnel Carrier that had, “ Kill A Gook For Calley,” painted on the front. 504 innocent Vietnamese civilians were murdered by the U.S. Government on March 16, 1968. 99% of kids graduating from high school this June never heard of this history. That is why history repeats itself.**

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From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: June 09, 2011  
Subject: Militants?

### **Militants?**

**It is rather humorous that every time your turn around,  
the U.S. news is calling someone a militant.  
I just want to make something rather clear:  
I was a blatant militant in Vietnam!  
A nice guy from a nice family.  
The reason I became a militant,  
was because I was obedient to the U.S. Government.  
I wore a uniform to cover up this charade.  
40 years post Vietnam,  
it is so revealing to have a clear vision of the madness  
of war, and how governments get away with murder.**

**Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
June 9, 2011.**

**Photo 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](mailto: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**

**OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

**Egyptian Military Dictatorship  
Betrays Palestinians As Usual:  
The Liars Claim The Closed Rafah  
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Mohammed Ali Saleh Screamed At  
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Palestinians call for the opening of Rafah crossing. (Mohammed Omer/ Inter Press Service)

Egyptian state television later said that the crossing had reopened, but only for pedestrians, as the work being carried out “prevented the passage” of vehicles.

**Palestinian officials, however, said that the border was still closed.**

From: Mohammed Omer  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Subject: MIDEAST: Promised Crossing Denied  
Date: Jun 8, 2011

TO: Distinguished Recipients  
FM: Mohammed Omer

Transmitted below is my piece published on Inter Press Service News Agency on Rafah crossing.

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9 June 2011 By Mohammed Omer, IPS, The Electronic Intifada, Rafah

RAFAH, occupied Gaza Strip

Many hoping to find free movement between Egypt and Gaza have found the border gates at the Rafah crossing closed. Egyptian officials closed the gates on Saturday, according to Palestinian officials.

Ayyoub Abu Shaar, the official who usually communicates with the Egyptian side, is no longer able to reach his counterpart.

**A number of ambulances and buses carrying patients were waiting between the crossings.**

**Behind the gate a scaffolding has been erected, supposedly for painting the gate. A young student called this “a ridiculous excuse to delay opening the Rafah crossing.”**

Rafah crossing is the only access to Gaza not physically controlled by Israel.

**Egypt announced the permanent reopening of this crossing last week, after it was largely shut in June 2006 when Israel imposed its blockade, after Hamas won the Palestinian Legislative Council Elections.**

**The closure of the Rafah border had been part of siege policy by Israel and Egypt aimed at cutting off Hamas.**

The siege has created economic hardship by limiting shipment of goods in and out of the Gaza Strip.

Egypt's decision to reopen Rafah came more than three months after former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak resigned following 18 days of massive street protests against his rule. This easing of crossing restrictions was described by Abu Shaar as a “very

courageous decision” which would enable him to offer all his full-time staff regular work again.

Now crowds have been banging on the gates, chanting “Open, open, open”, and at one point they broke the chain and went across the border.

“I can’t watch my son die in front of my eyes,” the father of 11-year-old Mohammed Ali Saleh screamed at Egyptian troops.

**Egyptian state television later said that the crossing had reopened, but only for pedestrians, as the work being carried out “prevented the passage” of vehicles.**

**Palestinian officials, however, said that the border was still closed.**

Palestinian police moved Palestinians waiting to travel to a point away from the border fence.

Naziha al-Sebakhi, 63, was waiting to travel to Egypt to receive medical treatment on her leg. According to the newly announced Egyptian agreement, she is supposed to travel without restrictions.

“I beg you to open the crossing,” she said to Egyptian officials. “You brothers of Egypt have humiliated us for so long. Isn’t it time we had our dignity back?”

People whose residency permits have expired are expected to have problems returning to their families. Nahed Ashour, a 42-year-old father, had been waiting a long time to get to his wife and two children in the Jordanian capital Amman. His hope is that the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces and Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi open the crossing, so he can leave before his visa expires.

The Rafah administration is expecting thousands of Palestinian families to arrive in Gaza this summer in hope of seeing their families. “It’s our land, our home, where our hearts and roots are,” said Ashour. “Our elderly relatives are there too and we want to come home.”

“If the world has a problem with us crossing through Egypt, then help us find us a solution,” said Naziha al-Sebakhi.

“Don’t imprison me and just leave me here between four fences with no hope and no means of survival.”

Many have begun cancelling their flight reservations and medical appointments. Officials have no idea when Abu Shaar will get instructions to bring back his staff to operate the crossing.

“It was happiness,” said al-Sebakhi, referring to Egypt’s announcement easing the restrictions on the Rafah crossing. “But it’s not completed.”

**[For more from Mohammed Omer about what life is like under a murderous military occupation commanded by foreign terrorists, go to: [www.rafahtoday.org](http://www.rafahtoday.org)  
The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves “Israeli.”]**



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# **Palestinians Rally To Fight Against Women-Hating Freaks Who Kill For “Honor Crimes”**

## **“The Mobilization Went Way Beyond The Village, Involving Thousands Of People In The Streets For Several Days In A Row”**

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Unfortunately, in Palestine, as in other parts of the Middle East, so-called “honor crimes” enjoy an intolerable leniency.

A relative can kill a woman suspected of having betrayed the family’s so-called honor code if she has committed adultery or even simply because she speaks with a man who is not a family member.

According to the law this relative may risk only a few months in prison.

In 2005, Souad Marie, a woman in a Palestinian village, wrote a book titled *Burned Alive: A Survivor of an “Honor Killing” Speaks Out*, telling her story.

Her family condemned her to death because she became pregnant by a young man who didn’t want to marry her.

Her brother-in-law doused her with gasoline, but she succeeded in escaping the flames that engulfed her and survived. This brother-in-law has never been punished. A human rights organization ended up taking care of Souad Marie, whose family abandoned her in the hospital.

But times change, and a similar story provoked the anger of an entire village in the West Bank, to the west of Hebron recently.

**Ayah Baradeya was drowned by her uncle because he disapproved of her marriage plans. In ordinary times, he would have gotten some months in prison, since he intended to invoke “family honor.”**

**But the young woman’s brother didn’t want this outcome.**

**Braving the “what people say” attitude which prevailed up to then, he made her story known in the public square and roused the village to demand justice.**

He refused to let the family of the murderer be banished from the village as custom demanded, arguing that this served nothing, and instead demanded an exemplary prison sentence for his sister's murderer. His actions amounted to demanding a change in the Penal Code.

**The mobilization went way beyond the village, involving thousands of people in the streets for several days in a row.**

Up to then, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas resisted the demands of women's rights organizations, who have been denouncing the increase of these crimes in recent years.

In 2010, 10 such deaths were registered officially. But facing the pressure of the street, the President ended up giving in and decreed the end of leniency for "honor crimes."

So far, two articles of the Penal Code exempting men for these kinds of murders have been annulled, leaving one more significant article that needs to be tossed out.

It is a victory for the population of this village, which knew how to conquer prejudices to get rid of this barbarism, and a victory for all women.

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## **DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**



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## **Welcome To The Occupied USA:**

# Reporter Arrested And Convicted For Exposing How Stupid Detroit Cops Killed Motorcycle Rider

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Michigan Appeals Court just upheld the conviction and sentence of journalist Diane Bukowski, someone who for years has reported on police brutality in Detroit. She was appealing her fine of \$4,000 and sentence of probation.

She was originally arrested on Election Day in November 2008 while reporting for the Michigan Citizen.

Just prior to her arrest, she was investigating a crash scene. According to footage Bukowski's lawyer was able to obtain and introduce at trial, state police cameras show a young man joy riding on his new motorcycle when a state police chase ensues – without sirens. The chase ends tragically with a crash killing the motorcyclist and a pedestrian.

Bukowski was convicted of obstructing police at the scene but footage introduced from a local Fox News crew showed Bukowski complying with all police instructions.

From this system's standpoint, you are interfering with police by your very presence when you expose police wrongdoing. That's why Bukowski was put on trial and why the appeals court joins in this legal lynching.

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