

## **Military Resistance 9F8**

### **WELCOME TO VIETISTAN:**

**“The Army’s ‘Dust Off’ Crew Needed Two Attempts To Get Him Out, As They Were Fired Upon And Took Five Rounds Of Bullets Into The Tail Of Their Aircraft”**



A U.S. Marine is helped board a medevac helicopter from the U.S. Army’s Task Force 1-214 Aviation Regiment after he got shot in the stomach outside Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, June 11, 2011. The Army’s ‘Dust Off’ crew needed two attempts to get him out, as they were fired upon and took five rounds of bullets into the tail of their aircraft. (AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)

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JUNE 13, 2011 By A WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTER And NOUR MALAS  
[Excerpts]

DAMASCUS--Syria’s military took control of a northwestern town after surrounding it for days, as President Bashar al-Assad’s regime appeared to close ranks in the face of growing international condemnation, alienating a key ally and retreating into isolation.

A regime crackdown on restless cities has seen a military operation focused in the northwestern town of Jisr al-Shoghour this weekend, where the government vowed to root out armed gangs it said killed 120 police and security-force members a week ago.

Across the border with Turkey, where thousands of refugees are being hosted in camps, a 27-year man who identified himself as Ali crossed over to get aid supplies and said “dissidents from the army blew up two bridges in the city.” Jamil Saeb, a resident of Jisr al-Shoghour and activist, said military tanks couldn’t move into the town on Saturday due to “some defectors who were trying to resist.”

Amid rising defections from the army’s lower ranks, the core of people around Mr. Assad—who command army divisions and control the multilayered security apparatus—has further tightened, analysts say. Mr. Assad’s younger brother, Maher, is leading the crackdown in Jisr al-Shoghour, according to residents and activists, after deploying his army unit into other protest hotspots.

“In final decisions the family is key and it would seem inconceivable that Bashar could throw key regime members under the bus at this point,” said Andrew Tabler, a Syria expert and fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

**Army defections remain key to a potential showdown between the Assad core and the Sunni community, which dominates the rank-and-file of the army, analysts say.**

Every day this week, testimonies by defected army conscripts have emerged.

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The Washington Institute's Mr. Tabler said "The weak spot here are the rank-and-file and mid-officer corps breaking away," adding that this was likely the scenario developing in Jisr al-Shoghour.

"Minority regimes like the Assads by their nature are galvanized against the kinds of splits like those in Egypt and Tunisia," Mr. Tabler said. "However, even galvanized steel has a breaking point."

**MORE:**

**"Syrian Army Deserters Who Fled To Turkey Have Told Of Atrocities Committed By Soldiers In Suppressing Anti-Government Protests"**

**"When Asked Of The Prospects For Syria's Future, He Said He Expected The Collapse Of Assad's Regime"**

**"All The Soldiers Are Stressed Out. Either They Will Flee, Or They Will Change Sides"**

June 11, 2011 Ya Libnan LLC

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

Syrian army deserters who fled to Turkey have told of atrocities committed by soldiers in suppressing anti-government protests, under threat of execution if they disobeyed orders.

Four conscripts interviewed by AFP recounted instances of rape and wanton murder as President Bashar al-Assad's forces combat demonstrations against his regime across the country.

With a blank stare in his eyes, Tahal al-Lush said the "cleansing" in Ar-Rastan, a town of 50 000 residents in the Syrian province of Homs, prompted him to desert.

"We were told that people were armed there. But when we arrived, we saw that they were ordinary civilians. We were ordered to shoot them," said Lush, who showed his military passbook and other papers as proof of his identity.

"When we entered the houses, we opened fire on everyone, the young, the old... Women were raped in front of their husbands and children," he said, giving the number of deaths as some 700, difficult to verify as journalists are not allowed to circulate freely in Syria.

Mohammed Mirwan Khalaf, also haunted by the horrors of a war against civilians, was in a unit stationed in Idlib, near the Turkish border.

"Just in front of me, a professional soldier pulled out his knife and stabbed a civilian in the head, for no reason," he said.

For Khalaf the last straw came when his unit passed through the neighbouring town of Saraqib. A militiaman travelling with them he named as Shabih opened fire on people, he said.

"When they started shooting people, I dropped my gun and fled," he added, claiming that some 25 people were killed in the incident on June 7.

Khalaf's brother Ahmed, who had been called up in another military unit, also deserted after witnessing violence in the city of Homs, north of Damascus.

"After seeing how they killed people, I realised that the regime is prepared to massacre everyone," Ahmed said, looking red-eyed and haggard.

He said that he and some comrades had thought of mutiny but fear made them abandon the plan.

Ahmed claimed the regime posted snipers drawn from the police or the Syrian-backed Lebanese Hezbollah militia on high points. "When the soldiers do not shoot, they shoot the soldiers down," he said.

The fourth deserter, Walid al-Khalaf, confirmed the perils of insubordination. "We saw six people who tried to flee, our commanders shot them," he said.

Rather than entering Homs on Thursday, Walid al-Khalaf said he chose to escape together with 15 friends.

"I knew that if we entered the city, we should kill many people. We all took different ways (to run away)," he said.

When asked of the prospects for Syria's future, he said he expected the collapse of Assad's regime.

"All the soldiers are stressed out. Either they will flee, or they will change sides," he said.

## **DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?**

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## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **Resistance Action: Basra Police Building Blown Up**



Jun 11, 2011 Reuters & June 12 (Reuters) & June 13 Reuters

BAGHDAD — A bomber rammed his explosive-laden vehicle into a police building in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on Monday, killing three policemen, officials said.

Provincial police chief Brig. Faisal al-Ebadi said the guards opened fire at the bomber's car after he failed to stop. The attacker's vehicle crashed through the gate a few yards (meters) into the police compound in the city's central al-Ashar district before blowing it up.

The blast leveled the wall around the police compound, which houses the rapid reaction unit and general inspector's office, blowing out the windows and destroying several vehicles parked in front. Police and rescuers were seen examining the debris that littered the pavement with broken glasses.

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June 11, 2011: In Mosul two car bombs exploded in quick succession near the government compound. At least one of the bombs seemed aimed at a police patrol. (AP Photo)

Two car bombs exploded in quick succession in a central street of the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on Saturday, killing six people and injuring 60. In an apparently coordinated double bombing, the blasts occurred in a street with many restaurants near the government compound in the main city of Nineveh province. Police said the first bomb targeted an army water tanker truck and then when rescuers came running to help the victims, the second vehicle detonated.

HILLA - Insurgents killed a government-backed Sahwa militia leader and his wife in a town near the city of Hilla, 100 km (60 miles) south of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - One policeman was killed and another wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near a police patrol in another town near Mosul, police said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb wounded three policemen late on Saturday in a street in northeastern Baghdad, an interior ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - A sticky bomb attached to the car of an army officer exploded and wounded him late on Saturday in Baghdad's southern Doura District, the interior ministry source said.

MOSUL - Insurgents shot dead an off-duty Iraqi soldier who was standing in front of his house in the southeast part of the city of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, local police said.

MUSSAYAB - A sticky bomb attached to the car of a policeman exploded and killed him in Mussayab, about 60 km (40 miles) south of Baghdad, local police said.

BAQUBA - Two policemen were killed when insurgents attacked a police checkpoint late on Sunday in Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, local police said.

BAGHDAD - A Baghdad senior municipal official was wounded when a bomb attached to his vehicle exploded late on Sunday in an eastern part of the city, an interior ministry source said.

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

## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Connecticut Soldier Killed In Logar**



U.S. Army Spc. Richard Emmons III, 22, of North Granby, Conn., died May 31, 2011, after a rocket-propelled grenade hit his vehicle in Logar Province, Afghanistan. (AP Photo/U.S. Army)

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June 11, 2011 Reuters

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June 12, 2011 Reuters

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

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## Tucker Given Bronze Star, Purple Heart At His Funeral



Maj. Gen. Joseph Votel stands at attention during funeral services for Army Pvt. Lamarol Tucker on Saturday, May 28, 2011 in Gainesville, Fla., at Passage Family Church. Votel presented the family with Tucker's military awards including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Matt Stamey/Staff photographer

May 28, 2011, By Cindy Swirko, Staff writer, Gainesville.com

Army Pvt. Lamarol Tucker of Gainesville was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and other honors Saturday at his funeral at Passage Family Church in northeast Gainesville — where he was remembered as a quiet but funny man who overcame tragedy to lead soldiers in Afghanistan.

Tucker was killed May 16 in the line of duty when an improvised explosive device hit his vehicle in the Afghan province of Zabul.

“He was an engineer soldier. It was his responsibility to clear the paths for those who are coming behind him,” said Army Maj. Gen. Joseph Votel, who gave the medals to members of Tucker's family. “That fits in with the overall theme we've seen here today. When he was mortally injured, Lamarol was doing everything right and was performing the responsibilities that were asked of him.”

Four soldiers, including Tucker, were on patrol when they were fatally wounded by insurgents who had attacked their unit using an improvised explosive device in the city of Spin Ghbarga, officials said.

Tucker had joined the Army in January 2009 and deployed in April to Afghanistan from Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska, the Army stated.

He was assigned to the 73rd Engineer Company, Brigade Troops Battalion, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division out of Fort Wainwright.

Tucker's 4,000-soldier brigade began deploying to Afghanistan in mid-April, officials said, for a one-year tour.

Tucker, nicknamed Snake, attended Santa Fe High School in Alachua and Lofton High in Gainesville.

He is the son of Lenard Jerome Tucker and the late Janice Elaine Walker.

He was close to his younger brother, Keith Tucker, a Florida State University senior.

Tragedies such as his mother's death were noted by several friends who spoke of Tucker at Saturday's service, which was attended by many military members from various branches of the armed forces.

"We always had each other, no matter what. He was a very special person," said longtime friend Chad Hendricks, who also is in the Army. "He was the most hilarious person you would meet. He grew that sense of humor out of something else — pain in his life. I can't tell you how strong these two brothers were."

Friend Omar Rosario said the two bonded as youngsters over X-men and comic books.

Rosario described Tucker as a loyal, kind and selfless friend.

Pastor Reginald Williams said the Tucker brothers could have easily succumbed to drugs or other problems but instead kept themselves straight and made something of their lives.

"There are so many excuses that folks could offer on why folks may make this or do this or be able to do that. Keith and Snake had every reason not to be successful," Williams said. "Everything you think of happened to these two and yet when folks thought Snake wasn't going to be anything, he rose up and became something."

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## **Family, Neighbors Remember Citrus Heights Airman Killed In Afghanistan**

May 29, 2011 Tihanna McCleese, FOX40 News

CITRUS HEIGHTS—

As a young boy, Kristoffer Solesbee loved helping people. The 32-year-old Airforce Tech Sergeant grew up in Citrus Heights with his father and older sister. He could often be found next door at his grandparents' home or across the street helping his elderly neighbor, Mr. Bud.

“He used to come over and follow me around, as he grew into a teenager he would help me with yard work, he was such a pleasant boy to be around,” Bud says.

Following in his father and grandfather’s footsteps, Solesbee joined the Air Force after graduating from Freedom Christian School in 1996.

As a bomb disposal technician, he spent months in the Middle East helping protect combat troops from explosive devices.

Solesbee was one of two airmen killed by an improvised bomb planted by enemy forces in the Shorak district of Kandahar Province, Afghanistan on May 26th.

“His father called and told me. I was just shocked, it hurts,” says Cleo Reit, the airman’s grandmother. Solesbee was assigned to the 775th Civil Engineer Squadron at Hill Air Force Base in Utah and this was his second tour of duty in Afghanistan.

He had been there since January. His grandmother says he was set to come home in August and was looking forward to reuniting with his wife.

“He was a sweet loving person, it’s a big loss to anyone who knew him. We are sad,” says neighbor Ron Frie.

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## **Macomb County Soldier Among Six Killed In Afghanistan**

May 30, 2011 By Mitch Hotts, For The Daily Tribune

As the nation spends the Memorial Day holiday weekend honoring their military veterans, a Macomb County family is mourning the loss of a soldier who was killed in combat in Afghanistan last week.

Staff Sgt. Ergin V. Osman, who grew up in Harrison Township and Sterling Heights, was one of six soldiers who died May 26 in the battle, according to the Department of Defense.

A news release issued by the Defense Department stated the six were fatally injured when insurgents attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device in Kandahar province.

“He died doing what he loved to do,” said his former wife, Mouna Osman of St. Clair Shores.

“He was a career military man. He served in the Marines and then joined the Army in 2007. This was his second deployment to Afghanistan.”

In addition to Osman, the others killed were 1st Lt. John M. Runkle, 27, of West Salem, Ohio; Staff Sgt. Edward Mills Jr., 29, of New Castle, Pa.; Sgt. Thomas A. Bohall, 25, of

Bel Aire, Kan.; Sgt. Louis Ramos Velazquez, 39, of Camuy, Puerto Rico, and Spc. Adam Patton, 21, of Port Orchard, Wash.

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

Osman, 35, resided in Harrison Township until he was 16 when his family moved to Sterling Heights. A bodybuilder, he graduated from Sterling Heights where he played rugby and lacrosse.

His former wife said he wanted to serve his country because he idolized his father, Mike Osman, who was in the Army's Special Forces also known as the Green Berets.

Ergin Osman, who was Turkish and a Muslim, joined the Marines where he became part of an elite reconnaissance unit and then switched over the Army where he was a top honor graduate in ranger school. "He loved the military and everything it stood for," said Mouna Osman.

The couple had two sons, Aidan, 9, and Zeren, 5. After the couple divorced, the boys stayed with their mother in St. Clair Shores. Ergin Osman later remarried to Private 1st Class Kristin Osman and they resided in Hopkinsville, Ky.

Mouna Osman said she knew something was terribly wrong when two Army representatives and a chaplain knocked on the door of her house last Thursday.

"I know he was gone as soon as I opened the door and saw them in their full uniforms," she said. "They were very patient explaining everything to my sons."

Mouna Osman, who said she has cried for four straight days, encouraged her sons to express their feelings.

The boys erected American flags on the front lawn and drew up a poster with the message "Miss You Daddy" with a hand-drawn image of their father.

"My youngest, Zeren, was upset, he said 'My dad isn't going to see my ball games or see my kindergarten graduation,' but I told him now your Dad can see everything you do all the time."

She said the family is working with Osman's current wife in Kentucky to plan funeral services.

They tentatively are planning on having a funeral in Grand Blanc with burial at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. They may also hold a ceremony at Mac & Ray's Banquet Center in Harrison Township.

In addition to his father, children, wife and former wife, he also is survived by his mother, Sarah Osman of Township, Mich.

According to the Defense Department, his awards and decorations include: Air Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Navy Commendation with Combat Distinguishing Device;

Army Achievement Medal; Navy Achievement Medal with Valor Device; Air Force Meritorious Unit Award Ribbon; Combat Action Ribbon; Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Navy Unit Commendation; Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation; Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Korean Defense Service Medal; Kosovo Campaign Medal with two Bronze Service Stars; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal; Parachutist Badge; Air Assault Badge; and Combat Infantryman Badge and Ranger Tab.

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## Resistance Action:



A bomb explosion in Laghman province Afghanistan June 11, 2011. The explosion late Friday at a satellite television network office in Meherlam city were hit by a second bomb which killed two policemen and wounded nine others, said Faizelullah Patan, a spokesman for the provincial governor. (AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)

6.12.2011 Associated Press

In the eastern province of Khost, a bomber blew himself up outside the local police headquarters in the Shai Kali area, killing three policemen, according to provincial police chief Sadar Mohammad Zazai. Among the dead was a local police chief, Zazai said.

Taliban fighters used machine guns and mortars against the combined force in a mountainous region of Qadis district, Najibi said. Four Afghan soldiers died in the attack, and two others were wounded.

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That is not a good enough reason.**



An injured United States Marine wounded in an IED strike onboard a medevac helicopter from the US Army's 1-214 Aviation Regiment near Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, June 4, 2011. At right is another US Marine who was also wounded in the attack. (AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)



A United States Marine claps fellow injured U.S. Marine on his helmet to say good bye after carrying him to the medevac helicopter from the U.S. Army's 1-214 Aviation Regiment after he got shot in the foot outside Sangin, in the Helmand Province of southern Afghanistan, June 10, 2011. (AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)

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

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

## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

### **Militant Bomb Kills Somali Interior Minister In His Bed**

MOGADISHU, Somalia, June 11 (UPI)

Somalia's al-Shabaab militia said Saturday it killed the interior minister in his own home but denied reports his niece carried out a suicide attack.

Abdishakur Sheik Hassan Farah died Friday during an attempted medical evacuation to Kenya after the Mogadishu explosion.

Shabelle News reported al-Shabaab spokesman Sheik Ali Mohamoud Rage said, "With the help of almighty Allah, our mujahedin successfully sneaked into his home in Mogadishu, planting explosives underneath his bed despite the presence of his vigilant bodyguards."

Officials of the transitional federal government told the BBC Farah's own teenage niece killed him in a bombing, but Rage denied that.

Two people were killed in Mogadishu Friday during protests against a deal signed in Uganda Thursday that would extend the terms of the president and Parliament until June 2012.

**NEED SOME TRUTH?  
CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER**

**Traveling Soldier is the publication of the Military Resistance Organization.**

**Telling the truth - about the occupations or the criminals running the government in Washington - is the first reason for Traveling Soldier. But we want to do more**



than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance to Imperial wars inside the armed forces.

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## MILITARY NEWS

**NOT ANOTHER DAY  
NOT ANOTHER DOLLAR  
NOT ANOTHER LIFE**



The casket of Staff Sgt. Edward D. Mills, Jr. after services, Saturday, June 11, 2011, in New Castle, Pa. According to the Department of Defense, Mills died of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. (AP Photo/Keith Srakocic)



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# **Terminally Stupid Fort Hood Command Gives Huge Powerful Positive Recommendation To Soldiers In Favor Of Iraq Veterans Against The War: Soldiers Have Been Briefed Not To Talk To IVAW Members**



2011-06-10 By Scott Kimball, Iraq Veterans Against The War ([www.ivaw.org/](http://www.ivaw.org/))

From The Streets of Killeen Just outside Fort Hood East Gates

If you were to take a trip down Ft. Hood street in Killeen, you would encounter the same sites of any military town.

You would see pawn shops and title loan businesses. You would come across shady car dealerships and rent-to-own stores.

All of these establishments are in the business of exploiting service members.

However, the most exploitative establishment in Killeen is not a for-profit entity. It is the Fort Hood command.

Operation Recovery organizers have been talking to Ft. Hood soldiers and collecting their testimony.

One common thread is clear: the Ft. Hood command has been negligent in upholding soldiers' right to heal.

So far we have collected hundreds of pledges from service members and their families. We have listened to their stories of their experience with trauma and the lack of response or concern from the military.

Perhaps most concerning is the fact that soldiers have been briefed not to talk to us.

It seems that General Campbell has chosen to ignore our concerns rather than deal with them.

Since he has chosen to not be a partner with us in correcting these wrongdoings, we must do it ourselves.

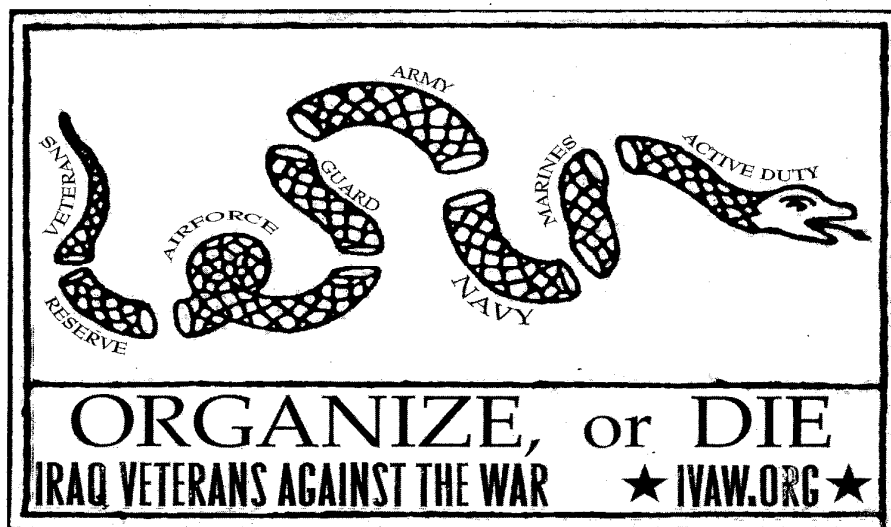
That is why we are down here. We will only be able to uphold soldiers' right to heal when we stand up for ourselves. Each day we become larger and more organized. We are learning from our mistakes and making small victories. Even if it seems so very far into the future, our day will soon come.

**Join us in our fight for the rights of service members and veterans.**

**When divided, we have no power; when together, we are unstoppable. It has only been a couple of weeks into our deployment and we are already a force to be reckoned with.**

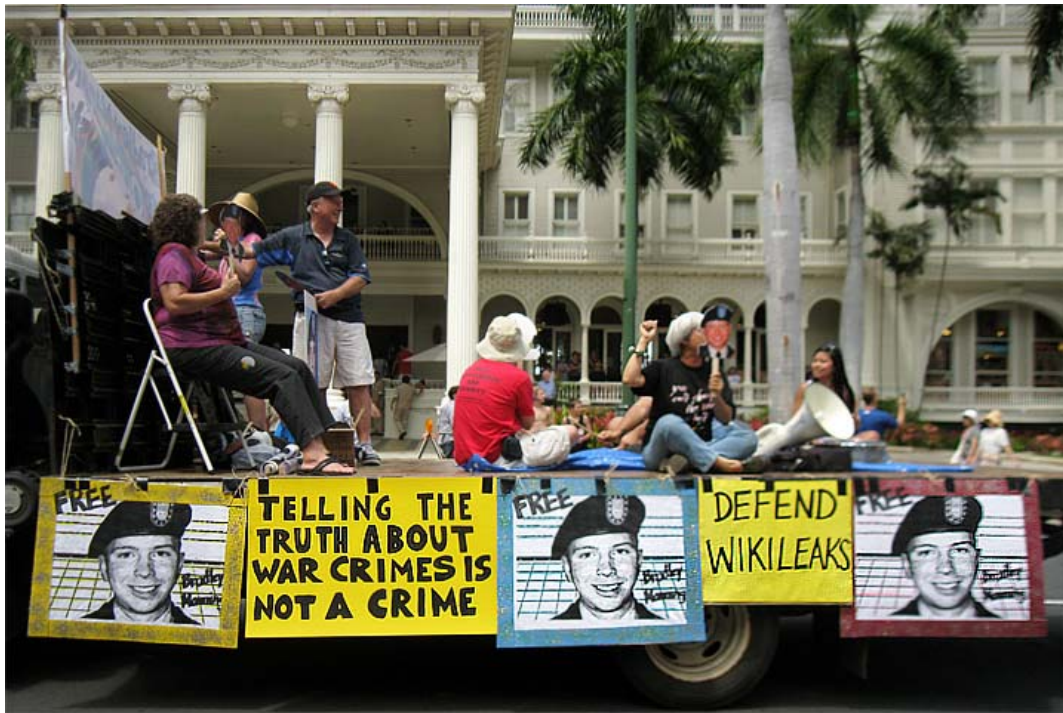
**Join the growing GI rights movement!**

**Stand with us and fight for change!**



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**“A Group Of Soldiers Along The Route Pumped Their Fists In The Air”**  
**“Bradley Manning: Way OUT For Justice’ In The Honolulu Pride Parade”**



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From: worldcantwaitahawai  
Sent: June 06, 2011  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Subject: Bradley Manning Contingent in the Hawaii Pride Parade!

Our contingent to support Bradley Manning in the Honolulu Pride Parade was a great success! Our brilliant banner, glittered photos of Bradley Manning, Bradley Manning masks, chants and drumming made us impossible to miss and we had tremendous support along the route.

As our truck rolled out of Ala Moana Park and into the Pride celebration we wondered whether people would know who Bradley Manning is, and whether there would be support, opposition, or merely puzzled faces.

As we reached the first crowds of people the questions disappeared.

A group of soldiers along the route pumped their fists in the air. Japanese tourists read the signs and clapped in approval.

People turned to each other asking: "Who's Bradley Manning" and others in the group would explain.

All along the route hundreds of cameras and cell phones snapped pictures, flashed us their shakas, and gave us the thumbs-up. We're sure more than a few headed to google to find out more.

World Can't Wait-Hawai'i has organized numerous small events to support Bradley Manning, but this was by far the best.

Until now we've been disappointed by how few people know about his case so we were surprised to see how many people showed quick recognition and support. It was especially heartening to see the response of many Japanese tourists who lined the parade route.

We suspect that even if they didn't immediately recognize Bradley Manning's name, they supported Wikileaks and are aware of the case.

In addition to having a big presence in the parade itself, our contingent was also seen on TV coverage of the celebration that evening.

To many of us Bradley Manning is a hero - a courageous whistleblower who followed his conscience and laid bare the horrendous crimes and machinations of a criminal regime. The U.S. media, however, has attempted to portray him as a disturbed and angry gay man, who betrayed his country as the result of a romantic break-up.

This crowd clearly didn't buy the lie. One group of celebrants along the parade route began dancing and singing "Bradley Manning: Waaayyy OUT for Justice!"

Honolulu's Pride Parade is the first of many that will be held across the country during the month of June (and beyond). World Can't Wait Hawai'i is encouraging Bradley's supporters in other cities to build their own contingents in their parades to spread the slogan and build support for his case at these parades and celebrations, and have a lot of fun as well. Based on our experience, we expect they'll receive an enthusiastic response.



[www.bradleymanning](http://www.bradleymanning)

Send letters of support to:  
Bradley Manning 89289  
830 Sabalu Road  
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

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*Welcome To The Occupied USA:*

## **TSA Thug Grabs Crotch Of Wounded Vet:**

**“TSA Morons Who Have Proven  
Themselves Prone To Predatory,  
Perverted And Criminal Behavior Have  
No Place In A Free Society”**

May 27, 2011 Paul Joseph Watson, Prison Planet.com

Two injured US military veterans traveling to a ceremony to honor the lives of fallen friends who gave their lives to protect the rights enshrined in the Constitution were harassed by TSA thugs, with one of them having his crotch grabbed, according to David Bellow, an Army National Guardsman and a State Republican Executive Committeeman.

“One of the wounded warriors, a friend of mine who personally told me what happened, has bullet fragments in his leg. The other wounded warrior has shrapnel in his face,” wrote Bellow on the Texas GOP Vote website.

The TSA agents responded to the men having set off metal detectors by interrogating them about what they were hiding in their bodies.

“What are you hiding in your face?” screamed one.

**“My friend told me that one TSA agent came up to him and asked what he was hiding in his leg, but before my friend could answer he said that the TSA agent grabbed him, without notice, right in the crotch area as if trying to find something hidden,” writes Bellow.**

When the TSA goon grabbed his crotch and didn't let go, the veteran felt inclined to lash out violently but was somehow able to control his fury.

This story is just one of hundreds if not thousands of examples that underscores the fact that low-grade TSA morons who have proven themselves prone to predatory, perverted and criminal behavior have no place in a free society.

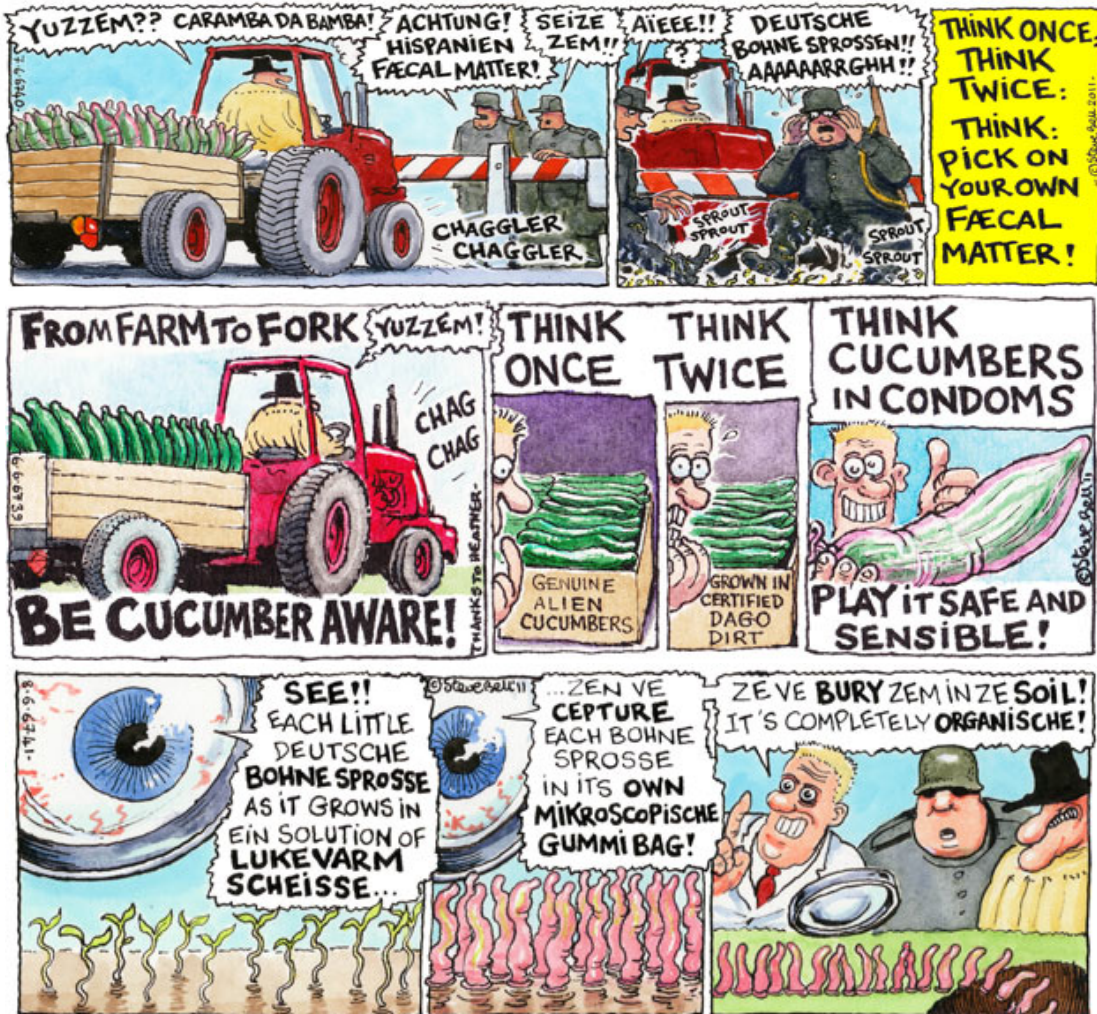
Airports need to act now by kicking out the TSA and replacing them with private security.

**But it's not just airports that are being manned by this cadre of cretins – sports stadiums, prom nights, highways, bus terminals and train stations are all being patrolled by this literal occupying army that is turning America into a checkpoint-festooned police state.**



Efforts in Texas to pass a law that would have made TSA groping a felony, scuttled at the last minute by a threat of financial terrorism on behalf of the feds that would have imposed a no fly zone over the state, are now being replicated nationwide as the growing resistance movement against TSA tyranny accelerates.

## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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## **CLASS WAR REPORTS**

### **The Future Confronts The Past: “A Wave Of Similar Protests Spread To Other Major European Cities”**



Anti-government demonstration outside the town hall during the swearing-in ceremony of Spanish Popular Party's candidate for Seville Mayor Juan Ignacio Zoido in Seville June 11, 2011. Spaniards protesting over the handling of the country's economic crisis continue to keep their tents in central city squares this week, as a wave of similar protests spread to other major European cities. REUTERS/Javier Diaz

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## Ten Thousand Greeks Rally At Parliament To Condemn Government For Corruption, Cuts In Benefits And Wages



More than ten thousand people protesters stand in front of parliament during a rally against cuts in benefits and wages for workers and government corruption, in Athens' Syntagma (Constitution) square June 12, 2011. REUTERS/John Kolesidis

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## Thousands March Against Government In Morocco



Thousands marched through Morocco's economic capital with signs demanding 'Bread, Freedom, Dignity and Human', and 'Yes people have to chose the constitution', during a rally organized by the 20th February, the Moroccan Arab Spring movement in Casablanca, Morocco, June 12, 2011. Protesters called for greater democracy and an end to corruption. (AP Photo/Abdeljalil Bounhar)



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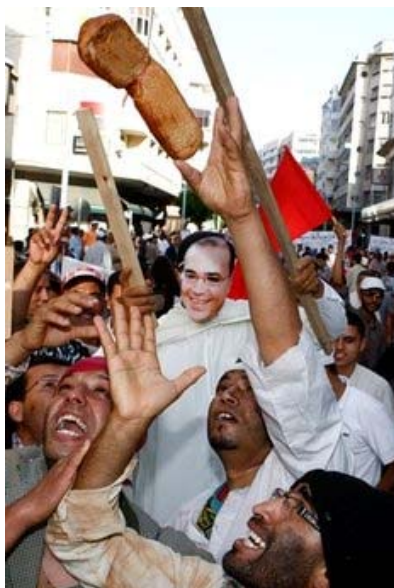
## **Killed By The Moroccan Royal Dictatorship**



6.12.11: Moroccan anti-government protesters in Casablanca shout as they hold a poster of Kamal Al-Amri, a member of Morocco's opposition, who was attacked by government forces during a pro-reform demonstration and died May 29. (AP Photo/Abdeljalil Bounhar)

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## **“Portraying A High Government Official Dangling Bread Over Moroccan People”**



Activists parody Morocco's government corruption with one in a mask portraying a high government official dangling bread over Moroccan people during a rally organized by the 20<sup>th</sup> February, the Moroccan Arab Spring movement in Casablanca, Morocco, June 12, 2011, in a mass popular call to bring more democracy into this North African kingdom. (AP Photo/Abdeljalil Bounhar)

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## **“Tens Of Thousands” Of Iranians March Against The Government: “The People’s Anger And Resentment Against The Government Is Bottling Up, And It Will Erupt Without A Doubt”**

JUNE 13, 2011 By FARNAZ FASSIHI, Wall St. Journal [Excerpts]

BEIRUT—Tens of thousands of Iranians marked the second anniversary of the 2009 turbulent presidential elections that sparked an uprising with a nationwide silent march against the government on Sunday.

In Tehran about 15,000 people congregated along the capital's famous Vali Asr Avenue, historically the scene of opposition protests, on late Sunday afternoon, quietly marching up and down the sidewalk, witnesses said. Similar protests were planned in other cities.

Security forces, in uniform and plain clothes, lined the streets trying to disperse the crowd, according to witnesses. On several occasions, antiriot police attacked protesters with electric batons and plain-clothes Basij militia on motorcycles screamed slurs at the crowd to provoke them, according to witnesses.

Opposition websites reported that at least 100 people had been arrested in Tehran by being shoved into buses and driven to unknown locations. Internet and mobile networks were disrupted throughout the day in Tehran and other big cities, and journalists were banned from covering the event.

**On Sunday a political activist and journalist Reza Hoda Saber, 52, died from heart complications due to a hunger strike in Evin prison where he was serving a jail sentence since July 2010. Mr. Saber's family said authorities refused to give them his body, and security forces had besieged family and friends gathered outside the hospital where Mr. Saber died.**

Sunday's protest was the first time since March that the Green Movement opposition had called its supporters to the streets.

Since President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was re-elected amid accusations of vote fraud in 2009, Iran's regime has been deeply fractured. Two years on, the regime faces two

political battles: a power struggle within the conservative establishment over control and a legitimacy crisis with the public.

Although the government's systematic crackdowns have handicapped the Green Movement and reduced its street presence, analysts say the opposition is still alive and waiting for momentum and opportunity.

"The people's anger and resentment against the government is bottling up, and it will erupt without a doubt," said Fatemeh Haghigatjoo, a political analyst and former parliament member.

**On the eve of the protest on Saturday night, chants of "God is great" and "Death to dictator" shouted from rooftops rocked many neighborhoods across Tehran, witnesses said. Some targeted Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei shouting, "Khamenei knows his time is up."**

But on Sunday witnesses said protesters respected the call to a silent march and would sometimes just flash a victory sign or whisper "Freedom" as they walked passed each other.

"We tried to stay calm and proud. You could feel the security forces were desperate because they didn't know what to do with us," said Rayhaneh, a 22-year-old college student in Tehran.

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## **Third Explosion Over The Past Three Weeks Hits Government Offices In China: Violent Incidents Spreading To Urban Areas "Highlight Growing Public Anger At Official Corruption And Abuse Of Power" In China**



Hundreds of protesters confront riot police at a township in Zengcheng near the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou in the evening of June 12, 2011. Riot police fired tear gas over the weekend to disperse rampaging migrant workers in southern China who were protesting over the mistreatment of a young pregnant street hawker by security guards, media reports said on Monday. Picture taken June 12, 2011. REUTERS/Apple Daily



A burnt police vehicle on a street in Xintang, near Guangzhou, Guangdong province in this June 11, 2011 photo. Riot police fired tear gas to disperse rampaging migrant workers in southern China protesting over the mistreatment of a pregnant street hawker by security guards. Picture taken June 11, 2011. REUTERS/Stringer

**The recent events illustrate the scale and the complexity of the problems China's leaders face amid public anger over issues including land and labor rights, corruption, inflation, property prices, and scandals over food and the environment.**

JUNE 13, 2011 By JEREMY PAGE in Beijing and JAMES T. AREDDY in Shanghai, Wall St. Journal [Excerpts]

**A man set off at least one bomb outside a local government headquarters in northeastern China, state media reported, the latest in a spate of violent incidents that highlight growing public anger at official corruption and abuse of power.**

The blast, in the port city of Tianjin, slightly injured two people, the state-run Xinhua news agency said.

Some state media reports said the man, identified only by his surname, Lin, was carrying 20 handmade bombs—each roughly the shape of a soda can—and had thrown four of them at the government building in Tianjin, about 60 miles east of Beijing. The reports didn't make clear how many of the bombs had exploded, or give further details. Local officials contacted declined to comment.

It was the third explosion at government facilities over the past three weeks.

The attack occurred just over two weeks after a 52-year-old man identified as Qian Mingqi was blamed for three blasts in the city of Fuzhou in the southern province of Jiangxi. Mr. Qian, who was killed in one of the blasts, had expressed frustration in an Internet posting over his inability to win redress for an "illegally removed" building in 2002 and threatened: "I could take action I don't want to take."

**Police have also faced violent unrest among migrant street vendors in one southern city and among residents of another city in central China in the last few days.**

**The unrest comes as China's government, unnerved by Mideast unrest, is in the midst of a sustained crackdown on dissent ahead of a once-a-decade leadership change next year.**

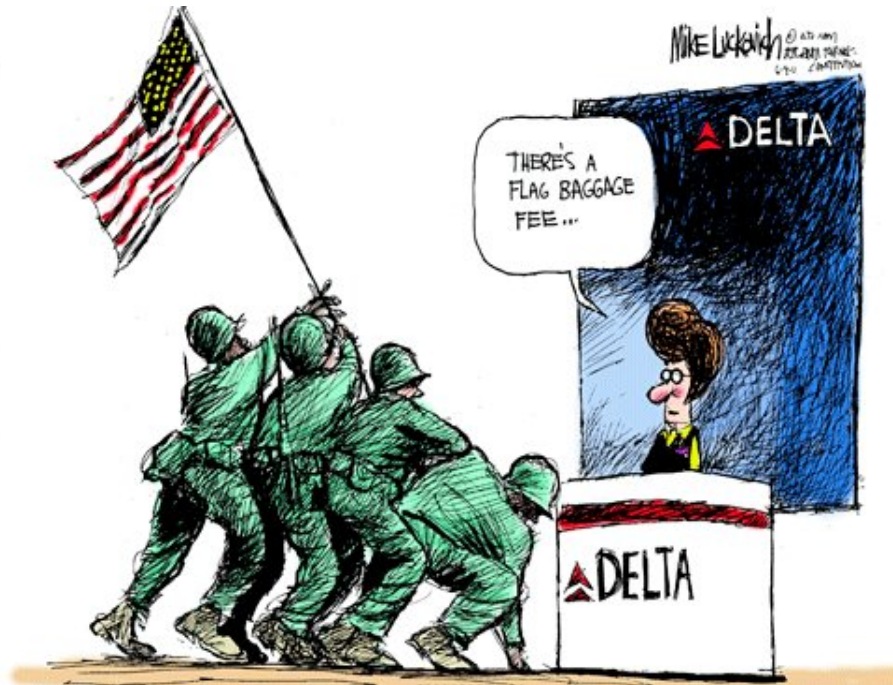
Incidents of unrest used to be concentrated in rural areas, experts say, but are increasingly happening in cities, too.

The series of blasts at government facilities are especially worrying for China's leaders as explosives—chemicals for which are widely available across the country—are not frequently used in such protests and could trigger copycat attacks, analysts say.

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