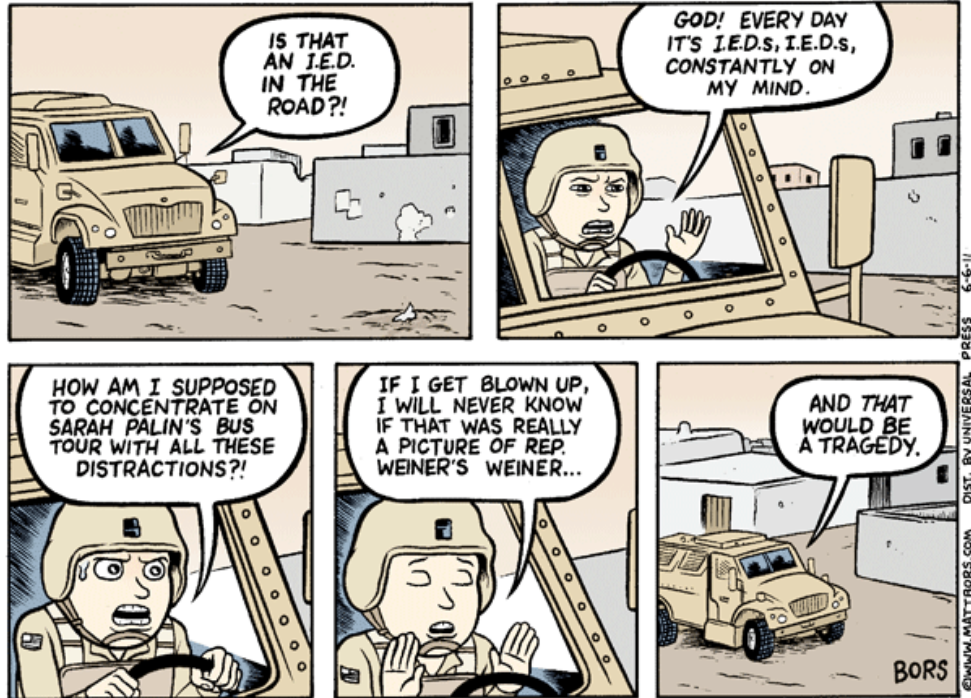


## Military Resistance 9F9



## IRAQ WAR REPORTS

# Resistance Action Escalates: Two More U.S. Soldiers Killed In Iraq War: Eight American Soldiers Have Been Killed So Far This Month

06/14/11 REBECCA SANTANA and SAMEER N. YACOUB, Associated Press & June 15 (Reuters)

Two U.S. soldiers were killed Monday during operations in southern Iraq, U.S. military officials said.

They died June 13 in Wasit province, Iraq, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device.

The new deaths bring to 4,462 the number of American service members who have died in Iraq since the war began in 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Eight American soldiers have been killed so far this month.

BASRA - U.S. military helicopters fired on suspected militia fighters in southern Iraq, killing one and wounding two in response to a rocket attack on an airport in Basra, 420 km (260 miles) southeast of Baghdad, the U.S. military said.

**MORE:**

## **Insurgents Kill Lt. General In Baghdad And Storm Diyala Provincial Council Building: “U.S.-Assisted Iraqi Forces Regained Control Of The Building”**

06/14/11 Reuters & New York Times & By REBECCA SANTANA and SAMEER N. YACOUB, Associated Press & June 15 (Reuters)

**BAGHDAD - Insurgents using silenced weapons killed an army lieutenant-general as he was driving in his car in the northern Baghdad district of Binoog, an interior ministry source said.**

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**BAQUBA - Insurgents and bombers on Tuesday stormed the Diyala provincial council government compound in a complex attack after exploding a car bomb outside, killing at least 8 people and wounding 25 before U.S.-assisted Iraqi forces regained control of the building in Baquba, 65 miles (40 km) northeast of Baghdad, police and officials said.**

The attack began at 9:20 a.m. when a car bomb exploded at the gates leading into the Diyala provincial councils headquarters.

Some of the assailants were disguised as policemen, while one was wearing traditional Arab dress, the Ministry of Interior said in a statement.

As police officers raced to the blast, at least three militants attacked a second checkpoint, one detonating a vest while the others sprayed guards and civilians with gunfire. The Interior Ministry said that a second car bomb was also used in the attack.

**By the time Iraqi security forces regained control of the compound about two hours later, four civilians and three police officers were dead.**

Three of the attackers were also killed.

Delair Hassan, a member of the provincial councils security committee, said officials in Diyala had been warned months ago about the possibility of an attack.

**We were not surprised, he said. The security forces were not ready, even though they knew about it.**

Television coverage obtained by The Associated Press from a local station showed at least three dead bodies on the bloodstained ground of the building's reception office. Shattered glass and rubble were strewn everywhere.

An Iraqi employee, Ibrahim al-Sahmkhani, said he was in his room with some guests drinking tea when he heard explosions and gunshots. He ran to the window in time to see two rifle-wielding assailants running toward a building while a guard opened fire on them. One of the men fell to the ground while the other blew himself up, al-Sahmkhani said.

The explosion shattered his windows and al-Sahmkhani hid inside the room along with the guests and employees already there.

About 15 minutes later, a policeman entered the room and told employees to flee. Then insurgents outside opened fire on them. As the policeman fired back and bullets flew overhead, al-Sahmkhani and the group fled the room.

He spoke from a nearby hospital where doctors were removing shrapnel from his thigh. He said he would return to work.

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BAGHDAD - Insurgents in a speeding car used silenced weapons to kill the manager of the legal department of Baghdad provincial council, Laith Ahmed, who was in his car in central Baghdad, an interior ministry source said.

MOSUL - Insurgents using silenced weapons killed a policeman in western Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

KIRKUK - Insurgents carrying silenced weapons shot dead a former Iraqi Army brigadier inside his car late on Monday in southern Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - Insurgents using silenced weapons killed two soldiers in the Jamiaa district in the west of the city, the interior ministry source said.

RASHAD - At least 10 Iraqi army soldiers were wounded when a mortar round landed at their checkpoint in the town of Rashad, near Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - Insurgents in a speeding car attacked an Iraqi army checkpoint and killed two soldiers in eastern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - Insurgents using silenced weapons attacked an Iraqi military checkpoint and killed one soldier in Baghdad's northwestern Shula district, an interior ministry source said.

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END THE OCCUPATION**

## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Foreign Occupation “Servicemember” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced**

June 15, 2011 Reuters

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

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### **Friends Remember Cohocton Native Devin Snyder**



The remains of Spc. Devin A. Snyder at Dover Air Force Base, Del., Monday. According to the Department of Defense, Snyder, of Cohocton, died while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. AP

Jun 07, 2011 By Andrew Poole, Hornell Evening Tribune

Cohocton, N.Y. — There isn't just one memory of Devin Snyder that stands out to Micalah Sick. It might be when Sick, now 17, was in eighth grade and looked up to Snyder as both a soccer player and mentor. It might be later, when the two would drive to the Food Mart and wolf down popsicles before track practice.

Regardless, Sick, a senior at Wayland-Cohocton, knows what Snyder's place is with her and in the Cohocton community.

"She was my hero. I looked up to her. If I needed to talk to anybody, she'd listen. She helped me grow up," said Sick. "She's a local hero. She'll always be a hero for us."

Two days after Snyder, 20, was killed by an improvised explosive device while serving as a specialist in the U.S. Army Military Police in Afghanistan, flags across Cohocton hovered at half-mast in mourning. Town Supervisor Jack Zigenfus said flags would remain at half-mast until the completion of Snyder's funeral services.

Snyder, a Cohocton native, was deployed to Afghanistan in April, and due to come home for two weeks in July.

In Monday's Tribune, family members remembered her as strong-willed and compassionate, whose heart was always set on joining the service.

"She would give somebody the shirt off her back," said her mother, Dineen Snyder, in Monday's Tribune. "She would have taken a bullet for anybody."

Part of a family with a long line of service, Snyder spoke of joining the military throughout high school. Her father, Ed Snyder, is a U.S. Navy veteran, and her sister Natasha Snyder, 23, is serving in the navy and her brother Damien Snyder, 19, is serving in the U.S. Army.

"That was going to be her career. She wanted this since high school and she was the type of person who know what she wanted and worked her butt off for it," said her uncle, Ron Snyder, in Monday's Tribune.

Sara Stone, 20, a friend and teammate of Snyder's in high school who has lived across the street from the Snyder family for two years, said it was unbelievable Snyder was killed.

"She was always strong about everything, in every situation," said Stone. "I hadn't talked with her in a couple years. I wished I had."

Two of Snyder's soccer coaches, Julie Martin and Bill Sick, remembered her as a player whose fiery energy inspired teammates.

"She was a very spirited girl. She had a little spittfire in her. She put her heart and soul into whatever she did. If she was going to do something, she was going to do it all out and not hold back," said Martin.

“Whatever anybody needed, she’d do without hesitation. That was her nature,” added Bill Sick.

Wayland-Cohocton Superintendent Michael Wetherbee said the school was planning on honoring Snyder, but wanted to work with her family on the memorial.

“A lot stood out about Devin,” said Wetherbee. “She was a wonderful young lady in high school, a very, very good athlete in soccer and track, and an extremely likeable student when she was here.

“Obviously, she came from a family where military service is important. We put the highest regard on students who want to pursue that noble profession.”

Area politicians also expressed their grief and appreciation for Snyder’s sacrifice and their support for her family.

“It’s always troublesome to me when war hits home, when our young men and women pay the ultimate sacrifice,” said Congressman Tom Reed in a conference call Monday. “My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.”

State Senator Tom O’Mara, R- Big Flats, also expressed his sadness at Snyder’s death in a release Monday.

“I know that I join the community of Cohocton and the residents of Steuben County and our entire region in mourning Devin’s passing and in expressing our enduring gratitude and respect for her service,” he said.

Snyder is survived by her parents, Ed and Dineen Snyder; two brothers, Derek (Mariah) Snyder, 28, and Damien Snyder, 19; a sister, Natasha Snyder, 23; and a niece, Ariel.

Funeral arrangements are still incomplete as of Monday afternoon, but will be handled by Walter E. Baird & Sons Funeral Home in Wayland.

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## **PR Medic Killed In Afghanistan Blast**

May 29, 2011 By CB Online Staff, Casiano Communications Inc. [Excerpts]

A combat medic from Camuy was among six U.S. military members killed in Afghanistan when their unit was hit by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan, the Defense Department said Sunday.

The Pentagon said on Memorial Day that 39-year-old Sgt. Louie A. Ramos Velázquez, of Camuy, and five of his comrades died Thursday of wounds from the attack in Kandahar province.

Ramos Velázquez was a combat medic who joined the Army in December 2006 and arrived at Fort Campbell in September 2007.

Ramos Velázquez is survived by his parents, wife, two children. Family members said he joined the Army in search of better economic opportunities to support his family.

His body is expected to be brought back to Puerto Rico for burial within a week.

The other soldiers killed were: 27-year-old 1st Lt. John M. Runkle of West Salem, Ohio; 29-year-old Staff Sgt. Edward D. Mills Jr. of New Castle, Pa.; 35-year-old Staff Sgt. Ergin V. Osman of Jacksonville, N.C.; 25-year-old Sgt. Thomas A. Bohall of Bel Aire, Kan.; and 21-year-old Spc. Adam J. Patton of Port Orchard, Wash.

The Army says six soldiers were assigned to Fort Campbell, Ky.

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

The deaths were announced as Maj. Gen. John Campbell, who oversees the 101st Airborne, sent a letter to the Hopkinsville, Ky., and Clarksville, Tenn., communities that surround the sprawling post on the Kentucky-Tennessee line.

It was the second time in as many months that a Puerto Rican soldier was killed in action in Afghanistan.

José M. Caraballo Pietri, 32, of Yauco, died of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire in the Badghis province of Afghanistan in April.

He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 84th Field Artillery Regiment, 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Baumholder, Germany.

### **More than 100 Puerto Rican military members have been killed in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.**

As of Tuesday, at least 1,474 members of the U.S. military had died in Afghanistan as a result of the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001, according to an Associated Press count.

At least 1,218 military service members have died in Afghanistan as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Outside of Afghanistan, the department reports at least 99 more members of the U.S. military died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Of those, 11 were the result of hostile action.

The AP count of total OEF casualties outside of Afghanistan is one fewer than the department's tally.

The Defense Department also counts two military civilian deaths.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Afghanistan, 11,541 U.S. service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department.

As of Tuesday, at least 4,452 members of the U.S. military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The figure includes nine military civilians killed in action.

At least 3,506 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 32,102 U.S. service members have been wounded in hostile action.

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## Wyoming Marine Dies In Afghanistan



Lance Cpl. Sean O'Connor

[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes "So sad."]

June 14, 2011 By WILLIAM BROWNING Star-Tribune staff writer

A young Sean O'Connor had been talking about joining the armed forces. When he decided on the U.S. Marine Corps, he told his father.

"I was pretty shocked and pretty damn proud of him all at the same time," Daniel O'Connor, who spent more than a decade in the Marine Corps, said of his only son's decision.

"How could you not be?" he added.

Sean, a Douglas resident, joined in May 2007 and was scheduled to leave the Corps this year.



On Sunday afternoon, there was a knock at Daniel O'Connor's door. Before words could be spoken, the Marine veteran knew what heartbreaking news lay behind the knock.

"It's unmistakable," he said Monday.

Lance Cpl. Sean M. O'Connor, 22, died Sunday while conducting combat operations in Helmand, Afghanistan.

He was a rifleman assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Pendleton, Calif., according to a media release from the U.S. Marine Corps.

On Monday, Daniel O'Connor remembered his son.

"He affected a lot of people in a lot of positive ways," he said. "He would help someone at the drop of a hat, regardless of who they were."

"There's nothing he wouldn't have done for his (military) brothers," he said.

Sean O'Connor was the second Marine killed in a week from his Camp Pendleton unit, which was assigned to the insurgent stronghold of Sangin, Afghanistan.

The Douglas resident's death was the third casualty suffered by the battalion since it took command of the Helmand province town in April.

On Monday, Douglas Mayor Bruce Jones did not hesitate when asked about O'Connor.

"He's our hometown hero," Jones said, adding that the city has already begun planning to honor him. "He served his country, he died for his country. There's no bigger honor than that."

O'Connor was born at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. His family moved to Douglas when he was 7 years old. He graduated from Douglas High School, where he was a member of the swim team, in 2007.

Barbara Williams' family had known O'Connor since he was in fourth grade.

"We're all emotional right now," she said through tears Monday. "Sean is our hero."

Williams, who said she thought of O'Connor as part of her family, described him as an outgoing person who was always fun to be around and who would do anything for his family and friends.

"He lived for life," she said. "He was the kind of kid who everybody couldn't help but love. He just loved life."

Daniel O'Connor said he last talked to his son roughly a month ago. They talked about the Corps, he said, and Sean's plans after he had served his country.

At an earlier time, he had asked Sean if he believed in the mission in Afghanistan. He responded, his father said, that he did.

“And I believe every bit of it,” Daniel O’Connor said.

Sean O’Connor’s personal service awards include the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal and Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

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## **Two Swedish Soldiers Wounded In Afghanistan**

2011-06-13 Stockholm News

Two Swedish soldiers were lightly injured in connection with an explosion in north Afghanistan at 6pm Swedish time.

The soldiers were on foot patrol when the explosion erupted. There was no fire fight in connection to this. The Swedish military do not know what was behind this. “It could have been a mine, a home-made bomb or a handgrenade. We don’t know at present.” says Pelle Vamstad, press officer of the Swedish Afghanistan force.

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

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

**“A Mortar Shell Narrowly Missed  
One Of The Country’s Vice  
Presidents At A Police Training  
Center”**

# The Gathering Near Kabul Was “To Celebrate The Opening Of The Training Center”

## “Bodyguards Rushed Afghan And Foreign Military Officials Into A Hardened Shelter Before Evacuating Them On Helicopters”



Afghan police officers duck for cover after a mortar hit the compound of the National Police Training Center during an inauguration ceremony in central Wardak province, Afghanistan, June 15, 2011. (AP Photo/Gemunu Amarasinghe)

June 15, 2011 By JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press [Excerpts]

**MAIDAN SHAR, Afghanistan — Bombings near an Afghan governor’s office and an administrative building killed 11 people Wednesday, while a mortar shell narrowly missed one of the country’s vice presidents at a police training center outside the capital.**

Wednesday’s gathering near Kabul, to celebrate the opening of the training center, was also attended by the interior minister, who is in charge of police forces nationwide.

**In the northeast, a bomber exploded about 220 yards (200 meters) from the office of Governor Azizul Rahman Tawab seven; five of them were policemen.**

Another bomber killed three civilians in an attack against an administrative building in Paktia province, a restive area of eastern Afghanistan.

The bomber was wearing an explosives vest and blew himself up just outside the front gate of a district headquarters near the border with Pakistan, said Allah Gul Ahmadzai, chief of the Sayed Karam district.

**The mortar strike in central Wardak province, near the capital of Kabul, did not cause casualties, but it crashed down just next to a building where Afghanistan's second vice president, Mohammed Karim Khalili, and Interior Minister Bismullah Khan Mohammadi were attending a police ceremony along with NATO officials.**

**They were celebrating the opening of the flagship center of a multibillion dollar NATO program to train Afghan national security forces before a planned withdrawal of U.S.-led coalition forces at the end of 2014.**

**The deafening blast shook the building and more than 500 police recruits ducked for cover. Gunshots rang out after the attack.**

Bodyguards rushed Afghan and foreign military officials into a hardened shelter before evacuating them on helicopters.

**It was unclear if Khalili, who was born in Wardak, was the intended target of the attack, but the mortar shell seemed to have been aimed at the building where he had just finished delivering an address.**

The \$106 million facility currently houses 725 recruits but will expand to 3,000, making it the largest facility of its kind in the country. A mostly U.S. funded program set aside \$10 billion a year for 2010 and 2011 alone to train, equip and build infrastructure for a range of Afghan forces, including police, soldiers and an air force.

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**U.S. Command Fights Taliban  
By Organizing Murderous,  
Thieving Filth They Call A  
Militia:  
When Two School Officers  
Refused To Pay Them Off They  
Beat "Both Men With Rifle Butts In**

# **Front Of The Students Until They Fell Unconscious” “Both School Officials Were Hospitalized And Are In Comas” “A Favorite Initiative Of The Gen. David H. Petraeus, Who Considers It A Key Part Of His Counterinsurgency Strategy”**

June 13, 2011 By ROD NORDLAND, New York Times [Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan — Ghulam Hazrat should be a poster boy for the peaceful reintegration of insurgents who want to switch sides.

Six months ago he was a Taliban commander in the troubled Imam Sahib district of northern Kunduz Province. Now he and 10 of his followers are in the process of becoming police officers, at which point the government will start paying them salaries.

In the meantime, however, Mr. Hazrat is raising money the same way he did as a Taliban commander, by imposing an “Islamic tax” on people in his district.

The American-financed program aims to convert insurgents into village self-defense forces called Afghan Local Police, distinct from the existing national police force.

It is a favorite initiative of the NATO commander in Afghanistan, Gen. David H. Petraeus, who considers it a key part of his counterinsurgency strategy.

“The government is telling me to fight the Taliban and protect your area so we must ask people for help in order to take care of myself and my friends,” he said in an interview.

He and other militiamen who have declared for the government and hope to join the local police, a group known as *arbakai*, insist that people give the money voluntarily.

Judging by the public outcry, however, the donors see things differently.

They are often forced to hand over a tenth of their earnings, just as they were when the Taliban ran things.

**In Kunduz, where the police training program has been operating since late last year, radio talk shows have been flooded by angry callers complaining about the *arbakai* militias, meetings of elders have denounced their behavior, and even provincial government officials have expressed concern.**

But it has aroused concern among aid workers and United Nations officials, who say it risks empowering local warlords who have little regard for human rights or proper behavior.

**A recent study by Oxfam and three other nongovernment groups concluded that the program had “in all cases failed to provide effective community policing,” and has instead produced forces that have “generally been feared by the communities they are supposed to protect.”**

The controversy in Kunduz arose just as farmers began harvesting their crops, only to find that many of the new arbakai groups, armed and acting as a de facto police force before they had begun the training program, were demanding their tithes.

“We have many times said through local television that no one should give anything to anyone, and arbakai have no right to collect Islamic tax,” said Sarwar Hussaini, the spokesman for the Kunduz Province police chief.

But refusing to pay can have consequences.

The headmaster and assistant headmaster of the Haji Mir Alam girls’ school in the provincial capital, Kunduz city, refused.

Two arbakai commanders with 30 armed men stormed the school on Wednesday, beating both men with rifle butts in front of the students until they fell unconscious, according to Muhammad Zahir Nazam, head of the provincial education department.

Both school officials were hospitalized and are in comas, he said, and the school has been closed.

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## **REALLY BAD PLACE TO BE: ALL HOME NOW**



A helicopter with the US marines in a heavy sandstorm is trying to land near a US Army soldiers black hawk helicopter inside camp near Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, June 4, 2011. (AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)



A wounded Marine gives the thumbs-up to a U.S. Army flight medic on a medevac helicopter from the U.S. Army's 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)



June 12, 2011: US Marines from 1st Battalion 5th Marines carry a comrade with a gunshot wound to the foot in central Sangin district, Helmand province. (AFP/Claire Truscott)



A wounded Marine gets a good bye hug from a fellow Marine on a medevac helicopter from the US Army's 1-214 Aviation Regiment after suffering shrapnel wounds to his head, outside Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, June 12, 2011. (AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)

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## 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**

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

## **The Quiet Surge**



From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011  
Subject: The Quiet Surge

**The Quiet Surge**

More American veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan have committed suicide than have been killed in combat. I have rarely met a Vietnam veteran who did not know of another Vietnam veteran who committed suicide. A close vet friend hanged himself in a motel room four years ago. Another vet friend died homeless. Another vet friend died in a head-on car collision. His mother told me he had been very depressed about Vietnam.

So, while all of these suicides are happening, the VA and the Pentagon are lying about everything. When I put the M-16 under the chin of this toy soldier, I vividly remembered the night I went into a tent and tried to save the life of a 19 year-old soldier who blew his brains out with his M-16.

That was 40 years ago.  
Now it is happening all over again.  
Again and again,  
Lying is the most powerful weapon in war.

Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
June 13, 2011

“The only thing worse than death is betrayal.”  
-- Malcolm X

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

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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### Welcome To The Occupied USA

**Federal Education Police Break Down Family's Door At 6 AM:  
"Kenneth Wright Does Not Have A Criminal Record And He Had No Reason To Believe Why What He Thought Was A S.W.A.T. Team Would Be Breaking Down His Door"**

**"Officers Also Woke His Three Young Children, Ages 3, 7, And 11, And Put**

# **Them In A Stockton Police Patrol Car With Him”**

## **“They Put Me In Handcuffs In That Hot Patrol Car For Six Hours, Traumatizing My Kids”**

[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: “kinda scary.”]

Jun 8, 2011 Written by C. Johnson Written & Leigh Paynter, News10/KXTV

STOCKTON, CA - A federal education official Wednesday morning offered little information as to why federal agents raided a Stockton man's home Tuesday.

The resident, Kenneth Wright, does not have a criminal record and he had no reason to believe why what he thought was a S.W.A.T. team would be breaking down his door at 6 in the morning.

“I look out of my window and I see 15 police officers,” Wright said.

As Wright came downstairs in his boxer shorts, he said the officers barged through his front door. Wright said an officer grabbed him by the neck and led him outside on his front lawn.

“He had his knee on my back and I had no idea why they were there,” Wright said.

**According to Wright, officers also woke his three young children, ages 3, 7, and 11, and put them in a Stockton police patrol car with him. Officers then searched his house.**

**“They put me in handcuffs in that hot patrol car for six hours, traumatizing my kids,” Wright said.**

**As it turned out, the person law enforcement was looking for - Wright's estranged wife - was not there.**

Wright said he later went to Stockton Mayor Ann Johnston and Stockton Police Department, but learned the city of Stockton had nothing to do with the search warrant.

**U.S. Department of Education spokesman Justin Hamilton confirmed for News10 Wednesday morning federal agents with the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), not local S.W.A.T., served the search warrant.**

Hamilton would not say specifically why the raid took place except that it was part of an ongoing criminal investigation.

Hamilton said the search was not related to student loans in default as reported in the local media.

OIG is a semi-independent branch of the education department that executes warrants for criminal offenses such as student aid fraud, embezzlement of federal aid and bribery, according to Hamilton. The agency serves 30 to 35 search warrants a year.

**“They busted down my door for this,” Wright said. “It wasn’t even me.”**

The Stockton Police Department said it was asked by federal agents to provide one officer and one patrol car just for a police presence when carrying out the search warrant.

Police officers did not participate in breaking Wright’s door, handcuffing him, or searching his home.

“All I want is an apology for me and my kids and for them to get me a new door,” Wright said.

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## **And Here Is The Cure For This Enemy That Now Governs Us:**

**July 4, 1776**

**Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.**

**But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.**

### **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.**

## CLASS WAR REPORTS



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# “A Wave Of Violent Unrest In Urban Areas Of China”

“Public Anger Over Economic And Political Grievances”

“In 2007, China Had More Than 80,000 ‘Mass Incidents’”

“Leaked Official Figures Put Such Incidents At 127,000 In 2008”

# A “Simultaneous Challenge To Social Order In Several Cities From The Industrial North To The Export-Oriented South”

JUNE 14, 2011 By JEREMY PAGE, Wall St. Journal [Excerpts]

**BEIJING—A wave of violent unrest in urban areas of China over the past three weeks is testing the Communist Party’s [translation: Capitalist Dictatorship Party’s] efforts to maintain control over an increasingly complex and fractious society, forcing it to repeatedly deploy its massive security forces to contain public anger over economic and political grievances.**

The simultaneous challenge to social order in several cities from the industrial north to the export-oriented south represents a new threat for China’s leaders in the politically sensitive run-up to a once-a-decade leadership change next year, even though for now the violence doesn’t appear to be coordinated.

**In the latest disturbance, armed police were struggling to restore order in a manufacturing town in southern China Monday after deploying tear gas and armored vehicles against hundreds of migrant workers who overturned police cars, smashed windows and torched government buildings there the night before.**

The protests, which began Friday night in Zengcheng, in the southern province of Guangdong, followed serious rioting in another city in central China last week, plus bomb attacks on government facilities in two other cities in the past three weeks, and ethnic unrest in the northern region of Inner Mongolia last month.

Antigovernment protests have become increasingly common in China in recent years, according to the government’s own figures, but they have been mainly confined to rural areas, often where farmers have been thrown off their land by property developers and local officials.

**The latest unrest, by contrast, involves violent protests from individuals and large crowds in China’s cities, where public anger is growing over issues including corruption and police abuses.**

The recent violence, however, has exposed the limits of the government’s ability to control the urban population using a sophisticated array of tools from Internet censorship to surveillance — part of what party leaders refer to as “social management.”

**Authorities have turned to displays of raw power, deploying paramilitary police and armored vehicles in at least three cities in as many weeks, to prevent the violence from spiraling further as protesters have repeatedly directed their anger at government buildings, often ostentatious symbols of power.**

What connects the violence is the way that a flashpoint — in the case of Inner Mongolia, the death of a Mongol at the hands of a Han Chinese truck driver, and in southern China, the assault by security personnel on a pregnant migrant worker — sets off much wider conflagrations.

**Social unrest has been rising steadily in recent years: In 2007, China had more than 80,000 “mass incidents,” up from above 60,000 in 2006, according to the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, although many involved no more than a few dozen people protesting against local officials.**

**No authoritative estimates have been released since then, though analysts citing leaked official figures put such incidents at 127,000 in 2008.**

Authorities have been careful to balance their use of force with conciliatory gestures, including the removal of some local officials. State media have also been reporting the unrest relatively quickly and openly, compared with previous years, in what some analysts see as an attempt by the government to take control of the narrative ahead of bloggers and other unofficial media.

A Monday editorial in the Global Times, a tabloid linked to the Communist **[translation: Capitalist Dictatorship]** Party, warned against trying to connect the recent incidents of unrest and draw conclusions about China’s social stability.

**“China is not a nation where public anger collectively seeks to topple the existing order. It is time to debunk this ludicrous lie,” it said.**

**[Yes yes, let’s all do that. Why, who could possibly even think such a thing? Let’s all laugh at the “ludicrous lie.” Ha ha ha. And thanks for making it so clear just how pants-pissing terrified the regime really is. T]**

The violence in Zengcheng, a town of about 800,000 near Guangzhou, began Friday night when security personnel pushed to the ground Wang Lianmei, a 20-year-old pregnant street vendor from the western province of Sichuan, as they tried to clear her stall from the road, according to state media.

A crowd of migrant workers began attacking security guards and police with stones and bricks, as rumors spread that Ms. Wang had been injured and her husband, 28-year-old Tang Xuecai, killed, the state media reports said.

Local authorities tried to quell the unrest over the weekend by setting up a special task force to investigate the case, arresting 25 people and organizing a news conference at which Mr. Tang said that both his wife and their unborn child were unhurt, the reports said.

**Xu Zhibiao, Zengcheng’s Party chief, went to visit Ms. Wang in the hospital and took her a basket of fruit, the China Daily said.**

**But the violence flared again on Sunday night, witnesses said.**

**“We were all told not to go out on the street,” said Dong Xingguo, a migrant from Sichuan who is working as an IT engineer in Zengcheng.**



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# **60,000 Rally Against The Government In Athens And Thessaloniki: Street Fighters With Wooden Clubs Challenge Police And Frequently Beat Them Back: “Protesters Rallied Outside Parliament Chanting ‘Thieves, Traitors’ And Asked ‘Where Did The Money Go?’”**

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

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George Papandreou, the Greek prime minister, has in a televised address said he will form a new government on Thursday and seek a vote of confidence from his PASOK parliamentary group.

His announcement on Wednesday came shortly after the opposition turned down his offer to stand down to facilitate the formation of a unity government for passing tough austerity measures.

The day's political developments came as the government debated fresh austerity measures that would extend beyond its term in office amid violence on the streets of capital.

Protesters rallied outside parliament chanting “thieves, traitors” and asked “where did the money go?” as they demonstrated amid a 24-hour national strike organised by major labour unions which saw hospitals, transport and other public services crippled.

Street fighters openly challenged police and frequently drove them back with clubs. They also threw stones and petrol bombs at police cordons.

“I feel rage and disgust,” Maria Georgila, a 45-year old public sector workers and mother of two, told the Reuters news agency.

“These are very tough measures and they won't get us out of the crisis. I can't believe they have no alternative.”

Alan Fisher, Al Jazeera's correspondent in Athens, said: "There is undoubtedly anger on the streets ... we've also seen people wearing entirely black, putting on masks and goggles."

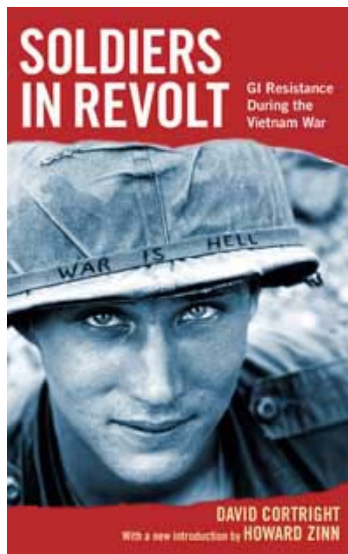
According to police, 20,000 people turned out for the demonstration, organised by two major unions, although local media put the figure at 40,000.

Another 20,000 people demonstrated in Greece's second city of Thessaloniki, authorities said.

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