

## Military Resistance 9D14



**“A Bomb Has Killed Three Foreign Soldiers In Southern Afghanistan, Bringing To Eight The Number Of Foreign Troops Killed In The Country In The Deadliest Day Since June Last Year”**

**Nationality Not Announced “But Southern And Eastern Afghanistan Are Dominated By US Troops”**

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On Saturday, NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said five of its troops had been killed in an attack at an Afghan army base in the eastern province of Nangarhar, in which four Afghan soldiers also died.

On Sunday three more troops were killed on the same day in the south of the country in an improvised bomb explosion, a weapon of choice for the Taliban and other insurgent groups.

The force did not provide further details, including the nationalities of those killed in line with policy, but southern and eastern Afghanistan are dominated by US troops.

Saturday's deaths made it the most deadly day for foreign troops in the country since June last year, when two separate days each saw 10 foreign soldiers killed.

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## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **Resistance Action**



(Graphic: London Financial Times)

April 16 (Reuters) & AFP

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb exploded near the convoy of Mohammed Abid, an official with Iraq's Higher Education Ministry, in the Karrada district of central Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said. He escaped unharmed but the blast wounded two passers-by.

BAGHDAD - Insurgents using silenced weapons opened fire at a police checkpoint and wounded one policeman in the Kadhimiya district of northern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb struck an Iraqi army patrol, wounding a soldier, in the Washash district of western Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

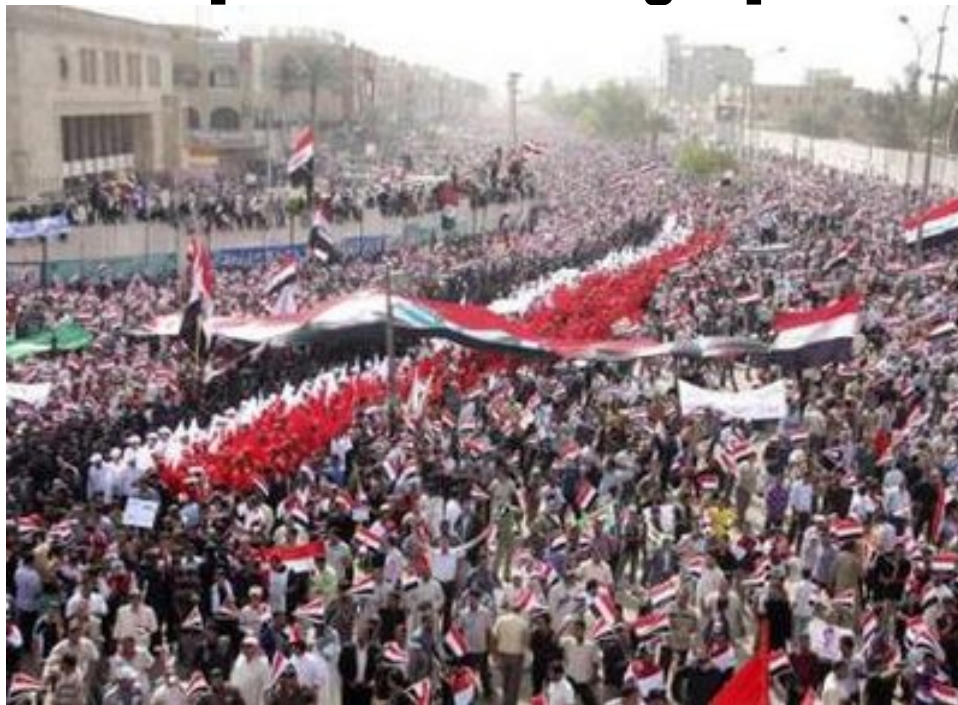
KHALDIYA - A sticky bomb attached to the car of a police lieutenant-colonel cut off part of his legs when it exploded in the town of Khaldiya, 83 km (50 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - Insurgents opened fire at a police patrol and killed one policeman in the southern Baghdad district of Ilaam, an Interior Ministry source said.

In the western part of Kirkuk, police said they found the corpse of the leader of an anti-insurgent militia who was captured a week ago. It was unclear when he was slain.

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

**“Occupiers Out”  
“No To America”  
[Get The Message?]**



Iraqi citizens march against the U.S. military occupation in Baghdad April 9, 2011 some carrying signs reading "Occupiers Out" and "No to America." Others burned U.S., Israeli and British flags. REUTERS/Kareem Raheem

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## AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

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

April 17, 2010 Reuters

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

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### **“Obama Take Your Soldiers Out Of Afghanistan” [Get The Message]**



Afghani citizens demand an end to the U.S. occupation in Kabul, Afghanistan, April 7, 2011. The protesters say Americans troops should withdraw from Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Kamran Jebreili)

## **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.**

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



A U.S. Army soldier keeps a lookout from behind a bullet-riddled wall at Strongpoint Lugo in the village of Charqolba Olya in the Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar April 8, 2011.

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

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

**“The single largest failure of the anti-war movement at this point is the lack of outreach to the troops.”**

**Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

## MILITARY NEWS

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



The remains of Army Spc. Andrew C. Wilfahrt of Rosemount, Minn., upon arrival at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Feb. 28, 2011. Wilfahrt died Sunday of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

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### **Why All The Soldiers ‘Dead In Bed’?**

**“89% Of Those With PTSD Were On  
An Antidepressant And 34% An  
Antipsychotic”**

**“Both Drugs With A Propensity To Cause  
Sudden Cardiac Death”**

From: Fred Baughman MD

Subject: dead in bed in the US military--re N.Y. Times article

Date: Apr 14, 2011

I write regarding For Some Troops, Powerful Drug Cocktails Have Deadly Results by JAMES DAO, BENEDICT CAREY and DAN FROSCH (New York Times, February 12, 2011).

Senior Airman Anthony Mena and the two other soldiers mentioned in the article — Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Bachus, and Cpl. Nicholas Endicott of Charleston, WV were all “found dead.”

And it makes a difference. As such, they are classified by the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) to have died ‘sudden unexplained deaths’ (SUD), most likely sudden cardiac deaths (SCD). None were found (1) comatose/un-arousable, still breathing (and, of course, with heartbeat still intact) or (2) comatose/un-arousable, not breathing, with heartbeat still present as would likely be the case with CNS depression.

**Diane VandeBurgt, Stan White (father of Andrew White, also found ‘dead in bed’) and myself have ‘Goggled’ approximately 170 instances of SUD/SCD/dead in bed syndrome among our soldiers and veterans, most of them not in combat zones, but in Warrior Transition Units, right here on US soil.**

Why was there but one mention of an antipsychotic, Risperdal -- that used by Christopher Bachus -- in the entire article. It was reported in the May 28, 2008 Charleston Gazette that Nicholas Endicott was on an antipsychotic — Seroquel with at least one antidepressant — Paxil.

**It is well known in the medical literature that antipsychotics cause QT segment (of the PQRST wave seen on an EKG) prolongation, which can lead to lethal cardiac arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death.**

**Why was it not mentioned that antidepressants of all kinds also cause QT prolongation, arrhythmia and sudden cardiac death.**

**A 2008 article reported that 89% of those with PTSD were on an antidepressant and 34% an antipsychotic, suggesting that close to a third of those with PTSD were likely on a combination of drugs containing both — two drugs with a propensity to cause QT prolongation and sudden cardiac death.**

Why your bias favoring “ The medical examiner (who) could not say for sure, noting simply that the drugs together had caused “respiratory depression.” “The manner of death,” the autopsy concluded, “is accident.”

Who exactly is trying to take the ‘heat’ off the antipsychotics (Seroquel, Risperdal, Geodon, Zyprexa, etc.)? Several antidepressants were named.

Respiratory depression and sudden cardiac death are clinical diagnoses, best made by physicians on the scene, not at autopsy, long after the fact by a medical examiner.

These were not deaths by “respiratory depression” and they were not caused by all of “...the drugs together.” As stated in the Dao, Carey, Frosch article: “All died in their sleep” — most likely sudden cardiac deaths, most likely due, specifically, to the two

types of drugs know to cause sudden cardiac death—antipsychotics and antidepressants.

A further fact, a most important one: No psychiatric diagnosis is an actual physical disease meaning that no psychiatric drug exists other than to control symptoms — emotions and behaviors.

Why 300,000 cases of PTSD in the military? Why did the Department of Defense spend \$280 million dollars in 2010 on psychiatric drugs — never essential? Why 6-7 million cases of the faux disease, ADHD in US schools? Why a billion dollars a year in ADHD drugs — ‘speed’?

Are there connections? Big Pharma? Psychiatry? Congress?

A profit motive perhaps?

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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**

**Hope for change doesn't cut it when you're still losing buddies.  
-- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

**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**

**“The Nixon administration claimed and received great credit for withdrawing the Army from Vietnam, but it was the rebellion of low-ranking GIs that forced the government to abandon a hopeless suicidal policy”  
-- David Cortright; Soldiers In Revolt**

# **A Whiff Of Gut Fear And A Prophecy From Wall Street: Market Analyst Tells Wall Street Journal Readers “Tax The Super Rich Now Or Face A Revolution” “A ‘Super-Rich Delusion’ Is Leading Us To Ruin”**

March 29, 2011 By Paul B. Farrell, MarketWatch, Wall St. Journal Digital Network  
[Excerpts]

**Yes, tax the Super Rich. Tax them now.**

**Before the other 99% rise up, trigger a new American Revolution, a meltdown and the Great Depression 2. [Farrell, even with this remarkable flash of prophecy, is clueless that a revolution from below is the most effective means to prevent the “meltdown and the Great Depression 2,” for the 99%, although a likely future for his friends on Wall Street. T]**

**Revolutions build over long periods — to critical mass, a flash point.**

**Then they ignite suddenly, unpredictably.**

**Like Egypt, started on a young Google executive’s Facebook page.**

**Then it goes viral, raging uncontrollably. Can’t be stopped.**

**Here in America the set-up is our nation’s pervasive “Super-Rich Delusion.”**

We know the Super Rich don’t care. Not about you. Nor the American public.

They can’t see. Can’t hear.

Stay trapped in their Forbes-400 bubble. An echo chamber that isolates them.

They see the public as faceless workers, customers, taxpayers. See GOP power on the ascent. Reaganomics is back. Unions on the run. Clueless masses are easily manipulated.

Even Obama is secretly working with the GOP, will never touch his Super Rich donors.

Here’s how one savvy insider who knows described this Super-Rich Delusion: “The top 1% live privileged lives, aren’t worried about much. Families vacation at the best resorts. Their big concerns are finding the best Pilates teacher, best masseuse, best surgeons, best private schools.

“They aren’t concerned with the underlying deterioration of America or the world, except in the abstract, because they aren’t directly affected by it.

“That’s not to say they aren’t sympathetic, aware, or don’t talk about the issues you bring up. They are largely concerned with protecting and enhancing their socio-economic positions, ensuring their families live well. And nothing you write about will change things.”

Warning, in 2011 that attitude is delusional, deadly, yet pervasive in America. **[Again, “pervasive” among his ruling class. For the rest of us, about as “pervasive” as a winning lottery ticket.]**

Our top 1% honestly believe they’re immune, protected from the unintended consequences of beating down average Americans for three decades with the free-market, trickle-down Reaganomics doctrines that made them Super Rich.

Why?

Because they have megabucks stashed away. Provisions for the long haul. Live in gated compounds with mercenaries guarding them.

And still the Super Rich don't care, "except in the abstract, because they aren't directly affected."

Warning: The Super-Rich Delusion has pushed us to the edge of a great precipice:

And oddly it's not just the GOP's overreach, the endlessly compromising Obama, too-greedy-to-fail Wall Street banksters, U.S. Chamber of Commerce billionaires and arrogant Forbes 400. America's entire political, financial and economic psyche is infected, as if our DNA has been rewired.

**Nobody predicted 2011 revolutions in the oil-rich Arab world either.**

**Warning: Mubarak, Gaddafi, Ali, Assad, even the Saudis also lived in the Super-Rich Delusion. Have for a long time. Were vulnerable. Ripe for a revolution.**

**They, too, honestly believed they were divinely protected, chosen for great earthly wealth, enjoyed great armies.**

**Then, suddenly, out of the blue, a new "educated, unemployed and frustrated" generation turned on them, is now rebelling, demanding their share of economic benefits, opportunities, triggering revolutions, seeking retribution.**

A new economic revolution about to blow up in our faces?

Check the stats folks: The last time America's wealth gap between the Super Rich and the other 99% was this big was just before the 1929 Crash and the Great Depression.

You can't remember? Or you won't?. Too many still live in the false hope of this Super-Rich Delusion. Do you believe government stats hyping a recovery? Believe Wall Street's nonsense about a new bull market ahead? Dream on.

Denial and lies. Remember, 93% of what you hear about markets, finance and the economy are guesses, wishful thinking and lies intended to manipulate you into making decisions that suck money from your pockets into Wall Street.

They get rich telling lies about securities. They hate any SEC fiduciary rules forcing them to tell the truth.

But the fact is, on an inflation-adjusted basis, Wall Street lost 20% of your retirement money in the decade from 2000 to 2010, over \$10 trillion.

Before you start betting any more at Wall Street's rigged casinos, think long and hard about these six megatoxins lurking in America's Super-Rich Delusion, a mind-altering pandemic infecting our nation's leadership in Washington, Corporate America and Wall Street ...

Listen:

### **Warning: Super Rich want tax cuts, creating youth unemployment**

Bloomberg warns: "The Kids Are Not Alright." Worldwide, youth unemployment is fueling the revolution.

In a New York Times column, Matthew Klein, a 24-year-old Council on Foreign Relations researcher, draws a parallel between the 25% unemployment among Egypt's young revolutionaries and the 21% for young American workers: "The young will bear the brunt of the pain" as governments rebalance budgets.

Taxes on workers will be raised and spending on education will be cut while mortgage subsidies and entitlements for the elderly are untouchable," as will tax cuts for the rich. Opportunities lost.

"How much longer until the rest of the rich world" explodes like Egypt?

### **Warning: rich get richer on commodity prices, poor get angrier**

USA Today's John Waggoner warns: "Soaring food prices send millions into poverty, hunger: Corn up 52% in 12 months. Sugar 60%. Soybeans 41%. Wheat 24%.

For 44 million the "rise in food prices means a descent into extreme poverty and hunger, warns the World Bank." Many causes: Speculators. Soaring oil prices. Trade policies. Population explosion. But altogether they expose "the underlying inequalities and issues related to the standard of living that boil beneath the surface," says a Pimco manager.

### **Warning: Global poor ticking time bomb targeting Super Rich**

A *Time* special report, "Poor vs. Rich: A New Global Conflict" warned that a "conflict between two worlds — one rich, one poor — is developing, and the battlefield is the globe itself."

Think Egypt. British leader calls this a "time bomb for the human race."

### **Warning: Next revolution coming across 'Third World America'**

**We are ripe for one: In "Third World America" Arianna Huffington warns: "Washington rushed to the rescue of Wall Street but forgot about Main Street ... One in five Americans unemployed or underemployed. One in nine families unable to make the minimum payment on their credit cards. One in eight mortgages in default or foreclosure. One in eight Americans on food stamps. Upward mobility has always been at the center of the American Dream ... that promise has been broken... The American Dream is becoming a nightmare."**

In "Free Lunch: How the Wealthiest Americans Enrich Themselves at Government Expense (And Stick You With the Bill)," David Cay Johnston, warns that the rich are like addicts, and to "the addicted, money is like cocaine, too much is never enough."

**A few years ago an elite 300,000 Americans in "the top tenth of 1% of income had nearly as much income as all 150 million Americans who make up the economic lower half of our population."**

Wake up folks. The Super-Rich Delusion is destroying the American Dream for the rest of us.

The Super Rich don't care about you.

Don't say you weren't warned.

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**“Barack Obama Embodies The  
Essence Of Democratic Party  
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**Let's face it, folks can either continue to hope against all evidence that Obama and his party that's overseen the greatest transfer of wealth from poor to rich in human history will become saviors or we can take up the fight ourselves.**

April 12, 2011 By Sherry J. Wolf, [Sherrytalksback.wordpress.com/](http://Sherrytalksback.wordpress.com/) [Excerpts]

President Obama is nobody's fool and nobody's tool. Nor is Obama a doormat-in-chief.

The Harvard-educated former University of Chicago professor isn't being hoodwinked or outmaneuvered by the right in budget and foreign policy dealings. The man who wooed and captivated much of the world's population with his magnificent speeches and performance of defiance against vacuous warmongers is no dupe of the right.

Barack Obama embodies the essence of Democratic Party logic steering an empire through its decline. Profits and military power must be maintained at any cost. If human needs be damned in the process, a reasonable-sounding justification can be improvised.

The Democrats didn't earn the moniker “the world's second most enthusiastic capitalist party” from conservative policymaker Kevin Phillips for nothing.

Like the rest of the Democratic leadership, Obama appears as a hapless fool these days. He's not.

Even a politician skilled at selling high-minded bullshit is having a tough time polishing that turd of a budget.

Since working and poor people must be tossed under a bus in order to maintain profits, the Dems think an appealing figure capable of occasional performances of oratorical empathy is still of use. Obama pretty much earns his keep for them.

Like the U.S. empire that has no permanent friends, only interests; so too the leading Democrats have only concerns, not principles. Their current concern, in addition to maintaining the profit system at the expense of the workers who create that profit, is winning the next election.

The actual role the Democrats play in maintaining the power structure and holding back the masses is never more clear than when Democrats are actually in power.

Not only are Obama and the Dems' policies — they are one and the same — ruinous to working people (and those who'd like to work), but they are guaranteed to strengthen the right and wealthy against the rest of us.

**Word has it that Obama may offer up a few populist murmurings about taxing the super rich when he speaks later this week — a platform that would have been inconceivable without the union battles raging throughout the Midwest these last weeks.**

**Fears of “revolution,” in the words of the Wall Street Journal, have led that corporate mouthpiece to argue for higher taxes on a tiny slice of the wealthiest.**

Rachel Maddow reports that 81 percent of Americans are for taxing the rich — a position expressed mostly by socialists up until a few weeks ago.

**Now that Obama's helped gut health care for the old and poor and handed more of the District of Columbia's Black poor into the loving arms of Boehner and Co., Obama will pretend to stand up against the right by offering a few crumbs of relief.**

Let's face it, folks can either continue to hope against all evidence that Obama and his party that's overseen the greatest transfer of wealth from poor to rich in human history will become saviors or we can take up the fight ourselves.

Maintaining independence of the Democrats and their right-wing agenda has never seemed more urgent.

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## Haddock Of Mass Destruction

By Danny Martin, November 2008.

I am an ex soldier currently in the third year of an English and Creative Writing degree course in Liverpool.

I was in the army for just under seven years, leaving in early 2006. I completed two tours of Iraq, totalling one year over there. Most of my poems are based around my experiences during my second tour (TELIC 6 in 2005), when I was serving as team signaller on a Tactical Air Control Party, mainly based around Maysaan province.

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### **Haddock of Mass Destruction**

**Brain bored and arse numb  
Finally the blades spun and we lifted  
Skimmed the palm trees and popped flares above the Euphrates  
We swooped low over the target truck  
Then landed in its path**

**We charged in our Storm Trooper costumes  
Blinding faceless shapes through dirty glass  
With rifle mounted lasers  
We were jumpy  
We were ready**

**I dragged the driver from his seat  
Slammed his face into hot tarmac  
Held it there with my suede boot  
Steadied my hands long enough to cuff his**

**We searched his packed pick-up  
Boxes stacked four deep five wide  
Emptied in the dust on the roadside  
The first box revealed ice and fish, and the next  
And the next, and the last**

**Intelligence had said he was armed and dangerous  
Armed with melting ice and defrosting cod  
No match for our guns, our bombs,  
Our good intentions, our morals  
Our God**

**We cut his cuffs, and his wife's  
And left them to their ruined stock  
I should demand commission  
From the Taliban  
For every recruit I've converted to their flock.**

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## Get The Message?



Pakistani protesters condemn deadly U. S. drone attacks in Multan, Pakistan April 14, 2011. (AP Photo/Khalid Tanveer)

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK





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# Exporting Democracy Has Led To Shortages Of It In U.S., Experts Say

April 14, 2011 The Borowitz Report [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON (The Borowitz Report) – The U.S. policy of exporting democracy abroad has meant that there is very little of it left at home.

That is the grim assessment of a new study commissioned by the University of Minnesota, which predicts that if the U.S. continues to export democracy at its current pace it may completely run out of it at home by the year 2015.

“We have been exporting democracy to Afghanistan and Iraq while there are severe shortages of it in Wisconsin and Florida,” said Professor Davis Logsdon, who supervised the study. “This is madness.”

Citing the study, Speaker of the House John Boehner said today, “It has been clear to me for some time that we must explore alternative forms of government, such as oligarchy or plutocracy.”

Noting that democracy originated in Greece, Mr. Boehner added, “We must reduce our dependence on foreign sources of government.”

The University of Minnesota study contains several proposals, such as outsourcing the U.S. government to the world’s largest democracy, India. “The work done by Congress could be accomplished much more efficiently by a series of electronic phone prompts,” the study recommends.

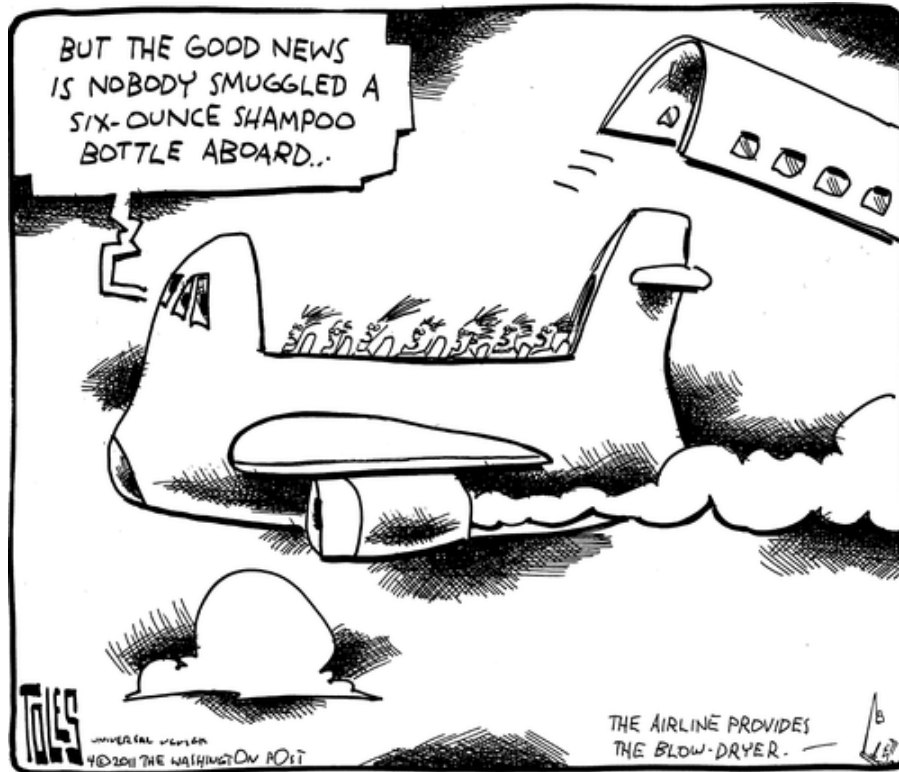
Speaking from one of the states hardest hit by the democracy shortage, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker downplayed the seriousness of the problem, calling democracy “overrated.”

“Teachers may teach our children that democracy is important,” he said, “but the solution is to get rid of the teachers.”

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

**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**

## CLASS WAR REPORTS



### **The Cowardly Bahrain Dictatorship Goes To War Against Soccer Players:**

**“The Sectarianism Chauvinism And Tyranny Of The Royal Family Have Made The Country Restive For Decades”**

**“Bahrain’s Royal Butchers Are Banking On Our Silence”**



The Royal family of Bahrain meet to plan their defense against soccer players. [National Geographic photo]

April 11, 2011 By Dave Zirin, The Nation

Al'a Hubail is a legend in the world of Bahraini soccer.

In 2004, along with his brother Mohammed, he led the national team on a rollicking VCU-esque run into the Asian Cup semi-finals. Hubail then became the first Bahraini player to win the prestigious Golden Boot Award after scoring five goals against the continent's best team.

Now, the winner of the Golden Boot has gotten the boot; expelled from the national squad and arrested after news cameras caught him at an "anti-government" protest aimed at Bahrain's royal family.

His soccer-playing brother, Mohammed, who stood alongside him at a peaceful protest across from Bahrain's shoot-first army and the imported armed forces of Saudi Arabia, was also sacked from the team and put into custody.

Both brothers, along with two other players, were cuffed and frog-marched off the practice field in front of shocked teammates.

**According to the Times of London, Bahrain's state news program had focused on the Hubail brothers at the demonstration to "shame the sports stars" for taking part in the protest and referred to them and all the demonstrators as "stray hyenas."**

**The state news report didn't mention that Al'a Hubail is a trained paramedic and EMT who was also acting as a volunteer nurse at the protest.**

**Considering the dozens killed and hundreds injured by Bahrain and Saudi Arabia's armed forces since the protests began, he should be lauded as a true international hero. Instead, he is behind bars.**

The Hubail brothers were the most prominent athletes affected in what has become an ugly crackdown on the country's jocks for justice.

**Bahrain, a country run by a royal family so decayed with gluttony and corruption, they could be honorary Trumps, has announced that 200 athletes have been indefinitely suspended on charges of "supporting the popular revolution in the country."**

Among them are nationally known basketball, volleyball and handball players. The Associated Press quoted a government official, speaking under the cloak of anonymity, saying these athletes have been branded "against the government" for having supported "anti-government" protests. No other specifics were given.

All 200 have also been banned from any international play. All 200, like the overwhelming majority of demonstrators, are part of the country's oppressed Shi'a Muslim majority.

Shamefully, yet completely unsurprisingly, the Bahrain Football Association backed the move, saying, "The suspension falls under misconduct, and the breaching of the rules and regulations of sporting clubs...not to engage in political affairs."

**Also, shamefully, yet completely unsurprisingly, President Barack Obama and the US government have said nothing.**

**As Joshua Colangelo-Bryan, a consultant to Human Rights Watch, wrote, "President Obama...loses his voice when it comes to Bahrain." This isn't just oversight or happenstance. Bahrain happily houses the US Navy's Fifth Fleet, and has pledged to do so for another fifty years.**

**It appears that this favor has given them the right to spill the blood of peaceful protesters with impunity.**

There is no no-fly zone over Bahrain, and no emergency UN Security Council meeting.

There are no breathless comparisons by news columnists of the Bahraini royal family with Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot, Darth Vader or Sauron.

Instead, with a lockstep consistency that would impress the state media systems of the old Eastern bloc, US politicians of both parties — and the American media—have chosen to remain silent.

This isn't the first revolt in Bahrain's history, but it is by far the most serious.

Once the wave started across the region, Bahrain was an obvious place where the sentiment of rebellion against autocracy would find fertile ground.

I spoke to Chris Toensing, the editor of the Middle East Report, who said, “Because it is located atop the hydrocarbon jackpot of the world in the Persian Gulf, Bahrain has the image of a wealthy nation.

“In fact, a large part of the native population is poor. That poverty plus the sectarianism chauvinism and tyranny of the royal family have made the country restive for decades. The 2011 revolt is but the largest and most brutally repressed of a series of popular struggles for justice.”

But just because the political class and the front page of your paper have surrendered their morality and said nothing doesn't mean the sports page should follow suit.

Every soccer writer with a pulse should be calling for the release of the Hubail brothers. Every sports union should release statements saying that they stand with their 200 brethren and want them reinstated immediately and without delay.

Every player who believes in the concept of fair play should call upon the Bahraini royal family to cease and desist.

The Royals want to practice their repression in shadows. We can offer light.

Sports teams are often referred to as families.

Well, when members of our family are being abused — you say something.

Bahrain's royal butchers are banking on our silence.

But when silence equals death, it's no longer an option.

**MORE:**

**“Even Though The American Administration's Words Are All About Freedom And Democracy And Change, In Bahrain, The Reality Is That They're Basically A Protection For The Dictatorship”**

**“In The Case Of Bahrain, The United States Has Key Military Interests”**

# “We Feel As Though We Are All In A Big Prison”

April 15 By Joby Warrick and Michael Birnbaum, The Washington Post Company  
[Excerpts]

Two months after the eruption of mass protests in Bahrain, the kingdom has largely silenced the opposition, jailing hundreds of activists in a crackdown that has left the Obama administration vulnerable to charges that it is upholding democratic values in the Middle East selectively.

Bahrain's monarchy, since calling in Saudi troops last month to help crush the protest movement, has been quietly dismantling the country's Shiite-led opposition.

On Friday, the government announced an investigation into the activities of Bahrain's largest political party, the al-Wefaq, which could lead to its ban.

The Obama administration has repeatedly appealed to the Bahraini government for restraint, and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton this week called for a political process that “advances the rights and aspirations of all the citizens of Bahrain.”

But the administration has neither recalled its ambassador to Manama nor threatened the kinds of sanctions it imposed on Libya — a striking disparity that is fueling -anti-U.S. sentiment among Bahraini opposition groups.

“Even though the American administration's words are all about freedom and democracy and change, in Bahrain, the reality is that they're basically a protection for the dictatorship,” said Zainab al-Khawaja, a prominent human-rights activist who began a hunger strike after her father, husband and brother-in-law were arrested at her apartment over the weekend.

U.S. officials privately acknowledge that the administration has been understated in its criticism of Bahrain, in part to avoid further strain in relations with Saudi Arabia, a vital U.S. ally and neighbor to the tiny island kingdom.

**In the case of Bahrain, the United States has key military interests. The kingdom is home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet; it is also seen as a strategically important bulwark against Iranian power in the region. But even more vital is the U.S. relationship with Saudi Arabia, a critical ally in the Middle East for half a century.**

Whatever the makeup of the protest movement, the intensity of the crackdown stunned Bahraini opposition leaders as well as many Middle East experts, who are dismayed by the dismantling of reforms that had cemented the island's reputation as progressive and Western-friendly.

Until the crackdown on March 14, many of the thousands of protesters who jammed the capital's Pearl Square were confident that the movement sweeping the region would bring new political freedoms and economic equality for the country's majority Shiite population.

“Only a month ago, we had a feeling of change and respect for democracy and human rights. Now we feel as though we are all in a big prison,” said Mohammed al-Maskati, president of the Bahrain Youth Society for Human Rights. “They want to attack everyone who was involved in the protests.”

In addition to jailing activists and banning opposition parties, Bahraini authorities fired civil servants and even professional athletes who participated in demonstrations.

The country’s only independent newspaper was taken over last week and its editor forced to resign.

**And on Monday, the New York-based Human Rights Watch alleged that at least three opposition figures had died in Bahraini prisons under suspicious circumstances.**

**While Bahraini authorities attributed the deaths to natural causes, Human Rights Watch said in a report that one of the victims’ bodies bore “signs of horrific abuse.”**

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## **Saudi Arabia: A Crack In The Ice**

April 15th, 2011 AlJazeera

9:00pm SAUDI ARABIA

Reuters news agency has reported that hundreds of Saudis protested in the centre of Qatif in eastern province and in the nearby village of Awwamiya for a second day on Friday, calling for the release of prisoners held without trial and political and religious rights, activists said.

They carried banners showing solidarity with the Shias of neighbouring Bahrain who have been targeted by police after the government cracked down on a protest movement.

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# Syrian Dictator And His Loyal Dogs Stand Around Looking Really Stupid In Damascus



4.16.11: Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad (R) during the swearing-in of his newly appointed Prime Minister Adel Safar in Damascus. (Photo: AFP/SANA)

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## Guerrillas Internet Team Smacks Tax Evader GE

April 13, 2011 By Jim Jelter, MarketWatch [Excerpts]

As far as hoaxes go, it was hilarious.

Unless you got caught on the wrong side of the trade.

According to a bogus press release sent out early Wednesday, General Electric CEO Jeffrey Immelt was purported to have informed the White House the company would be "gifting" a \$3.2 billion federal tax refund to Uncle Sam on April 18, Tax Day, in a bid to "secure its position as a leader in corporate social responsibility."

The tiny guerrilla team calling itself Yes Men claimed responsibility for the hoax, their latest in a series of stunts aimed at companies that espouse corporate citizenship while bulking up their bottom lines via generous tax loopholes.

The hit on GE was especially timely given the controversy over the company's true tax status stirred up by a recent New York Times report.

According to the newspaper, GE received a \$3.2 billion tax credit on its 2010 income despite posting a \$5.1 billion profit from its U.S. operations.



GE officials claim nothing could be farther from the truth, though they haven't been much help explaining what the truth is.

Meanwhile, Immelt makes an especially ripe target for these guys given his new role as an economic adviser to President Barack Obama, who, by the way, has called for narrowing the loopholes the titans of U.S. commerce use to avoid paying taxes.

But the hoax, dolled up as a very authentic-looking GE press release, fooled at least one news organization and then daisy-chained through other media outlets before getting yanked. But by then the damage was done.

GE shares fell 1.6% from their preopen high. Not a huge move, but enough to briefly trim GE's market capitalization by nearly \$3.5 billion.

The episode is also cause for concern over at the Securities and Exchange Commission. One of that agency's many tasks is to make sure people don't manipulate share prices, and that includes issuing false statements about publicly traded companies.

It's far from clear whether the SEC has the bandwidth to mount an investigation.

But if you were hoodwinked into selling GE stock this morning, you'd appreciate it if the regulators at least gave the Yes Men a severe tongue lashing.

Of course, that would probably have about as much impact as saying it's time to close those tax loopholes.

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

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**If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers. <http://www.traveling-soldier.org/>**

**And join with Iraq Veterans Against the War to end the occupations and bring all troops home now! ([www.ivaw.org/](http://www.ivaw.org/))**

## **RECEIVED:**

# **Stop The Dispersant! Stop The Use Of Corexit! Stop The Poisoning Of The Gulf Of Mexico!**

From: Elizabeth Cook  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Subject: rally to stop the use of Corexit Tuesday  
Date: Apr 17, 2011

**Rally at the Federal Building  
909 Poydras St.  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Tuesday, April 19th, 11:30 to 1:30pm**

**It is our belief from numerous accounts that dispersant continues to be used in the Gulf of Mexico. This is harming the health of our people, and seriously damaging our wetlands and coastal environments.**

**In addition, studies have shown that dispersant makes the oil more toxic to the environment and people.**

### **We the People Demand the Following:**

That the spraying of dispersants in the Gulf of Mexico be stopped immediately.

That dispersant spraying should be immediately banned from all waterways for any use, and in particular as a response to oil spills/disasters.

That the federal and state governments immediately provide medical assistance to all those who believe their health may have been impacted by the oil disaster.

That adequate and timely bioremediation be provided immediately for our coastal and wetland environments to mitigate and repair the damage of oil and dispersant use.

We demand that our Federal government begin immediately implementation of clean energy solutions, development and implementation.

**To rally attendees: bring your poetry, your street theater, your art, your passion, your drive to protect and save the planet!**

**Open mike. Bring banners and signs.**

For more info, please contact Elizabeth Cook, Emergency Committee to Stop the Gulf Oil Disaster, 504-231-8789

## **RECEIVED:**

### **“Money...Banks...Private Wealth In Control!”**

From: Frank Scott  
To: Military Resistance  
Subject: Military Resistance 9D12: "It's All About Oil"  
Date: Apr 14, 2011

yes oil looms large, but far, far, far more important the stuff used to buy oil, government, the military, etc.

money...banks...private wealth in control!

libya was one of only \*five nations without a privately controlled national bank, until the "rebels" formed one, with euro-arab help, and all while being "genocided" by the evil dictator...duh?

\*the other four: iran ( monsters) cuba (booga booga) north korea ( aaarrgghh)  
sudan(hmm?)...

oh, there were two others until capital took complete control:

afghanistan and iraq!

oil can be put to good use at greasing capital's tool before it sticks it up our collective ass...

control of government, politics, media, oil, etc. is maintained with military power which is paid for with?:

first correct answer gets to spend a week in philadelphia...

second gets two weeks in philadelphia...

you gotta laugh a little or you cry all the time...

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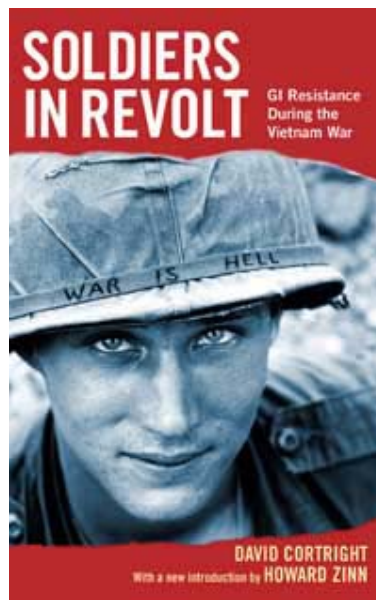
Frank Scott writes political commentary and satire which appears in print in The Independent Monitor and online at the blog Legalienate

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