

Military Resistance 12A10



[Thanks to Sandy Kelson, Veteran & Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

Military Madness

From: Dennis Serdel
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: January 12, 2014
Subject: Military Madness

Written by Dennis Serdel, Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour) Light Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade; United Auto Workers GM Retiree

Military Madness

**Eric needs freedom
so he jumps on his new motorcycle
& steers it to a two lane highway
just off base**

and at a hundred miles per hour
he steers into the front
of a semi-truck coming from
the other way
Dan pulls out his stash
ties up his arm and boils his kitchen spoon
he is feeling worse than ever over Iraq
so he injects himself more than ever
and later his wife finds him
dead in the bathroom
Bob loads up ammo & grabs his rifle
drives downtown to the police station
gets out of his car & starts
shooting up the place
as the policemen grab their shotguns
and others take their pistols
slowly creep outside
and kills this young man
It's been a lifetime since Falluja
as Jon drives downtown
and buys a room in the tallest hotel
takes the elevator up to the heavens
pulls out his card and let's himself in
opens the doors to the balcony
and tries to fly like super man
but ends up like a small speck below
Josh is home on leave
last time he was home
was when his Dad had a heart attack
and his Mom did not care
it reminds him of the Brass
in Afghanistan so to get away
he hops on his old bicycle
rides down the pot holed road
looking straight ahead
he comes upon the railroad tracks
and sees the train coming
then when it is close
he throws down his bike
and stands on the tracks
to be at home with his Dad again
Greg reads Ernest Hemingway's books
on the almost three tours in Iraq and
feels the pain that the author did
when his plane crashes in Africa and
leaves him lasting pain for the rest of his life
so when he is in the middle of
his last tour his Chopper crashes
chasing Al-Qaida that the Military
calls Terrorists but not Fascists
and once home he reads

**For Whom the Bell Tolls
and sticks a 12 gauge
shotgun in his mouth
Pam is raped by her Superior Officer
in the morning she goes to
the hospital on base in Baghdad
and is told to report it through the chain
of Command but this way
she will have to report it
to the man who did it so
emotionally wrecked & without sleep
she walks back to her room
loads her 45 & points it to her temple
the Military describes her death
as a case of PTSD**

written by Dennis Serdel for Military Resistance

ACTION REPORTS

“He Eagerly Asked If I Had ‘Anything New,’ Seeing He Feels It's Good To Have Another Point Of View” [Outreach To New York National Guard]

From: Alan St
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: January 10, 2014
Subject:

At a New York railway station today a sergeant told me he was to be deployed to Afghanistan before long. A months-long mix-up had kept him stateside but he said he'll be leaving “anytime now.” “My special skills – I'm a medic, warrants my deployment.”

He'd already been to Iraq and had mixed feelings about the revival of violence in Fallujah. Regretting it “has to be done again” leads him to believe the first time was “a waste.”

It was an easy conversation since he knew me from another outreach and was 50-50 about the value of material he'd received. Nonetheless, he took a newsletter plus a DVD of “Authority & Expectations,” Iraq vet Wray Harris's indictment of the U.S. invasion.

[Harris: See <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyfkLubnyBw>]

The sergeant then accepted two more newsletters and two of the same DVDs for his “partners” on patrol.

He thanked me for reaching out although not fully supportive of Military Resistance's politics, i.e., not at all sure oil was the principal reason for the U.S. adventure in Iraq. He nodded though when I said there's no oil in North Korea so they're safe from Iraq's fate for the time being.

At another terminal I approached three troops – two were airmen – and was greeted warmly by one who also recognized me from previous outreaches.

He eagerly asked if I had “anything new,” seeing he feels it's good to have another point of view, and was glad to receive 3 newsletters and 3 DVDS - two of Sir! No Sir! which were given to the other two on patrol who didn't know me.

The National Guard soldier among the three is deploying in March to Afghanistan. Not one of this trio looked over 25.

Minutes after two other National Guardsmen were approached as they prepared to drive away from the terminal and accepted two newsletters and intro cards [*cards: see below*] (the DVDS had run out).

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SUPPORTING GI RESISTANCE

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ACTION REPORTS WANTED: FROM YOU!

An effective way to encourage others to support members of the armed forces organizing to resist the Imperial war is to report what you do.

If you've carried out organized contact with troops on active duty, at base gates, airports, or anywhere else, send a report in to Military Resistance for the Action Reports section.

Same for contact with National Guard and/or Reserve components.

They don't have to be long. Just clear, and direct action reports about what work was done and how.

If there were favorable responses, say so.

If there were unfavorable responses or problems, don't leave them out. Reporting what went wrong and/or got screwed up is especially important, so that others may learn from you what to expect, and how to avoid similar problems if possible.

If you are not planning or engaging in outreach to the troops, you have nothing to report.

NOTE WELL:

Do not make public any information that could compromise the work.

Identifying information – locations, personnel – will be omitted from the reports.

Whether you are serving in the armed forces or not, do not identify members of the armed forces organizing to stop the wars.

If accidentally included, that information will not be published.

The sole exception: occasions when a member of the armed services explicitly directs identifying information be published in reporting on the action.

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The Military Resistance Organization:

Military Resistance Mission Statement:

1. The mission of Military Resistance is to bring together in one organization members of the armed forces and civilians in order to give aid and comfort to members of the armed forces who are organizing to end the war of empire in Afghanistan. The long term objective is to assist in eliminating all wars of empire by eliminating all empires.

2. Military Resistance does not advocate individual disobedience to orders or desertion from the armed forces. The most effective resistance is organized by members of the armed forces working together.

However, Military Resistance respects and will assist in the defense of troops who see individual desertion or refusal of orders as the only course of action open to them for reasons of conscience.

3. Military Resistance stands for the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and other occupation troops from Afghanistan.

Occupied nations have the right to independence and the right to resist Imperial invasion and occupation by force of arms.

4. Efforts to increase democratic rights in every society, organization, movement, and within the armed forces itself will receive encouragement and support.

Members of the armed forces, whether those of the United States or any other nation, have the right and duty to act against dictatorships commanding their services, and to assist civilian movements against dictatorship.

This applies whether a political dictatorship is imposed by force of arms or a political dictatorship is imposed by those in command of the resources of society using their wealth to purchase the political leadership.

5. Military Resistance uses organizational democracy.

This means control of the organization by the membership, through elected delegates to any coordinating bodies that may be formed, whether at local, regional, or national levels.

Any member may run for any job in the organization. All persons elected are subject to immediate recall, by majority vote of the membership.

Coordinating bodies report their actions, decisions and votes to the membership who elected them, and may be overruled by a majority of the membership.

6. It is not necessary for Military Resistance to be in political agreement with other organizations in order to work together towards specific common objectives.

It is productive for organizations working together on common projects to discuss differences about the best way forward for the movement.

Debate is necessary to arrive at the best course of action.

Membership Requirements:

7. It is a condition of membership that each member prioritize and participate in organized action to reach out to active duty armed forces, Reserve and/or National Guard units.

8. Military Resistance or individual members may choose to support candidates for elective office who are for immediate withdrawal from Afghanistan, but do not support a candidate opposed to immediate, unconditional withdrawal.

9. Members may not be active duty or drilling reserve commissioned officers, or employed in any capacity by any police or intelligence agency, local, state, or national.

10. I understand and am in agreement with the above statement. I pledge to defend my brothers and sisters, and the democratic rights of the citizens of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

----- (Signed)

(Date)

----- (Application taken by)

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“People Need Not Be Helpless Before The Power Of Illegitimate Authority”

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[Based on a statement by David Cortright, Vietnam Veteran and armed forces resistance organizer.]

In the final analysis the stationing of American forces abroad serves not the national interest but the class interest of the corporate and political elite.

The maintenance of a massive, interventionist-oriented military establishment is based on the need to protect multinational investment and preserve regimes friendly to American capital.

Imperialism is at the heart of the national-security system and is the force fundamentally responsible for the counterrevolutionary, repressive aims of U.S. policy.

Only if we confront this reality and challenge it throughout society and within the ranks can we restore democratic control of the military.

Of course nothing can be accomplished without citizen involvement and active political struggle.

During the Vietnam era enlisted servicemen created massive pressures for change, despite severe repression, and significantly altered the course of the war and subsequent military policy.

To sustain and strengthen this challenge we must continue to build political opposition to interventionism and support those within the armed services, including national guard and reserves, who defy the goals and program of Empire.

The central lesson of the GI movement is that people need not be helpless before the power of illegitimate authority, that by getting together and acting upon their convictions people can change society and, in effect, make their own history.

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AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Marine Sgt. Jacob Hess Of Spokane Died Jan. 1, 2014, In Afghanistan

Jan 2, 2014 by Dylan Wohlenhaus, KHQ Local News Reporter

SPOKANE, Wash. - The Department of Defense announced today the death of a Marine who was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Sgt. Jacob M. Hess of Spokane, Wash., died Jan. 1, 2014, while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He was 22-years-old.

Sgt. Hess was assigned to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 26, Marine Aircraft Group 26, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

24 hours after Hess was killed on New Year's day the Department of Defense says Hess was killed in the Helmand province of Afghanistan while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Little details were given on just exactly how Hess was killed.

Hess was a 2009 graduate of North Central High School in Spokane. Hess was enrolled in the running start program and taking college courses while at North Central.

On Wednesday Steve Fisk, principal at North Central spoke to KHQ's Dylan Wohlenhaus about Hess. Fisk says "He was very easy going. He got along well with all the kids." "He was just real close to his family."

Hess was a standout soccer player for North Central in 2009. According to Fisk Hess was "very sure of his direction in life" referring to Hess' desire to enlist in the military at a young age. Sgt. Hess was assigned to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 26, Marine Aircraft Group 26, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC.

The Inland NW Red Cross tells KHQ that Sgt. Hess is the son of Keirsten Lyons (formerly Hess) who is the Regional Service To The Armed Forces Director.

According to the Department Of Defense Hess was deployed with the Marine Air Logistics Squadron 40 when he was killed. Hess enlisted in the Marines in October 2010, not long after graduating from North Central High School.

Sgt. Hess earned several awards during his service including, The Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, The National Defense Service Medal, The Good Conduct Medal, The Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE BLOODSHED

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE
WAR**

Resistance Action



[Graphic: flickr.com/photos]

January 12, 2014 Agence France-Presse & By Ghanizada, Khaama Press

A Taliban bomber riding a bicycle detonated himself next to a police bus in Kabul on Sunday, killing a policeman and a civilian in the first major attack in the Afghan capital this year.

The bomber detonated his explosives near the vehicle of the police academy in Qabil Bai area of Kabul.

The attacker targeted the bus as it left a police training centre on the Jalalabad road, a main route out of the city and a regular scene of militant strikes in recent years.

Hashmatuallh Stanekzai, spokesman for the Kabul police department said, a student of the police academy along with one of its worker were killed following the suicide attack

The bus was left at the side of the road with its chassis badly damaged and most of its windows broken.

Eye-witness Abdul Majeed, a stallkeeper who was at the scene, told AFP: "I saw a bicycle rider hit the bus and then heard an explosion."

The Taliban, who have been fighting the US-backed government since 2001, claimed responsibility for the attack.

"One of our mujahideen fighters targeted a police bus belonged to the police training centre," Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, said. "As a result of this attack, a number of policemen and officers were killed and wounded."

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

The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways; the point is to change it.

-- Karl Marx, "Theses on Feuerbach"

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The excerpts below may be useful in understanding current events and where those events are tending.

That said, one dimension not covered below may be worth considering.

Before people, especially classes, frame a clear program to fight for, it is human history that first the negation of things-as-they-are unfolds and reaches white-hot mass rage.

People tend to first puke up what they don’t want before they formulate a program and plan of action to get what they do want.

On a massive scale, world-wide, huge numbers of very angry people are expressing with crystal clarity what they do not want.

They do not want the economic system, capitalism-as-it-is.

Most do yet understand that capitalism cannot be reformed, cannot be anything other than what it is now: society organized to benefit and politically governed by the 1%.

That understanding will come; is coming now, more every day.

Episodic movements from below, now in one place, now another, all over the world, are what comes first, the negation of things-as-they-are that has preceded every great mass movement forward in human history.

That is happening now.

Negation in mass consciousness of the cruelty, stupidity, and incompetence of 2014 capitalism is at the same time the birth of a defiant, new, worldwide, urban, working class movement from below.

The worldwide tectonic earthshaking that began in Tunisia in 2011 has sometimes paused, and will pause again, but in general continues moving forward, everywhere.

Nothing on this world-wide scale of working class resistance from below has been seen before.

“The Expropriators Are Expropriated” [The Negation Of Negation]

Excerpts from: Capital; K. Marx; based on the 4th edition. Chicago: Charles H. Kerr and Co., 1906; Frederick Engels, Ernest Untermann, eds.; Samuel Moore, Edward Aveling, trans. 1867

HISTORICAL TENDENCY OF CAPITALIST ACCUMULATION:

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.1

What does the primitive accumulation of capital, i.e., its historical genesis, resolve itself into?

In so far as it is not immediate transformation of slaves and serfs into wage-labourers, and therefore a mere change of form, it only means the expropriation of the immediate producers, i.e., the dissolution of private property based on the labour of its owner.

Private property, as the antithesis to social, collective property, exists only where the means of labour and the external conditions of labour belong to private individuals. But according as these private individuals are labourers or not labourers, private property has a different character.

The numberless shades, that it at first sight presents, correspond to the intermediate stages lying between these two extremes.

The private property of the laborer in his means of production is the foundation of petty industry, whether agricultural, manufacturing or both; petty industry, again, is an essential condition for the development of social production and of the free individuality of the laborer himself.

Of course, this petty mode of production exists also under slavery, serfdom, and other states of dependence.

But it flourishes, it lets loose its whole energy, it attains its adequate classical form, only where the laborer is the private owner of his own means of labour set in action by himself: the peasant of the land which he cultivates, the artisan of the tool which he handles as a virtuoso.

This mode of production pre-supposes parceling of the soil, and scattering of the other means of production.

As it excludes the concentration of these means of production, so also it excludes co-operation, division of labour within each separate process of production, the control over, and the productive application of the forces of Nature by society, and the free development of the social productive powers.

It is compatible only with a system of production, and a society, moving within narrow and more or less primitive bounds.

To perpetuate it would be, as Pecqueur rightly says, "to decree universal mediocrity."

At a certain stage of development it brings forth the material agencies for its own dissolution.

“This Fearful And Painful Expropriation Of The Mass Of The People Forms The Prelude To The History Of Capital”

From that moment new forces and new passions spring up in the bosom of society; but the old social organization fetters them and keeps them down.

It must be annihilated; it is annihilated.

Its annihilation, the transformation of the individualized and scattered means of production into socially concentrated ones, of the pigmy property of the many into the huge property of the few, the expropriation of the great mass of the people from the soil, from the means of subsistence, and from the means of labour, this fearful and painful expropriation of the mass of the people forms the prelude to the history of capital.

The expropriation of the immediate producers was accomplished with merciless Vandalism, and under the stimulus of passions the most infamous, the most sordid, the pettiest, the most meanly odious.

Self-earned private property, that is based, so to say, on the fusing together of the isolated, independent laboring-individual with the conditions of his labour, is supplanted by capitalistic private property, which rests on exploitation of the nominally free labour of others, i.e., on wages-labour.

[FOOTNOTE TO THE ABOVE: CLASS BASIS OF THE TEA PARTY]

The advance of industry, whose involuntary promoter is the bourgeoisie, replaces the isolation of the labourers, due to competition, by their revolutionary combination, due to association.

The development of Modern Industry, therefore, cuts from under its feet, the very foundation on which the bourgeoisie produces and appropriates products.

What the bourgeoisie therefore, produces, above all, are its own grave-diggers.

Its fall and the victory of the proletariat are equally inevitable....

Of all the classes, that stand face to face with the bourgeoisie today, the proletariat alone is a really revolutionary class.

The other classes perish and disappear in the face of Modern Industry, the proletariat is its special and essential product....

The lower middle-classes, the small manufacturers, the shop keepers, the artisan, the peasant, all these fight against the bourgeoisie, to save from extinction their existence as fractions of the middle-class...they are reactionary, for they try to roll back the wheel of history.

-- Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, "Manifest der Kommunistischen Partei," London, 1847, pp. 911.

“The Expropriators Are Expropriated”

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.2

As soon as this process of transformation has sufficiently decomposed the old society from top to bottom, as soon as the labourers are turned into proletarians, their means of labour into capital, as soon as the capitalist mode of production stands on its own feet, then the further socialization of labour and further transformation of the land and other means of production into socially exploited and, therefore, common means of production, as well as the further expropriation of private proprietors, takes a new form.

That which is now to be expropriated is no longer the laborer working for himself, but the capitalist exploiting many labourers.

This expropriation is accomplished by the action of the immanent laws of capitalistic production itself, by the centralization of capital.

One capitalist always kills many.

Hand in hand with this centralization, or this expropriation of many capitalists by few, develop, on an ever extending scale, the co-operative form of the labour-process, the conscious technical application of science, the methodical cultivation of the soil, the

transformation of the instruments of labour into instruments of labour only usable in common, the economizing of all means of production by their use as the means of production of combined, socialized labour, the entanglement of all peoples in the net of the world-market, and this, the international character of the capitalistic régime.

Along with the constantly diminishing number of the magnates of capital, who usurp and monopolize all advantages of this process of transformation, grows the mass of misery, oppression, slavery, degradation, exploitation; but with this too grows the revolt of the working-class, a class always increasing in numbers, and disciplined, united, organised by the very mechanism of the process of capitalist production itself.

The monopoly of capital becomes a fetter upon the mode of production, which has sprung up and flourished along with, and under it.

Centralization of the means of production and socialization of labour at last reach a point where they become incompatible with their capitalist integument.

This integument is burst asunder.

The knell of capitalist private property sounds.

The expropriators are expropriated.

“The Negation Of Negation”

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.3

The capitalist mode of appropriation, the result of the capitalist mode of production, produces capitalist private property.

This is the first negation of individual private property, as founded on the labour of the proprietor.

But capitalist production begets, with the inexorability of a law of Nature, its own negation.

It is the negation of negation.

This does not re-establish private property for the producer, but gives him individual property based on the acquisitions of the capitalist era: i.e., on co-operation and the possession in common of the land and of the means of production.

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.4

The transformation of scattered private property, arising from individual labour, into capitalist private property is, naturally, a process, incomparably more protracted, violent, and difficult, than the transformation of capitalistic private property, already practically resting on socialized production, into socialized property.

In the former case, we had the expropriation of the mass of the people by a few usurpers; in the latter, we have the expropriation of a few usurpers by the mass of the people.

Summing Up:

[P]roletarian revolutions, like those of the nineteenth century, constantly criticize themselves, constantly interrupt themselves in their own course, return to the apparently accomplished, in order to begin anew; they deride with cruel thoroughness the half-measures, weaknesses, and paltriness of their first attempts, seem to throw down their opponents only so the latter may draw new strength from the earth and rise before them again more gigantic than ever, recoil constantly from the indefinite colossalness of their own goals – until a situation is created which makes all turning back impossible ...

-- The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte. Karl Marx 1852

Tom Cruise Returns From 39th Combat Deployment To Burbank, California



November 10, 2013 By Paul, Duffel Blog

MALIBU, CA — Saying that he's so glad to be home after suffering extreme hardships while on the backlot of his latest combat tour, actor Tom Cruise has returned to Malibu after enduring nearly 40 deployments, sources confirmed today.

"Oh boy that last movie was brutal. Brutal," said Cruise, who endures the same post-traumatic stress disorder as people who watched him in the film *Vanilla Sky*. "Oblivion was just like a war zone. I felt like I could have been killed at any moment."

Sources confirmed that Cruise, who has a net worth of roughly \$270 million, patrolled the dangerous streets of the Relativity Media backlot daily and was awarded his fourth Purple Heart medal for stubbing his toe last month while in his trailer.


“We lost a lot of good takes out there,” said James Elwood, his stunt double.

The City of Malibu announced a homecoming ticker-tape parade to celebrate his return on Monday, and the Department of Veterans Affairs had approved the disability claim he submitted years ago for depression caused by viewing the film Lions for Lambs.

“It’s just been really rough out here and it’s good to be back,” Cruise told reporters. “I feel like I just got back from flying a cargo plane full of rubber dogshit out of Hong Kong.”

At press time, the U.S. Army had awarded Cruise with an honorary Silver Star (with V for vagina) and an expert infantryman badge.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?



CHANGE WE CAN BEREAVE IN

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OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Zionist Occupation Forces Help Settler Terror Mob Attack Palestinian Civilians: “The Footage He Shot Shows Settlers Throwing Stones, While Soldiers Stand Beside Them”

January 10, 2014 B'Tselem

On the morning of Monday 6 January 2014, a group of masked settlers, coming from the direction of the settlement of Yitzhar, arrived at the village of 'Urif, near Nablus.

They reached the eastern outskirts of the village, going to the construction site of a water reservoir being built with USAID funding.

The settlers smashed the electricity meter and threw stones at the home of the Safadi family, adjacent to the construction site.

They also threw stones at the school, located about 100 meters away.

The settlers were accompanied by soldiers as well as by at least one armed settler equipped with a two-way radio, who is apparently one of the settlement's security guards.

Usama Safadi, a local villager, filmed the incident and gave the footage to B'Tselem.

The footage he shot shows settlers throwing stones, while soldiers stand beside them.

The soldiers took no measures to arrest the settlers, to remove them from the area, or at the very least to put an end to the stone-throwing.

Several students at the school threw stones back at the settlers and the soldiers fired teargas at the students.

At that point, the teachers called the students into the school building to keep them away from the confrontation.

The incident lasted approximately 50 minutes, at which point the settlers left, heading in the direction of the settlement of Yitzhar. The footage of the settlers as they head up the

hill shows them passing several vehicles parked on the slope: two military jeeps, a white jeep and a pickup truck, probably belonging to the settlement's security personnel. Two of the settlers who took part in the assault are seen heading over to the security vehicle and one of them is then seen taking a jacket from the back of the pickup truck.

Even at this point, there appears to be no attempt by the military to arrest the assailants, or even to learn their identity. Later, five soldiers are seen heading up from the village in the direction of the settlement.

The filmed record of the incident indicates that the soldiers acted with disregard to their duty to protect the Palestinians: they did not put an end to the violent acts they witnessed, responding only when Palestinians threw stones back at the settlers. The soldiers also do not seem to have made any attempt to identify the masked individuals or detain them until the police arrived on the scene, so they could be charged appropriately. To the best of B'Tselem's knowledge, the soldiers did not provide the police with their own accounts of the incident.

The filmed record indicates that the military, which is required to defend Palestinians in the West Bank, in actual fact served as a security entourage for violent settlers.

During the incident, the military backed the settlers in their assault on Palestinians and their property.

In light of the footage it received, B'Tselem plans to apply to the relevant authorities, demanding that an investigation of the incident be launched immediately. The investigation must examine the conduct of the soldiers and officers on-site during the incident, of the assailants and of the settlement's security personnel. B'Tselem also plans to demand that all security forces serving on the ground be informed of their duty to protect the local Palestinian population and their property against such attacks.

Zionist Occupation Forces Take Prisoner Palestinian Fisherman, As Usual:

**“These Attacks Are Increasingly
Restricting The Fishing Area Allowed
To The Palestinian Fishermen”**

**“Through These Detentions, The Israeli
Authorities Are Trying To Obtain**

Information About People And Places In The Gaza Strip”



Photo by Rosa Schiano

[To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation commanded by foreign terrorists, go to: www.rafahtoday.org The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves “Israeli.”]

On Wednesday, 8th January 2014, 27-year-old Palestinian fisherman Mohammed Sultan Al Khader had was arrested by the Israeli navy in Gaza waters.

He had been fishing with his two brothers, Ahmad and Hamdi, on a small fishing boat, called a hasaka. Al Khader was released in the evening.

“We went fishing at about 6:00 am,” he said at his home in Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip.

“Around 8.40 am, two Israeli speedboats approached our boat and the Israeli soldiers started shooting into the water.” The three brothers were less than one nautical mile off the coast of Soudanya in the northern Gaza Strip.

The Israeli soldiers shouted for them stop the engine and approached the front of their boat. “Stop the engine, approach us, raise your hands,” they shouted to the fishermen.

“Then they asked us to jump into the water,” Al Khader said.

”I told them that my brother was too young and could not swim. I took off my dresses and jumped into the water. Some soldiers pulled me on board the Israeli speedboat. One of them asked me about the two other fishermen. I told him that the young one could not swim and the other one was sick and would have died. ‘I will let your brothers go home and I will take you’, he told me.”

The soldiers gave Al Khader some clothes. Then they forced him to again jump into the water and swim until he reached a large Israeli gunboat about 90 meters away. On board the gunboat, the soldiers blindfolded him, dressed him and cuffed his hands and feet.

“Then I did not see what else was going on,” he said. “I could not see anything.”

In the Israeli port of Ashdod the soldiers uncuffed his feet and removed the blindfold from his eyes.

Then he was interrogated. During the investigation, the soldiers again cuffed his hands and his feet. He said there were two persons, one speaking Arabic and the other Hebrew. Investigators asked him about his name, age and phone number, personal details about his brothers and family, and other personal information. Then they hooded him and left him alone in a room for about an hour and a half.

“Then five soldiers came, including one speaking Arabic,” he said. “He said, ‘I will show you some pictures and you will tell me what you see.’” He asked me on which part of the beach I used to work. He showed me pictures of it. They had pictures of each area. ‘Select one of the pictures’, he told me. I chose a picture of the beach area in which I work.

“The investigators told me to show a governmental site close to the beach and asked how many people work there. ‘I don’t know,’ I said. ‘I don’t know anyone one working there.’ I said. He asked me how it was possible that I did not know anyone if I need to go there to get my permit to work as fishermen. I told him I only know two persons who came on the beach outside the governmental site. Then the investigator asked me about another governmental site of the civil defense.

“He asked me if the police there had guns. I told him that I did not know, that some of them did and others didn’t.”

“Finally, the soldier told me ‘Thank you for your help,’” Al Khader said with a hint of irony. “Then I was forced to talk to someone on the phone who asked me my name again, personal information, the number of my identity card. They left me alone for two hours. Then the soldiers came back with a paper which was written in Hebrew. They made me wear nice clothes, asked me to hold the paper and took a picture of me.” He didn’t know what was written on the paper.

Another fisherman said it was likely to be a medical report about his health condition that the Israelis could use in proceedings against them in court.

“They covered my face again, they handcuffed me and made me undress,” Al Khader said. “Then a soldier asked me to get up and sit down three times. Then they again made me wear the clothes. I was handcuffed, hooded and taken by car to the Erez crossing, at about 6:10 pm.”

Al Khader is married with a two-year-old daughter and a four-year-old son. He lives in a small, two-room, house, waiting to move into a new house under construction. “Due to the siege, there is lack of building materials,” a relative said.

Fishing is the only source of livelihood for his family, like hundreds of others.

These attacks by Israeli military forces are increasingly restricting the fishing area allowed to the Palestinian fishermen preventing them from accessing waters north of Gaza Strip. The practical limit imposed by Israel on waters north of Gaza is not six nautical miles, but one to two.

Moreover, it seems clear that through these detentions, the Israeli authorities are trying to obtain information about people and places in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli blockade on the Gaza Strip affects Palestinians' economic and social conditions. More than 75,000 people depend on the fishing industry as the main source of their livelihood.

Israel has progressively imposed restrictions on Palestinian fishermen's access to the sea.

The 20 nautical miles established under the Jericho agreements, between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in 1994, were reduced to 12 miles in the Bertini Agreement of 2002.

In 2006, the area Israel allowed for fishing was reduced to six nautical miles from the coast.

After its military offensive "Operation Cast Lead" (December 2008 – January 2009) Israel imposed a limit of three nautical miles from the coast, preventing Palestinians from accessing 85% of the water to which they are entitled under the Jericho agreements of 1994.

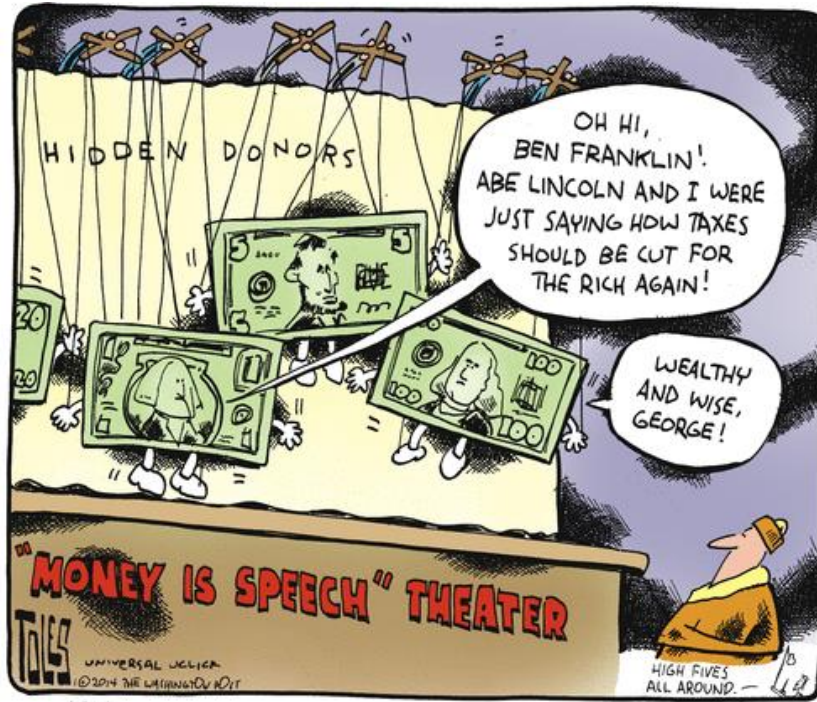
Under the ceasefire agreement reached by Israel and the Palestinian resistance after the Israeli military offensive "Operation Pillar of Defense" (November 2012), Israel agreed that Palestinian fishermen could again sail six nautical miles from the coast.

Despite these agreements, the Israeli navy has not stopped its attacks on fishermen, even within this limit. In March 2013, Israel once again imposed a limit of three nautical miles from the coast. On 22 May, Israeli military authorities announced a decision to extend the limit to six nautical miles again.

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Police Say Teen Shot Self In Head — While Hands Cuffed Behind Back: “Twice In Six Months, Young Men Have Managed To Shoot Themselves In The Head While In Handcuffs In The Back Of Police Cars”

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In yet another case of defying the limits of physiology, 17-year-old Jesus Huerta died in Durham police custody

A strange phenomenon has been occurring in police custody around the U.S., which seems to defy both the laws of physics and the limits of human physiology.

Young people of color, handcuffed with their hands bound behind their backs, are able to shoot themselves in the head. For the critical observer, belief is begged.

As I noted last year, twice in six months, young men have managed to shoot themselves in the head while in handcuffs in the back of police cars. And now again, a North Carolina teen has died of a gunshot wound that police say was self-inflicted while the young man was in handcuffs.

Via local station WNCT9:

A Durham teen (17-year-old Jesus Huerta) died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, Durham Police Chief Jose Lopez said...

“I know that it is hard for people not in law enforcement to understand how someone could be capable of shooting themselves while handcuffed behind the back,” Lopez said.

“While incidents like this are not common, they unfortunately have happened in other jurisdictions in the past.”

Huerta’s family released a statement following the press conference held by Lopez. The family of Huerta said the press conference did not release any new information to the public.

“How did Jesús end up dead in the parking lot at police headquarters in these circumstances? Searched. Handcuffed behind the back. How is it even possible to shoot oneself?” the statement reads.

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