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POLICE WAR REPORTS

Macedonia Protesters Return To Streets:

“No Justice, No Peace”

“We Will Get Together Again Tomorrow And Every Day Until We See Command Responsibility For The Killing Of Martin,” Said The Dead Man’s Brother”

07 May 15 by Meri Jordanovska & 06 May 15 by Sinisa Jakov Marusic; BIRN

The protesters gathered in front of the Macedonian parliament on Wednesday evening after clashes with riot police the previous day, amid simmering political tensions between the government and opposition sparked by the release of a series of wiretapped recordings allegedly implicating top officials in serious wrongdoings.

There was a heavy security presence after Tuesday's clashes, during which police said 38 police officers and one protester were injured and 30 people arrested. Police blocked all the streets near the government building, where the rally was initially meant to be held on Wednesday.



Photo by BIRN

The protesters, mainly aged between 20 and 30, called for the resignation of Interior Minister Gordana Jankuloska, who they consider responsible for trying to cover up the authorities' responsibility for murder of a young man, Martin Neskoski, who was killed by a policeman on June 6, 2011.

"We are gathered here in large numbers, we will get together again tomorrow and every day until we see command responsibility for the killing of Martin," said the dead man's brother, Aleksandar Neskoski.

Some of the protesters brought flowers and tried to give them to police officers, while shouting slogans like "You should protect us", "Put your shields down", and "No justice, no peace".

The protests continued for more than five hours and remained relatively calm, even though members of sports fan groups threw bottles at police officers.

Around 20 young women tried to stop them, making a human shield in front of the police cordon to prevent more serious clashes erupting.

"Provocateurs, go home," the young women shouted at the bottle-throwing fans.

The protest ended around 11 pm local time, but the heavy police presence remained, particularly in front of the government building where special units were reinforced with water cannons and armoured

The protest began Tuesday after the opposition Social Democrats on Tuesday afternoon aired alleged wiretapped telephone recordings of interior minister Gordna Jankuloska, prime minister Nikola Gruevski and other top officials, which suggest they plotted to cover up official responsibility for the high-profile murder of a young man, Martin Neskovski, by a policeman on June 6, 2011.

Angry protesters, including Neskoski's mother and brother, started gathering in front of the government in the afternoon, demanding the resignation of Jankuloska and the government.

The crowd, apparently assisted by a sympathetic police officer who left his guard post, initially broke through a police barricade and was stopped at only few metres from the government building's main entrance.

The demonstration in front of the government lasted until late in the evening as protesters, joined by human rights activists, lowered flags in front of the building to half mast, chanted the Macedonian national anthem and slogans such as "No justice, no peace" at police officers.

Some also threw eggs and apples at the building, breaking several windows.

The rights NGO CIVIL-Centre for Freedom, the student movement Student's Plenum and the leftist Lenka group were among several organizations that complained that their activists were beaten by the police and that the police violence that followed the demonstration was unwarranted and excessive.

Several video recordings appeared over the night showing disturbing images of arrests on the streets of Skopje after the protest was quelled.

[More from Macedonia below.]

**Maximum-Security Prison Houses
State's Most Hardened, Violent
Thugs:
"Exploding Into Terrifying Outbursts In
Response To Perceived Slights As Minor
As Someone Speaking To Them In A
Disrespectful Tone Or Making Eye
Contact With Them"**



Most of the guards already had long histories of brutal violence before they arrived at Marion County Correctional Center.

May 6, 2015 The Onion

REDDICK, FL—Saying the institution is notorious for the incidents of extreme violence that take place within its walls, sources confirmed Wednesday that the Marion County Correctional Center is home to Florida's most dangerous and hardened population of prison guards.

Officials from the state's Department of Corrections told reporters that the maximum-security facility is occupied by its cruelest and longest-serving officers, men with documented histories of ruthlessness, uncontrollable bouts of rage, and an apparent inability to feel empathy of any kind.

"The guards in here are some of the most disturbed individuals you will find in the American penal system," said warden James Uphorn, remarking that the hostile behavior of employees under his administration has created an atmosphere of fear and unpredictable retribution throughout the prison.

"Many of them carry out frightening acts of brutality for no reason whatsoever, feeling no remorse over the heinous offenses they commit and often going back to their daily routines as though nothing has happened."

"It's almost as if they enjoy inflicting pain on others," he continued. "Some guards have never learned any sort of restraint, and so they don't hesitate to take out their frustrations on anyone unfortunate enough to cross their path."

According to the warden, these intimidating, hostile corrections officers roam the corridors of the Marion County facility with impunity, often exploding into terrifying outbursts in response to perceived slights as minor as someone speaking to them in a disrespectful tone or making eye contact with them in a way that is interpreted as a threat to their standing within the prison community.

Uphorn described numerous incidents in which a furious guard has lashed out against a helpless inmate after little or no provocation, ganged up with others against a prisoner

within the confines of his cell and beaten him so badly he requires medical attention, and repeatedly targeted an arbitrarily chosen individual over the course of several months or years, assaulting him until he becomes deeply traumatized and withdrawn.

Though the guards' actions are severe and have even proven lethal at times, Uphorn explained that the violence is rarely reported, as victims know that doing so will only lead to vicious reprisals.

"A lot of corrections officers arrive at this facility with undiagnosed mental problems and unresolved anger issues, and I worry the time they spend in here only worsens their behavior," said Uphorn, noting that emotionally stunted guards tend to suffer from the negative influence of the similarly unstable officers around them.

"Some of them have been in here for decades, and this cycle of constant abuse is all they know. I shudder to think what kind of damage they cause when they walk out of here and attempt to interact with civilized society."

"But a penitentiary is exactly where these types of people belong," he added.

"Can you imagine these guys out patrolling the streets?"

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Flights To Besieged Afghan City Cancelled: Hundreds Of Taliban Militants Fight Against Government Forces

7 May 2015 By Mirwais Harooni, Reuters

KABUL - Commercial flights to Afghanistan's besieged northern city of Kunduz have been suspended, an official said on Thursday, as hundreds of Taliban militants fought against government forces struggling to oust them from the city's outskirts.

Nearly two weeks of clashes around Kunduz have forced thousands of people to flee their homes and posed the biggest challenge to the U.S.-trained Afghan army and police since foreign combat troops withdrew at the end of last year.

Government forces have vowed that the northern provincial capital will not fall into the hands of the Taliban, who officials said were fighting alongside foreign jihadists.

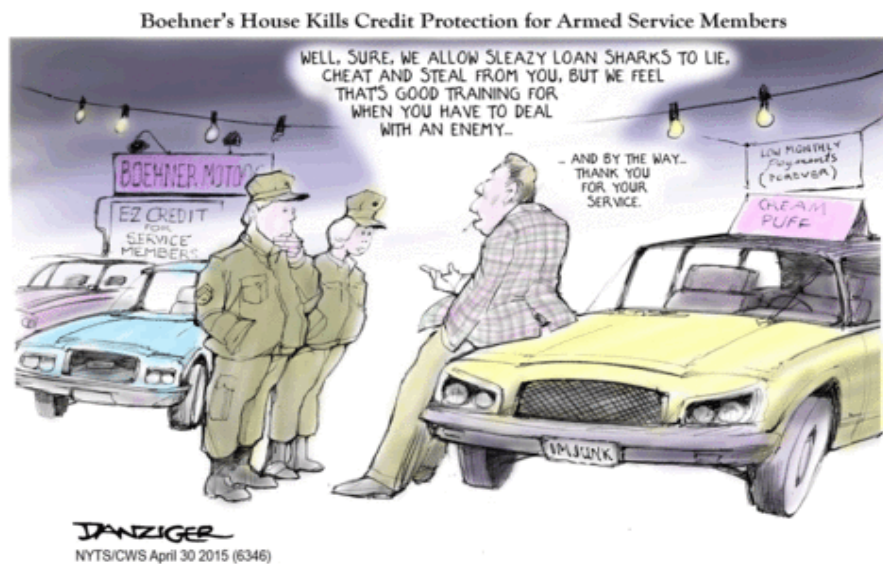
But the difficulty they are having in driving insurgents from the southern district of Gul Tapa and other areas has raised fresh concerns about the strength of Afghan forces, 13 years after a U.S.-backed intervention drove the hardline Islamist Taliban from power.

The fighting prompted Afghan airline East Horizons to suspend its once-weekly flight from Kabul to Kunduz, the only commercial passenger air link to the northern city.

"Since there are security problems we have stopped," said Omid Sahi, an official at the airline's office in Kabul.

The Taliban's major push in the north, away from its traditional strongholds in the south and east of Afghanistan, is seen as a bid to take territory from areas where Afghan forces were spread thin.

MILITARY NEWS



Pentagon Says Iraq War “Flowing In The Wrong Direction”

May 6, 2015 May 6, 2015

The Pentagon on Wednesday said Iraq's fight to secure the country's largest oil refinery from Islamic State militants was headed in the wrong direction and declined to predict the outcome of ongoing battle.

"It's been a tough, fluid fight," Pentagon spokesman Colonel Steve Warren told a news briefing, adding that "right now it's flowing in the wrong direction."

"It could still turn around. At this point, it's impossible to predict how it's going to play out."

Reuters has reported insurgents hold large sections of the sprawling Baiji refinery complex in northern Iraq where policemen, soldiers and elite special forces are holding out.

**Insurgents' Sleeper Cells Are
Secret Weapon:
"Government Intelligence
Agencies Believe That There Are
Around 5,000 Members Of The IS
Group In Baghdad Right Now"
"Almost Impossible To Identify
Them"
"The Iraqi Government Doesn't Really
Have Too Many Effective Solutions For
The Sleeper Cells Here"**

04.23. 2015 by Mustafa Habib, Niqash [Excerpts]

It has been almost two weeks since fierce fighting started around the Iraqi city of Ramadi in the province of Anbar. The Iraqi military began operations to expel fighters from the extremist group known as the Islamic State from the province around then but while they've made some gains, they also found that one of the two large cities in Anbar they still controlled came under attack.

In fact the extremist Islamic State, or IS, group had already made moves on Ramadi even before the government announced its new offensive and after a surprise attack, they had managed to take control of areas in the north and the west of the city.

And their tactics give an insight into how the extremist fighters are using clever tactics as well as sleeper cells; it may also give an insight into why there is ever increasing distrust between Iraqis from different sects.



Refugees flee Ramadi trying to escape the city and extremists.

This surprise attack by the group, which bases its ideology on its own version of Sunni Islam, began with an attack on the barracks housing irregular Shiite Muslim militias in the Sajariyah area; the militias are mostly made up of volunteers.

A few hours beforehand though, some residents of the area began roaming the streets nearby, shouting that the extremist group was coming and that they had a lot of fighters and weapons.

As a result the forces there abandoned their barracks and withdrew from the area.

The Washington Post reported that almost 5,000 local policemen also fled Ramadi, leaving just a thousand troops to defend the city. One of them told the newspaper he just wanted to make sure his family was safe.

“The Shiite factions thought that there was an army coming to attack them even though later on they realised that the force coming towards them was actually a lot smaller,” Mohammed Daoudi, a captain in the regular Iraqi army, told NIQASH.

“It quickly became clear that the locals in Sajariyah were intentionally spreading false rumours and sewing panic. They must have been affiliated with the IS group, part of what can only be described as sleeper cells.”

There were reports of the same thing apparently happening in other parts of the city, including the Bufarraaj, Bueitha and Tamim.

The subterfuge also caused many local people in those areas to leave as quickly as they could and try to make their way to the relative safety of Baghdad.

The rumours that caused the panic implied that a huge IS group force was on its way that would be able to occupy the territory in a matter of hours

“The sleeper cells deceived us,” Salman Mohammedi tells NIQASH; he left the Tamim area where he lives with his family as quickly as he could and he’s now living on the outskirts of Baghdad. “They spread rumours about how quickly the IS fighters were advancing and they also spread rumours about how the IS group would kill us all. That’s why we left so quickly.”

The psychological battle in Ramadi has actually been a long one.

The IS group has its own intelligence apparatus. It consists of locals – civilians – who have normal jobs. Some of them may even be members of the army or police.

Their job is to gather information about the areas they live in: things like the number of troops there, how many checkpoints there are and where members of the local security forces live.

They are also supposed to spread rumours and disinformation among their neighbours, sewing both fear and panic as well as anger and distrust toward the Iraqi government and military.

Once the IS fighters have succeeded in occupying a city, the sleeper cells come into their own. They become the IS-sponsored administrators of the city. Some of this kind of strategic planning was recently outlined in the German news magazine, Der Spiegel.

An Iraqi intelligence officer, who asked to remain anonymous, told NIQASH that security forces had learned several things thanks to interrogations of IS fighters they’d captured.

“There are three kinds of sleeper cells,” the officer explained. “The first category are not active. The second is composed of individuals who are supposed to infiltrate the local police and military and we believe that some of them are high ranking officers. And the third category is for those whose primary mission is to spread rumours and disinformation.”

Government intelligence agencies believe that there are around 5,000 members of the IS group in Baghdad right now but that it is almost impossible to identify them. According to the officer, the spies receive money from the IS group.

“There are lists of payments and salaries that are with the highest commanders in the IS group,” he says. “But the spies are all given nicknames so even if we do manage to get these lists, it would be very hard to identify the spies.”

This kind of information is part of what causes ever-increasing distrust between the different components of Iraqi society.

Humanitarian organisations suggest that around 90,000 people fled Ramadi for Baghdad. However many have not been able to enter Baghdad because in order to do so, they must be sponsored by someone already inside the city. The security forces say they also need proof of an address before the displaced families can enter, in case extremist fighters are coming to Baghdad from elsewhere in Iraq, sneaking in among the displaced. And many Anbaris are still considered security risks for the reasons above.

It seems as though the Iraqi government doesn't really have too many effective solutions for the sleeper cells here.

One suggestion would be the building of closer alliances with local Sunnis so they can monitor their own people - however at the moment, the government still seems to believe that the only solution is military.

MORE:

Iraq Is Suffocating Under An Oil Slick Of Corruption: "Iraq Ranks 170 In A List Of 175 Countries For Public Sector Corruption"

"This Level Of Corruption Was The Main Reason Behind The Fall Of One-Third Of Iraq To The Islamic State Group"

24 April, 2015 By: Mundher al-Adhami; Al-Araby al-Jadeed English

How corrupt can a politician be before they are held responsible in a democracy? Well, it depends on which democracy you live in.

If you happen to be in Iraq, you can go as far you like.

Corruption in Iraq is the norm, so much so that politicians regularly accuse each other of corruption to deflect accusations against themselves.

In one of the latest phony episodes, Hassan Salim, an MP, accused the presidency of parliament of corruption over the \$1m cost of setting up a parliamentary website.

Salim called the figure "scary and alarming" - an irony given he gets close to half of that for merely being an MP, thanks to the lavish entitlements the members voted themselves.

Such cat-calling and personal insults are top-draw entertainment on satellite television. But they are also a distraction from the big issues facing Iraqi, starting with the main revenue of the country, oil.

Transparency International Corruption Index for the year 2014 ranks Iraq 170 in a list of 175 countries for public sector corruption, only better than Somalia, South Sudan, Afghanistan, Sudan and North Korea.

Chief among the reasons is corruption in the oil sector. Its sale in Iraq is still unmeasured - meaning the government does not have an accurate measurement of what constitutes 95 percent of its revenue.

Actual amounts of crude oil produced, transported and exported are not properly recorded.

Imagine the money to be made by taking just 0.1 percent of the three million barrels estimated to be produced a day in southern Iraq.

The scale of corruption is many times this amount.

What happens to the income that actually entered the government coffers? A report published in Arabic earlier this month quotes an MP from the Kurdish Tagheer block, Masood Haider, also a vice-chairman of the parliamentary finance committee.

He states that Iraq's official income from the sale of oil since 2006 to 2014 amounted to about \$550bn, and that 60 percent of that amount, or about \$360bn, was sold in the currency auction, organised by the Central Bank of Iraq for Iraqi business to fund their purchases abroad.

He refers to evidence that much of these are smuggled out of the country for private gains.

The MP highlighted the case of an "unnamed" official who managed to buy hard currency from the auction and had transferred \$550m out of the country within a year.

Many Iraqis believe that the prime minister's control of the central bank, the judiciary and most of the so-called independent bodies has led to the use of a huge proportion of Iraqi funds for the support of Iranian economy in the face of international sanctions, for arms purchases by the Syrian regime, for recruiting and arming Shia militias.

Rumour abound that it is also used to buy the loyalty of media outlets from TV channels to websites and blogs.

A recent book, Corruption in Iraq, by Moussa Faraj, the former chairman of the country's Integrity Commission, gives documented examples over an 11-year-period.

Faraj notes that the Iraqi annual budget is more than the total budgets of four neighbouring countries: Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt, bearing in mind that Iraq's population does not exceed one-third of the population of Egypt.

As expected Faraj has been hounded out of office and out of the country, as with all who dare to raise such issues, like his colleague Judge Rahim al-Ogaili who now lives in Erbil outside the Baghdad government's reach.

Faraj and others looked at the extent of corruption in the army, finding a fraudulent register of tens of thousands of "ghost officers", the sale of military posts and phony procurement deals.

Many believe this level of corruption was the main reason behind the fall of one-third of Iraq to the Islamic State group.

Sarah Chayes, a US reporter and author, says in her book *Thieves of State: Why Corruption Threatens Global Security* that corruption is the real reason for the chaos enveloping the Arab world, Africa and Eastern Europe.

In an interview with BBC Today she elaborated: "Since the late 1990s, corruption has reached such an extent that some governments resemble glorified criminal gangs, bent solely on their own enrichment. These kleptocrats drive indignant populations to extremes -ranging from revolution to militant puritanical religion."

Here we see that what starts with petty practices, such as officials favouring their own folk over qualified citizens, or pilfering public money for private gains, can gradually morph into leaders stashing billions and arming their own sectarian militias for private gain, and result in the explosions we struggle to understand.

Fighting corruption is the main step in fighting terrorism. You cannot win the second without winning the first.

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

<p>I say that when troops cannot be counted on to follow orders because they see the futility and immorality of them THAT is the real key to ending a war. -- Al Jaccoma, Veterans For Peace</p>

In Praise Of Riot, Rebellion, Resistance And Revolution: “Riots Are The First Form That Says To The Security Forces And The Elite That We Will Not Take It.’ “Riots Are Rebellions”

MAY 06, 2015 by J.A. MASKO, Counterpunch [Excerpts]

There are at least three potential audiences for this piece: those that are saying, “What the hell is this guy saying? Violence is good? Criminal thuggery revolutionary?”

And then there are those who are wondering, what does he mean exactly?

Is he just being sensationalists or radical chic?

And then there are those who get it.

Most of them haven’t been to university, but most have either been in a riot or have at least felt the undeniable surge that comes from desperation and rage that leads to disrupting business as usual.

Yes, rage.

Riots come from rage and most commentators don't have any rage or any experience in riots, except as creepy voyeurs, endlessly repeating the TV cycle narrative.

Black Lives Matter, but racial violence is class violence.

Face it, everyday, people of every color get abused and murdered by the security forces that themselves are every shade of the rainbow, yet are blue and blue throughout.

Of course there is a color component, how could it be otherwise when black people are a great part of the American underclass?

But if you're Henry Louis Gates and you get arrested for "breaking" into your own house, you get a beer with Obama and the racist cop who arrested you.

Poor people don't get that break. They get broken.

And forget about white privilege, poor people of color aren't denied privilege, they are denied the human rights that we all should and can enjoy.

Black privilege accords with White privilege quite nicely (oh you know this if you're 3rd generation Spelman or Howard); it's called class privilege.

But what about those vicious crackers and peckerwoods? The KKK and the Aryan Brotherhood? The sad privilege they call their own is pathetic outdated colonialism, used by the elite to divide and conquer.

The vanquished would rather argue, yes, I am not being oppressed or exploited. This is exactly what they want; it is easier to say you want to be brutalized, and to say you deserve it, than to admit you are being fucked.

And of course, the working class is white in popular culture and pretty happy on the sitcoms and reality Television shows so those out there fighting for a better life are criminals, rioters, and bums.

All the usual suspects that take, take, and take as they rely on the Welfare State instead of hard work.

Should we fight incessantly for equality in race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and all other political identities? YES, without fail!

But we can't fail to connect it to a larger structural system that reroutes natural allies into neoliberal narratives struggling for their own piece of the pie.

And those in the academy and industry usually get the spoils before us proles.

To deny the very existence of a working class and a working class life betrays the poverty of your theory and the inability to relinquish your "privilege," but allows the petit bourgeois its illusions of helping the needy from the greedy.

To frame riots, rebellion, and resistance, as a class thing, or a gender thing, or a sexual orientation thing, is to ignore the structure that in fact create the “rioting and looting” in the first place.

Without the ability to help not just workers, but to help workers realize themselves as a class of workers *for themselves*, or in other words creating a political party that representing workers and not the business sector.

This is the main fear of the elite, that the people, *the demos*, will move from simply rioting to envisioning a better world and ways to achieve it.

Why do the police have military grade equipment? Because they are going to need it when they finally understand that force and coercion won't work.

Many military and ex-military are embarrassed and angry and no longer are supportive of the security forces and more and more on duty refuse to attack their fellow citizens.

Nothing will stop the desire of people to be free. Nothing.

Historical Riots reestablish the existence of history itself. They re-open history as our own making and only we can make history, as people creating a better world. And who says that we cannot imagine a better world? Only the mental cripples on Wall Street.

A man far smarter than me spoke of riots, and how they came about, and he had a word for it: stikhiinost.

It means something like the elemental force that erupts when that feeling of injustice can no longer be tolerated.

It also has many more inflections than I can add, but it has been translated into spontaneous. That ponderous word that explains all the differences, the nuances, the causes with the simplistic, “The riot was spontaneous, It started out of nowhere”

This is a way of masking that, yes, actions, disruptions occur most often in unpredictable manners, but they are not spontaneous in the sense that we cannot understand where they came from and yet the conditions that created and fostered them are present nonetheless.

In fact, the point is to understand those conditions so that the stikhinnyi nature of our outrage, or our desire to change the injustices around us, is directed and not only an outpouring of anger. That it becomes politicized, not labeled criminal.

So riots do not come out of the “blue,” or even from the killing of a citizen or a thousand other injustices; they come out of the injustice of the capitalist system.

Riots are the first form that says to the security forces and the elite that we will not take it.

Riots are rebellions.

Rebellions use riots or physical disruptions to announce that the way our lives are ordered must be changed and that a new world can and must be envisioned.

So when you see the terms, “rioters,” “criminals,” “thugs,” ask what function that serves?

To demonize those who simply cannot take it anymore or to hide the fact that they’ve been driven to such desperate measures?

It is to depoliticize the people trying to create history.

Oh, you say, but what about those looters? Yes, there are looters and I support them in historical riots.

You have been told in every facet of your life to try to get as much as you can, however possible, so if you can grab five big screen televisions and sell them, do so.

This is the American Dream of the Corporate United States, so get yours! Is looting a political act? It can be when you are looting for your survival or it can be as capitalist as any Fortune 500 company.

Are all riots political? As I’ve mentioned already, rioting is only rebelling and rebellion can have any political nature.

Can a historical riot be depoliticized? This is the function of mainstream media, to create the narrative of criminality and to “blame” the problem on the “wrong” way to protest.

How sad and hopeless that our poor have to steal from themselves and be blamed for their own poverty when the titans of industry relentlessly plunder the world’s wealth in an unending class war?

How many criminals on Wall Street and in the financial sector have served time for the biggest crime in history, but you are going to give jail time to someone who threw a bottle?

Only through bringing to the table the specter of a new day, a new horizon created by riots that we can turn to rebellion, to then Revolution.

By understanding that a new Idea can be made visible and discussed instead of dismissed, we acknowledge riots as resistance.

I mean the idea that a collective social arrangement, superior to the one we have at present, is something we can realize in our lifetimes.

History is not dead.

By creating a rebellion, a refusal to accept the conditions as they are, we move into resistance.

The ability to recognize ourselves as a class, and to understand our oppressions aren’t a contest to see who has it the worst; we are not separate demographics and we all experience the alienation of work and feel hunger when our bellies are empty.

Understanding how our resistance is connected and united, the process of revolution begins.

“Socialism and Barbarism” has never have been more evident.

The choice is ours.

FYI: Military Resistance Website Visits: Top Ten Sources Of Visits Ranked 1-10 April 2015

- 1 USA**
- 2 China**
- 3 Germany**
- 4 France**
- 5 “Unknown” [Source Masked]**
- 6 Ukraine**
- 7 Canada**
- 8 South Korea**
- 9 Netherlands**
- 10 Romania**

Readers from an additional 94 have also accessed, including Iraq, Mongolia, Greece, Afghanistan, Belarus & Iran.

Source: AWStats

Single Room Prices Or Double Bed Love

[Thanks to Bill Hargrove, who sent this in. For the music that goes with it, he writes, think Hank Williams, or Taylor Swift. T

You may have noticed lately
No matter where you go
If you're just a single
You pay right through the nose

A double saves you money
So split one with a friend
We've got to save our money now
There's a big payoff for sin

Chorus: ¾ time
Single room prices or double bed love
While Jesus looks down from heaven above
Hotel or motel, it's always the same.

Pay too much money or live with the shame

Lots of people out of work
Nobody's flush these days
You try to take a little trip
And pay and pay and pay

A motel on the levee
Or one night at the Ritz
It's cheaper sleeping double
Save your money for the grits

Chorus: ¾ time
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CLASS WAR REPORTS

“Down With The Government”



Bahraini anti-government protesters carry banners and pictures of jailed opposition leader, Sheikh Ali Salman, in a protest following midday prayers in Diraz, Bahrain, on May 8, 2015. Protesters shouted slogans including, "down with the government," and demanded democracy and freedom for political prisoners. Arabic writing on the banner reads, "We will not leave our hostages in jails, 'Revolution of Chains.'" (AP Photo/Hasan Jamali)

**“Unfortunately Austerity Is NOT
Challenged In Greece”
“What Is Really At Stake Is The Very
Survival Of The Present
Government!”
“They Are Breathing Yet Only Because
Of Working Class Prejudices And
Illusions That They Could Really Stop
Austerity”**

From: ioannis a. [Greece] via Marxism
Subject: Syriza and Tsipras exposed
Date: May 6, 2015

Unfortunately austerity is NOT challenged in Greece; I live there and, if not me, certainly my wife would have known it.

The capitalists can not concede anything if they are to survive as capitalists in the middle of that mess of the big capitalist crisis.

Thus austerity IS a key struggle, but only because it would have de facto been part of a revolutionary process.

But bailing out the debt and running after primary surpluses equals austerity.

Today, if you are to challenge austerity you are running towards a direct class confrontation.

So, either Syriza is a revolutionary party or austerity remains, indeed, unchallenged.

What is really at stake is the very survival of the present government!

They are breathing yet only because of working class prejudices and illusions that they could really stop austerity (not even reverse it; nobody believes that) without conflicts.

If they are driven to impose now new wage and pension cuts, they will fall before summer, and that's why Tsipras is playing all his cards: No intermediate deal but a final one, the Cyprus exhibition of the real or supposed Greek geopolitical advantages in Mediterranean, and the declaration of faith in anti-terrorism.

MORE:

From: ioannis a. [Greece] via Marxism
Subject: Stathis Kouvelakis "It's Time for a Rupture"
Date: May 7, 2015

I don't know if my poor english betrayed my thoughts but i agree that, although syriza has notoriously weak links with its electoral base and the working class, its relationship with "the people" is not at all to be summed up as "from above".

And of course it will never be too late for the people to intervene, otherwise what's the point to be Marxist?

What i argue is that when a government says repeatedly to the people "everything is under control, there is no reason to worry about, an agreement with our *partners* is more than certain and imminent ... ", this government can not make a sudden U turn, as Kouvelakis is suggesting, say to this very people "well you know, these guys were not really our partners; in fact they are bloodthirsty capitalists! Let us take the streets to confront them" and expect a popular mobilization of a *complementary* and politically subjugated character, as it is meant to be.

THAT would be an impossibility "from above".

If a popular mobilization is to be expected hoped and prepared, it would have an autonomous and independent from the state character and of course it is unpredictable what could trigger it.

What makes me skeptical about, is that there appear to be many people around here in Greece, including Antarsya as a whole and Kouvelakis & co inside syriza, who do hang, one way or another, their hopes on a working class mobilization, but they do nothing to prepare or even prepare themselves about it!

Though all my references are obviously in Greek, the climate i describe is also detectable into Kouvelakis' text. All about people's mobilization is just a wish, and this is the case not only for Kouvelakis & co inside syriza, but for the overall Antarsya as well.

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Street Uprising Breaks Out Against Macedonian Dictatorship:

The Crowd Gathers Outside State Buildings Calling On The Tyrant Gruevski To Resign



An estimated two thousand protesters confronted police outside government buildings in Skopje



Containers were set alight and stones were thrown late into the night

6 May 2015 BBC

Riot police have clashed with thousands of protesters in the Macedonian capital Skopje after the main opposition alleged a cover-up over the death of a man in 2011.

The government said 38 police were injured, although many were thought to have suffered from shock.

The crowd gathered outside state buildings calling on Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski's government to resign.

The protest erupted after the opposition revealed leaked recordings.

It was the latest in a series of wire-taps released by Social Democrat leader Zoran Zaev, who has been locked in a power struggle with Mr Gruevski for several months.

Mr Zaev said the audio files showed the prime minister, Interior Minister Gordana Jankulovska and other leading officials attempting to cover up the death of Martin Neskovski, 22, who was beaten to death by an interior ministry policeman in June 2011. His death led to weeks of unrest.

The policeman was convicted but the opposition said its wire-taps showed the government had sought to avoid responsibility for the death by blaming him.

Witnesses say the demonstration began peacefully but turned violent late on Tuesday evening.

Nova TV journalist Sashka Cvetkovska said some police had used excessive force on protesters, including women and girls.

"Then some violent groups joined the protesters and it all went wild," she told the BBC.

Police used water cannon and teargas as stones were thrown and containers set alight.

Macedonia's political crisis dates back to last year's elections, when Mr Zaev's centre-left party made allegations of electoral fraud, denounced the government as a dictatorship, and boycotted parliament.

Mr Zaev, who has been charged with espionage, has made allegations that the government has itself been wire-tapping more than 20,000 people, including judges, politicians and journalists.

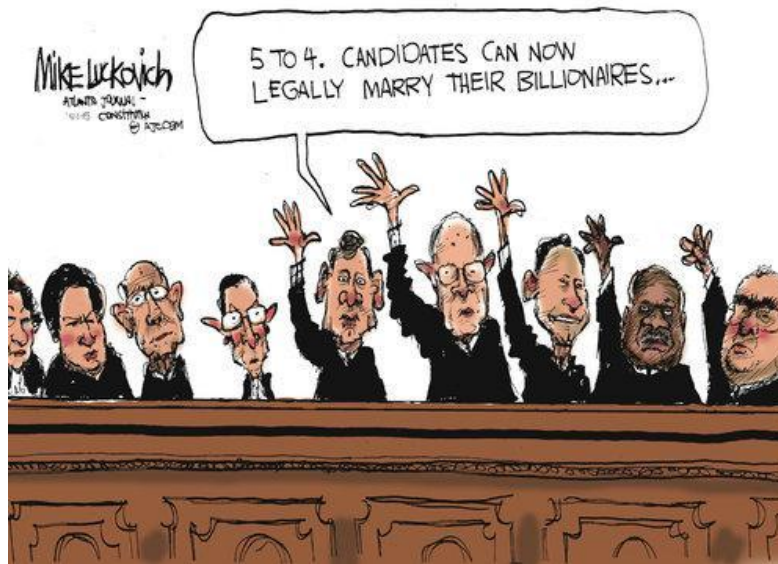
Mr Gruevski's conservative VMRO-DPMNE has been in power since 2006 and last month the European Union expressed its grave concern at the deteriorating situation in Macedonia, particularly regarding "rule of law, fundamental rights and freedom of media".

The opposition has called for a large anti-government protest on 17 May.

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OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Occupation Army Opens Fire On Unarmed Palestinian Farmers And Fishers In The Gaza Strip, As Usual

May 07, 2015 by IMEMC News

Israeli soldiers opened fire, on Thursday at dawn, on a number of Palestinian farmers east of Deir al-Balah, in Central Gaza, while navy ships opened fire on fishing boats in Gaza territorial waters.

Media sources said the soldiers fired dozens of rounds of live ammunition into Palestinian agricultural lands, south of Deir al-Balah, forcing the farmers to leave their lands fearing addition military escalation.

The sources stated that the live rounds were fired from military towers, surrounding the Kissufim base, across the border fence with Gaza.

In addition, Israeli navy ships fired rounds of live ammunition targeting a number of fishing boats, in Palestinian territorial waters.

One of the boats was damaged nearly 4 miles from the Gaza coast, and the fishers had to swim back to shore, to avoid further navy fire.

The Israeli army and navy conduct daily assaults and violations against the Palestinians, their lands and property in different parts of the besieged coastal region.

Heroic Zionist Forces Destroy Palestinian Electricity Network

May 07, 2015 Ma'an

HEBRON -- At least seven schoolchildren inhaled tear gas during clashes with Israeli troops Thursday morning in Arab al-Ramadin village south of Hebron in the southern West Bank, the local council reported.

Ahmad Suleiman, who heads the village's local council, said large numbers of Israeli troops stormed the area and destroyed the main electricity network. As a result, angry schoolchildren clashed with the soldiers who showered them with tear gas hurting at least seven.

Two children have been detained, according to Suleiman.

This was the second time Israeli forces destroyed the village's electricity network, added Suleiman, who noted that the local council filed legal procedures at an Israeli court.

Heroic Zionist Forces Shut Down Palestinian Health Program In Occupied Jerusalem: “Medical Exams, Preventative Screenings, Health Education And Vaccinations” For Children Called “Terrorism”

MAY 7, 2015 WAFA

JERUSALEM, May 7, 2015 (WAFA) – The Israeli intelligence Thursday notified the Health Work Committees (HWC) in Jerusalem of its decision to shut it down for a period of 12 months, said a committee in a statement.

According to media sources, the decision stated that, “‘Under the Prevention of Terrorism Act of 1948 and after the conviction that this place is used in terrorist activities, we decided to close it for one year from this date.’

“The Health Work Committees (HWC) is a non-governmental health and development organization, established in 1985 to meet the health care needs of the Palestinian population living under occupation.

Its Shuafat office in East Jerusalem housed the group’s school health programme, which since 1990 has provided medical exams, preventative screenings, health education and vaccinations to Palestinian students in more than 62 schools in Jerusalem,” said Alternet on its website.

Israeli Police and a staff of the Israeli intelligence raided the center early Thursday and handed officials there the closure order, in addition to two other orders summoning two officials to appear for interrogation at the Israeli intelligence. Israeli police further confiscated the PC’s.

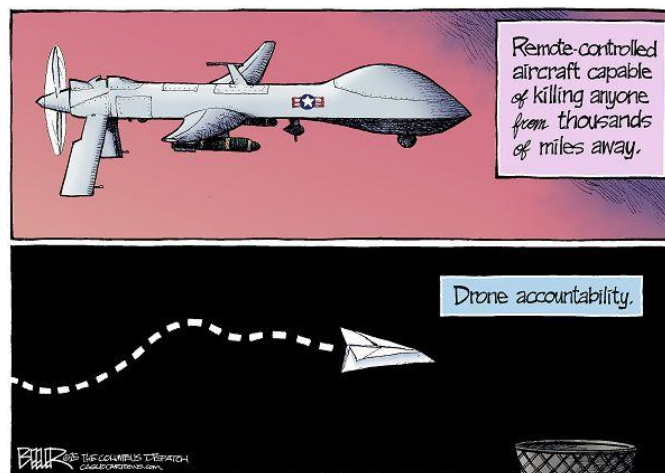
Alternet reported on the center urging ‘all national and international legal, human rights and health organizations to force the occupation to revoke this arbitrary and unjust decision’, states the HWC, which declares this latest decision is part of the wider Israeli campaign targeting Palestinian residents of Jerusalem.’

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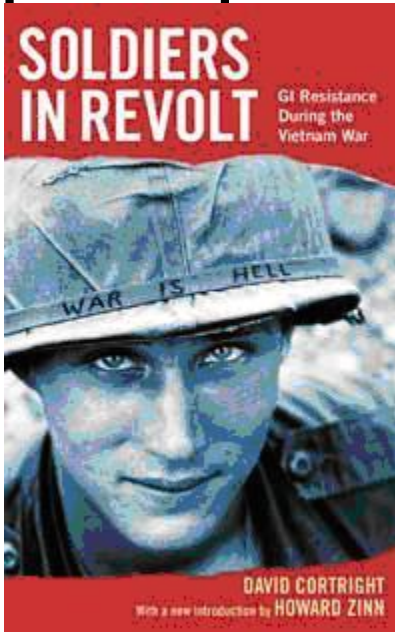
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