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### **Obama Sending More Troops To Iraq:**

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# “Obama Has Not Ruled Out Future Steps”

June 10, 2015 David Jackson, USA TODAY & June 9, 2015 By Dion Nissenbaum and Gordon Lubold, Wall Street Journal

WASHINGTON — President Obama will send up to 450 more U.S. troops to Iraq to step up the training of local forces as they battle the Islamic State, officials said Wednesday.

The new plan is a marked if modest expansion of the U.S. military role in Iraq. It would expose American forces to greater risk of being drawn into direct combat with Islamic State forces that already control territory around likely sites for a planned U.S. training base.

The Pentagon has been fine-tuning plans to send the troops, including hundreds of advisers, to a base in Anbar province where Iraqi forces are crafting plans for the Ramadi counterattack.

It would expose American forces to greater risk of being drawn into direct combat with Islamic State forces

"This train, advise, and assist mission builds on lessons learned during the past several months and is just one aspect of our commitment to support the Iraqi Security Forces," spokesman Josh Earnest said.

**The new order brings the overall U.S. troop level remaining in Iraq to around 3,550, the vast majority of them involved in some sort of training projects.**

The troops will also advise the Iraqi 8th Division, Warren said. Some soldiers from that division fled Ramadi without fighting. Asked about the lack of advisers in the field, Rhodes said Obama has not ruled out future steps, but the emphasis is on improving Iraqi security forces. The number of U.S. training sites will increase from four to five under the plan.

**MORE:**

**Obama Considering “Opening A Network Of New Bases In Iraq”  
“Each Base Could Require Additional U.S. Troops”  
“Further Deployments Are Under Consideration”**

June 11, 2015 By Gordon Lubold and Adam Entous, Wall Street Journal [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON—The Obama administration is considering opening a network of new bases in Iraq like the hub being established west of Baghdad, the nation's top military officer said, something that would deepen the U.S. role in the war against Islamic State.

Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, outlined the possibility of several new bases across Iraq as the U.S. looks for ways to help Baghdad gain the upper hand against the extremist militants.

Each base could require additional U.S. troops, but it was unclear how many or whether an overall troop increase would be needed. The U.S. will deploy up to 450 new troops there to advise Sunni forces attempting to retake the Anbar provincial capital of Ramadi after Iraqi forces' humbling loss to Islamic State there last month.

Gen. Dempsey's comments indicated further deployments are under consideration.

He said he envisioned that the new training base at Taqaddum would serve as a model for other bases, which he called "lily pads" and hinted that such sites could be used in the region between the capital Baghdad and the cities of Tikrit and Mosul to the north.

Although no new bases or troop deployments have yet been proposed, it is likely each new site could require as many as 500 troops, which administration officials say could be shifted from other facilities. Some Pentagon officials think more troops might be needed.

**A senior Obama administration official said Gen. Dempsey's comments were "entirely consistent" with the strategy Mr. Obama has laid out in Iraq.**



***Why, I can smile, and murder whiles I smile,  
And cry 'Content' to that which grieves my heart  
And wet my cheeks with artificial tears,  
And frame my face to all occasions.  
-- Gloucester, "Henry VI"-Shakespeare***

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

# **Taliban Kill 17 At Police Station In Afghanistan: “We Do Not Have Modern Weapons To Fight The Taliban” “When We Learned That Taliban Ambushed The Police Base, We Cannot Assist Them, Due To Fears Of Ambush Or IEDs”**

June 13, 2015 By Rod Nordland, New York Times [Excerpts]

KABUL — Afghanistan’s police force took another severe blow from the Taliban on Saturday, as 17 police officers were killed in a clash with the insurgents in the southern province of Helmand, officials said.

The insurgents overran a police base near the center of the strategically important district of Musa Qala, the officials said. Local police officers and witnesses described a large-scale attack that began after midnight and continued until daylight.

“There are also casualties to the Taliban, but we do not know the figures,” said Omar Zwak, the spokesman for the governor of Helmand province. “We are investigating how this happened. Why didn’t the district center headquarters send reinforcements? It’s a big loss. We are saddened.”

Of the 19 police officers stationed at the base, 17 were killed and two were wounded, he said.

One police officer, stationed at a base near the one that came under attack, said the insurgents surrounded it and by dawn had completely destroyed it. Roads around the base were planted with mines and booby traps, preventing its defenders from escaping and other officers from coming to their aid, the officer said.

Musa Qala, in Helmand’s north, adjoins the district of Baghran, which the Taliban already control, according to Major General Mohammad Afzal Aman, chief of operations for the Ministry of Defense. Officers assigned to fight the Taliban in Baghran were

stationed at the Takhtapol base, less than a mile from the district headquarters in Musa Qala.

Afghanistan's poorly trained and ill-equipped national police force has borne the brunt of the fighting, and the casualties, in Helmand, as in many other parts of the country. Of the 5,588 Afghan government security forces killed last year, 3,720 of them were police officers — twice the number of regular soldiers killed.

"We do not have modern weapons to fight the Taliban and have no aircraft to target them," said a police officer from Musa Qala, who, like others interviewed, spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to make statements to the news media. When we learned that Taliban ambushed the police base, we cannot assist them, due to fears of ambush or IEDs" the officer said, referring to improvised explosive devices.

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## **Taliban Launch Major Attack On Keshk Kohan District In Herat**

Jun 12 2015 By Khaama Press

Hundreds of Taliban militants launched coordinated attack on Kehshk Kohna district in western Herat province of Afghanistan.

According to the local government officials, the coordinated attack was launched from various parts of the district and heavy clashes still continue between the Afghan forces the Taliban insurgents.

A member of the provincial council Abdul Rasoul Jamshedi said the coordinated attack was launched by over 200 Taliban militants.

He said the Taliban militants took control of a number of villages and have taken a number of civilians as hostages.

In the meantime, an Afghan army official said over 400 Taliban insurgents launched the attack and additional forces have been deployed from the center to fight the militants.

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## **District Governor Blown Up**

June 14, 2015 RFE/RL, Inc.

Police said a district governor and three others were killed on June 14 when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb in northeastern Afghanistan.

A provincial police spokesman said Hamidullah Haqjo, the governor of Ishkamesh district of the Takhar Province, as well as a police officer and two of his bodyguards were killed in the incident, which occurred in the early morning.

He said the governor was going to visit security checkpoints in the remote areas of the district, which came under an insurgent attack the previous night.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast.

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## **Senior Afghan National Army Commander Killed**

Jun 14 2015 By Khaama Press

A senior Afghan National Army commander has embraced martyrdom in a militant attack in western Ghor province, local officials said on Sunday.

Col. Shoaib Bakhshi was the battalion commander for the first brigade of 207th Zafar Corps.

He was driving in a vehicle that came under the rocket attack of the militants in Dolina District last night.

Four soldiers riding in the vehicle with him sustained injuries in the attack.

Taliban have claimed responsibility for the attack.

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### **POLICE WAR REPORTS**

## **Unarmed Man Killed By Enemy Combatants For Sleeping In His Car:**

# **Protesters Gather To Honor Memory Of Demouria Hogg: “Friends Described Hogg, Who They Said Grew Up In West Oakland, As A Devoted Father To His Three Children”**



June 12, 2013: 800 Rally For Demouria Hogg; Intersection of Lakeshore Ave. and Lake Park Ave., Oakland, CA. Photo by Jonathan Nack

Jun 13, 2015 By Bay City News

A Friday vigil and march in honor of a man shot and killed by an Oakland police officer on June 6 ended quietly after friends and family lit candles at the Lakeshore Avenue off-ramp where he died.

Hundreds began gathering around 6 p.m. at the corner of Lakeshore and Lake Park avenues, where a group of protesters sat down in the middle of the street, blocking traffic.

The vigil, which was sponsored by the Anti Police-Terror Project and Black Youth Project in partnership with the family and friends of Demouria Hogg, was intended to create a space for community members to cope with the trauma of police shootings, Anti Police-Terror Project member Cat Brooks said.

It was also meant to put pressure on police and city officials to provide the family with an explanation for his death, she said.

"I think that there were a million and one ways for the police to extricate him from the car that didn't have to result in him being killed," Brooks said.

After blocking the intersection for two hours, demonstrators began marching around Lake Merritt before circling back to the same intersection.

Police initially maintained a light presence, with roughly a half dozen officers redirecting traffic onto other streets. As the protest moved around the lake, more officers arrived, though they were not dressed in riot gear, as in previous demonstrations in downtown Oakland.

At one point, officers were directing protesters to stay on one side of the street, but the demonstrators began linking arms and trying to block traffic on both sides of the road as they continued to march.

By the time demonstrators returned to the intersection of Lakeshore and Lake Park avenues, police nearly outnumbered the protesters.

The crowd grew quiet after friends and family lit candles near the location where Hogg was shot.

Roughly 15 minutes later, the officers began to disperse. Once the officers left the area, the crowd also left.

Family and friends described Hogg, who they said grew up in West Oakland, as a devoted father to his three children.

**"He was a really positive person," said Olivia Young. "He always tried to guide people in a positive direction to do good. He wanted everyone to do good. That's why we want justice."**

He was "goofy, friendly" and "very loving," said Tylena Livingston, the mother of Hogg's 10-year-old daughter. Livingston said she was filled with questions when she learned he had been shot.

Hogg's family, members of the Anti Police-Terror Project and others in the community questioned the police department's account of what led to Hogg's death the morning of June 6, when officers found Hogg sleeping or unconscious in the driver's seat of a BMW on the Lakeshore Avenue off-ramp from Interstate Highway 580.

Police said they tried for roughly an hour to wake Hogg, using a loudspeaker, then beanbag rounds, and finally a large metal pole to break the passenger side window of his car in an attempt to get his attention.

**On the last attempt, officers approached the car and when Hogg awoke, a confrontation ensued, which ultimately led to his death, according to police.**

**Police have not said what happened during the confrontation.**



The group has launched their own investigation into the shooting, according to Brooks. Brooks said eyewitnesses have already come forward and they will be providing statements to the family.

A lawyer for the officer who shot Hogg, Steven Betz, has said his client acted appropriately because she saw him reaching for a gun in the passenger seat of the car. The officer, who has only been on the force for 18 months, fired two shots at Hogg because he posed "a lethal threat," and it only would have taken him seconds to pick up the gun and fire at officers, Betz said.

Another officer used a Taser in attempt to subdue Hogg, police said.

**Several people at the demonstration questioned why one officer would use a Taser and another would use bullets.**

"We all know that people make mistakes," said Yanna Johnson, a friend of the Hogg family. "You're human, too. But you should be accountable for your mistakes."

"It would make you a brave person to stand up and say, 'I'm responsible, and I'm sorry,' so we can all move forward" Johnson said.

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## **Rich Orange County Family Pays \$72,000 To Keep Son In Plush Jail Cell After He Killed Girl While Drunk Driving: Private Cells Have Phones, DVD Players, And Full-Sized Refrigerators**

May 2, 2015 By Tom Boggioni, Raw Story

**Contrary to the concept of "equal justice for all," multiple Southern California cities offer upgraded jail cells with phones, DVD players, and full-sized refrigerators to offenders who can afford the daily rate, reports KNBC.**

**The family of one Seal Beach man paid over \$72,000 for an upgraded cell, away from the general population, while he served 2-years for killing a classmate after crashing his car while driving drunk.**

Called "pay-to-stay," the cells can be found in Seal Beach, Anaheim, Arcadia, Burbank, Glendale, Huntington Beach, Pasadena, Santa Ana and Torrance, at nightly rates of \$127 to \$143.

**In some cities, the non-violent offender's cell doors are not locked, and the prisoners are free to come and go to their jobs on a daily basis.**

**In Anaheim, inmates in the city's pay-to-stay jail program are able to check out their own DVD players for their cell, and work out in a nice gym for a price.**

**The city of Fullerton offers one upgraded cell where inmates who can afford the \$127 a night gets their own TV, a telephone in the cell, and a personal full-size refrigerator.**

"Bottom line — if you don't have the money, you're not going to be able to stay," explained Det. Laura Lomeli, who added that the cells are for "Good people who made a mistake, made a bad choice — and they have to pay the consequences."

According to Peter Eliasberg, legal director for the ACLU of Southern California, "What a terrible idea. What a slap in the face for the concept of equal justice for all. If it's a public service — that should be offered to everyone regardless of their ability to pay."

Michael Keating, of Seal Beach, was intoxicated and at the wheel in 2010 when he crashed, killing Mai Hayakawa instantly.

Mai's mother, Chiho Hayakawa, was stunned to find out that Keating — who never apologized for his action — got off so easy in jail after killing her daughter.

"I was so shocked," she said. "I feel his solution comes from money."

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## **Portland Police Charge A Homeless Woman With Theft For Plugging Her Cellphone Charger Into An Outlet On A Sidewalk Planter Box:**

### **“Jackie Has Muscular Dystrophy And Receives Disability Checks, But She Is Still Sleeping Outdoors While She Waits For Housing She Can Afford”**

6 Mar 2015 by Emily Green, Street Roots News

There are common misdemeanor offenses and then there are the obscure.

**This past July, a homeless Portland woman was charged with third-degree theft when she plugged her cellphone charger into an outlet on a sidewalk planter box in Old Town.**

Cases in which people are charged with theft for plugging electronic devices into private outlets are uncommon, but defense attorneys say they're another example of resources wasted for frivolous offenses.

**In this case, the theft was first reported by Portland Patrol Inc., and two Portland police officers followed up to issue the woman and her co-defendant, a homeless man who was also charging his cellphone at the planter box outlet, citations to appear in court for third-degree theft of services — a Class C misdemeanor.**

**According to the Electrical Research Institute, it costs about 25 cents a year to charge the average mobile phone. If the phone in this scenario had gone from zero charge to full charge, the cost would have amounted to mere fractions of a penny.**

"Jackie," (who did not want her real name used), says she was shocked when four uniformed officers all agreed her actions warranted not only their response, but also charges and a court summons.

**Jackie has never been convicted of a crime. If this charge led to a conviction, it would mean the difference between checking "no" or "yes" to questions about criminal history on a job or housing application.**

**Her attorney, Metropolitan Public Defender Stacy Du Clos, says Jackie's main concern at the time was how this pending case might hurt her chances of getting a roof over her head – she's homeless and on several waiting lists for affordable housing units.**

**Additionally, a theft charge is more likely to be associated with shoplifting or taking personal property, not plugging a charger into an electrical outlet.**

Jackie says the charge would give the wrong impression of what she had done, should someone see her record.

"It's just my sense of right and wrong, and it just feels so damn wrong," says Jackie. "The amount of time and money and wasted resources with the judge, the lawyers, the clerks, the police and on and on."

Jackie's was not an isolated incident. Public defender Jane Fox says she's seen similar cases.

**"It doesn't happen very often, but when it does, it's just insane," says Fox. "The (case) that I had was somebody charging their phone by the Greyhound bus station. Don't you have a reasonable expectation that an outlet near the bus station would be OK?"**

Jackie's case went to Community Court. Community Court is an effective way to avoid the higher costs associated with processing misdemeanor crimes through Circuit Court,

and it can help people who need social services, like drug or alcohol treatment, says Fox.

Fox says the majority of charges sent to Community Court get reduced from misdemeanors to violations. According to numbers compiled by Clean and Safe District, between 2002 and 2012, about 67 percent of defendants processed through Community Court closed their cases in full compliance.

If defendants don't show up for their initial arraignment, they get a bench warrant – which can lead to an arrest – and if they don't show up after being ordered to do community service or treatment, they're issued a fine ranging from \$435 to \$635.

“Given the population we're dealing with here, it's like trying to squeeze blood out of a turnip,” says Fox.

When Community Court was started, defendants would show up once, get their treatment or community service assignment, and then return when it was complete. A 2010 ruling by the Court of Appeals found that defendants had the right to an arraignment so they could have the option of pleading not guilty. This added an extra step that, according to Fox, has contributed in an increase in people failing to appear.

Jackie missed her first arraignment. She says she lost her citation, but turned herself in a couple of months later. Records show a bench warrant had been issued, and when she turned herself in she was booked into jail, and then released the same day. She didn't miss court again.

Jackie usually tries to stay away from Old Town because, she says, she gets hassled a lot, by people on the streets and police alike.

“I used to come down here with my kids and grandkids all the time before I was homeless, and I was never harassed once,” she says. For many years she worked in social services, and in some cases, with police officers. “I always liked cops,” she says. But now, she says, her perspective has changed.

“Before I became homeless, I had no idea what was going on,” she says. “Now I get harassed. How do you think that makes me feel?”

Jackie says she prefers to sleep in close proximity to the police station because she feels safer there. But if she wants to shower or eat, Old Town is where all the resources are.

For Jackie, having a charged cell phone is a matter of personal safety. “Men approach me, stuff happens,” she says. On the day of her arrest, she had to walk through Old Town to get to Transition Projects to take a shower, and her phone was dead.

**She says she saw a man charging his phone on the corner of Northwest Davis Street and Third Avenue, and decided to join him. She had no idea that what she was about to do – plug in her phone – could bring a theft charge.**

In Community Court she was given the opportunity to get the charges reduced, but only if she pleaded guilty and then completed community service. If things didn't go according to that plan, she'd have a misdemeanor conviction and a hefty fine to pay.

But Jackie didn't want to plead guilty to theft when she felt like she had done nothing wrong. And she didn't want an offense on her record that could jeopardize her chance at housing. She decided to fight the charge.

This moved her case over to the regular Circuit Court misdemeanor docket where she was assigned the second of two publically funded attorneys who would handle her case.

The district attorney's deal in circuit court wasn't nearly as sweet as the one offered in Community Court. According to Du Clos, it included one year of probation, 20 hours of community service or a \$100 fine, and it required that she take a Theft Talk class. Theft Talk, a class aimed at thieves, costs \$70. For those who can't afford it, the price is reduced to no less than \$50, which the offender has to pay out of pocket. Jackie, again, entered a plea of "not guilty."

The day before Jackie was scheduled for trial, the DA dropped the charge. "It was very reasonable of him to do that," says Du Clos. "I'm not sure that every DA would have dropped the charges."

**Jackie has muscular dystrophy and receives disability checks, but she is still sleeping outdoors while she waits for housing she can afford with that income.**

Her co-defendant's case still is pending due to his failure to appear in court. The utility Jackie and her co-defendant plugged into, while located along a public sidewalk, was a privately-owned outlet.

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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.**

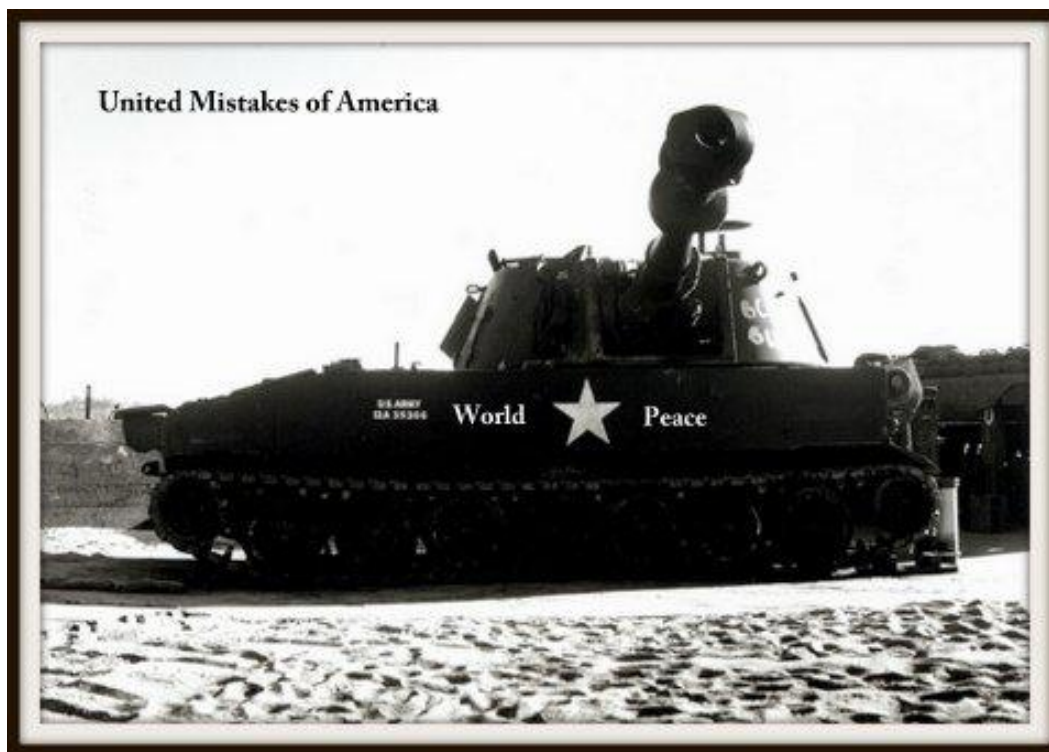
**“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”**

**“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”**

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

**Nothing has more revolutionary effect, and nothing undermines more the foundations of all state power, than the continuation of that wretched and brainless régime, which has the strength merely to cling to its positions but no longer the slightest power to rule or to steer the state ship on a definite course.**  
**-- Karl Kautsky; The Consequences of the Japanese Victory and Social Democracy**

## **United Mistakes of America**



Photograph by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie

To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: June 12, 2015  
Subject: United States of America

### **United Mistakes of America**

**Pursuing World Peace,  
with the information  
we had at the time.**

**Mike Hastie  
Army Medic Vietnam  
June 12, 2015**

**One fine day in the middle of the night,  
two dead boys got up to fight.  
Back to back they faced each other,  
drew their swords and shot each other.  
A deft policeman heard the noise,  
and ran to save the two dead boys.  
And if you don't believe this story is true,  
ask the blind man he saw it too.  
Unknown**

**Photograph by Mike Hastie**

**On the right of the 155mm gun turret is painted:  
"Block Buster"  
U.S. Fire Base near An Khe, Vietnam  
Or, any U.S. Fire Base in the Middle East.  
American presidential candidates in 2016,  
are now admitting that the Iraq War was a mistake.  
That they supported the war based on the information  
they had at the time.  
Tell that to the dead and wounded and the misplaced  
all over the place.  
Fire Power is loaded with money,  
and profit is the information that is always at hand...**

**Photo and caption from the portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam  
1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at:  
[hastiemike@earthlink.net](mailto:hastiemike@earthlink.net)) T)**

**One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head.  
The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a  
so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen  
of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.**

**Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic**

**“In The Production Process More Labour Is Absorbed Than Is Bought”**

**“What Capital As Capital (Hence The Capitalist As Capitalist) Wants To Produce Is Neither An Immediate Use Value For Self-Consumption, Nor A Commodity To Be Turned First Into Money And Then Into A Use Value”**

**“Its Aim Is The Accumulation, The Expansion Of Value, Its Increase; That Is To Say, The Maintenance Of The Old Value And The Creation Of Surplus Value”**

From Karl Marx, Theories Of Surplus Value; International Publishers; New York, 1952

In the actual production process labour is in reality transformed into capital, but this transformation is made possible by the original exchange between money and labour power.

Through this *direct* transformation of labour into *materialized* labour belonging not to the worker but to the capitalist, the money is first transformed into capital, including that part of it which has taken the form of means of production, of the conditions necessary for labour.

Up to this point the money is only in its nature capital, whether it exists in its own form or in the form of commodities (products of labour) of such a type as can serve as means of production of a commodity.



This definite relation to labour first transforms money and commodities into capital, and that labour is productive labour which, through this, its relation to the means of production — to which corresponds a definite relation in the actual production process — transforms money or commodities into capital; that is to say, maintains and increases in its value the *materialized* labour which confronts labour power as something independent.

Productive labour is only an abbreviated way of expressing the whole relationship and the form and manner in which labour power figures in the capitalist production process. But it is of the greatest importance to distinguish it from other kinds of labour, since this distinction expresses precisely the distinct form of that labour on which is based the whole capitalist mode of production and capital itself.

*Productive labour* is therefore — in the system of capitalist production — that which produces *surplus value* for its employer, or which transforms the objective conditions of labour into capital and their owner into a capitalist; and therefore labour which produces its own product as capital.

When therefore we speak of *productive labour*, we speak of socially determined labour, labour which implies a quite precise relation between the buyer and the seller of the labour.

But although the money which is in the hands of the buyer of labour power — or the supply of means of production and means of subsistence for the worker which he possesses in the form of commodities — first becomes capital through the process of production, it is only in the process transformed into capital, and therefore these things are not capital before they enter into this process, but are only destined to be capital — nevertheless they are *in themselves* capital.

They are in themselves capital because of the independent form in which they confront labour power and labour power confronts them; a relationship which the exchange with labour power and the subsequent process of the actual transformation of labour into capital conditions and consolidates.

They have from the outset the *definite social relationship* to the workers which makes them into capital and gives them command over labour.

They are therefore presupposed to be capital in relation to labour.

*Productive labour*, consequently, can be so described when it is directly exchanged with money *as capital*, or, what is only a shorter way of saying this, labour which is directly exchanged with capital — that is to say, with money which in itself is capital, which is destined to function as capital or confronts labour power as capital.

The expression: labour which is directly exchanged with capital, implies that the labour is exchanged with money as capital, and thereby transforms it into capital.

The significance of the direct exchange will be seen more clearly in a moment.

**Productive labour is therefore labour which reproduces for the worker only the previously determined value of his labour power, but as a value-creating activity**

**increases the value of the capital, or which confronts the worker himself with the values it creates as capital.**

In the exchange between capital and labour, as we saw in examining the production process, two essentially different though interdependent aspects have to be distinguished.

First: The first exchange between capital and labour is a formal process, in which capital figures as money and labour power as commodity.

The sale of the labour power takes place conventionally or legally in this first process, although the labour is paid for only after it has been applied, at the end of the day, the week, etc.

This in no way alters the transaction in which the labour power is sold.

What in this transaction is directly sold is not a commodity in which labour has already been realised, but the use of the labour power itself, and therefore in fact the labour itself, as the use of the labour power is its activity, labour.

It is therefore not an exchange of labour mediated through an exchange of commodities.

When A sells boots to B, both exchange labour, one labour realised in boots, the other labour realised in money.

But in the case we are dealing with, on one side materialized labour in its general social form, that is, as money, is exchanged against labour that as yet exists only as a power, and what is bought and sold is the use of this power, that is, the labour itself; although the value of the commodity sold is not the value of the labour (a meaningless expression) but the value of the labour power.

A direct exchange therefore takes place between materialized labour and labour power, which *de facto* resolves itself into living labour; that is, between materialized labour and actual labour.

The wage — the value of the labour power— appears, as explained above, in the form of direct purchase price, the price of the labour.

**In this first phase the relation between worker and capitalist is that of seller and buyer of a commodity. The capitalist pays the value of the labour power, that is, the value of the commodity which he buys.**

**A the same time, however, the labour power is only bought because the labour which it can perform, and undertakes to perform, is greater than the labour required for the reproduction of the labour power, and therefore expresses itself in a value greater than the value of the labour power.**

Secondly: The second phase of the *exchange* between capital and labour has in fact nothing to do with the first, and strictly speaking is not an exchange at all.

In the first phase there is an exchange of money and commodity — of equivalents — and worker and capitalist confront each other simply as owners of commodities.

Equivalents are exchanged (that is to say, it makes no difference to the transaction when they are exchanged and whether the price of the labour is above or below the value of the labour power or is equal to it. The transaction can therefore take place in accordance with the general law of the exchange of commodities).

In the second phase no exchange at all takes place.

The owner of money has ceased to be a buyer of commodities, and the worker a seller of commodities.

The owner of money functions now as a capitalist. He consumes the commodity which he has bought, and the worker supplies it, since the use of his labour power is his labour itself.

Through the earlier transaction the labour itself has become part of materialized wealth.

The worker performs it, but it belongs to the capital and is only just a function of the latter. It is performed therefore directly under the control and direction of the capital, and the product in which it is materialized is the new form in which the capital appears) or in which rather it realises itself *actu* as capital.

In this process, therefore, the labour materializes itself directly, is transformed directly into capital, after having already been formally incorporated in capital through the first transaction.

**And indeed more labour is here transformed into capital than capital was earlier expended in the purchase of labour power.**

**In this process a part of unpaid labour is appropriated, and only through this is the money transformed into capital.**

But although in this phase no exchange in fact takes place, the result, disregarding the intermediary stages, is that in the process — taking both phases together — a definite quantity of materialized labour has exchanged for a greater quantity of living labour.

This finds expression in the result of the process, in the fact that the labour materialized in its product is greater than the labour materialized in the labour power, and is consequently greater than the materialized labour paid to the worker; or that in the actual process the capitalist receives back not only the part of the capital which he expended in wages, but a surplus value which costs him nothing.

**The *direct* exchange of labour against capital here signifies**

**(1) the direct transformation of the labour into capital, into a material constituent of capital in the production process;**

**(2) the exchange of a definite quantity of materialized labour against the same quantity of living labour plus an additional quantity of living labour which is appropriated without an equivalent in exchange.**

The statement that productive labour is labour which is directly exchanged with capital embraces all these phases, and is only a derivative formula signifying that it is labour which transforms money into capital, which is exchanged with the means of production as capital, and whose relation to them therefore is not at all a relation to simple means of production, nor in its relation to the means of production is it labour in general, without a specific social character.

This statement covers

(1) the relation of money and labour power to each other as commodities, the purchase and sale between the owner of money and the owner of labour power;

(2) the direct subsumption of labour under capital;

(3) the real transformation of labour into capital in the production process, or what is the same thing, the creation of surplus value for capital.

Two kinds of exchange between labour and capital take place.

The first expresses simply the buying of the labour power and hence *actu* of the labour and hence of its product; the second, the direct transformation of living labour into capital, or its materialization as the embodiment of capital.

The result of the capitalist production process is neither a mere product (use value), nor a commodity, that is, a use value which has a definite exchange value.

Its result, its product, is the creation of surplus value for capital, and hence the actual transformation of money or commodity into capital.

Before the production process they were capital only in intention, in themselves, in their destiny.

**In the production process more labour is absorbed than is bought.**

**This absorption, the appropriation of another's unpaid labour, which is consummated in the production process, is the direct aim of the capitalist production process; for what capital as capital (hence the capitalist as capitalist) wants to produce is neither an immediate use value for self-consumption, nor a commodity to be turned first into money and then into a use value.**

**Its aim is *the accumulation, the expansion of value, its increase*; that is to say, the maintenance of the old value and the creation of surplus value.**

And it achieves this *specific product* of the capitalist production process only in exchange with labour, which is therefore called *productive labour*.

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# Air Force Permits Atheists To Mentally Omit 'God' During Forced Prayers



May 24, 2015 by Joe Zieja, The Duffle Blog

WASHINGTON — Following increased public criticism of the Air Force's controversial religious policies, the Air Force's Special Panel on Religious Freedom has announced a brand new amendment to Air Force Instruction 1-1 which will allow atheists to mentally omit references to a monotheistic deity while being forced to pray at official functions.

"This is a real step forward in religious equality," Lt. Gen. Harold Norsworth, chairman of the committee, said in a press release.

"Now, when hundreds of people around them bow their heads in prayer and mutter 'Yes, Jesus!' atheists will be able to silently censor the chaplain in their heads, removing any mention of a deity they may or may not believe in but who definitely exists and is judging them."

When asked why atheists wouldn't be allowed to express such omissions out loud, Gen Norsworth commented, "Well, we wouldn't want them to force their beliefs on anyone. Mandatory prayer time at mandatory functions is an equal opportunity environment."

"I think this is great, just great," Lt. Kara Levins, president of the Air Force Atheists Association, said in response.

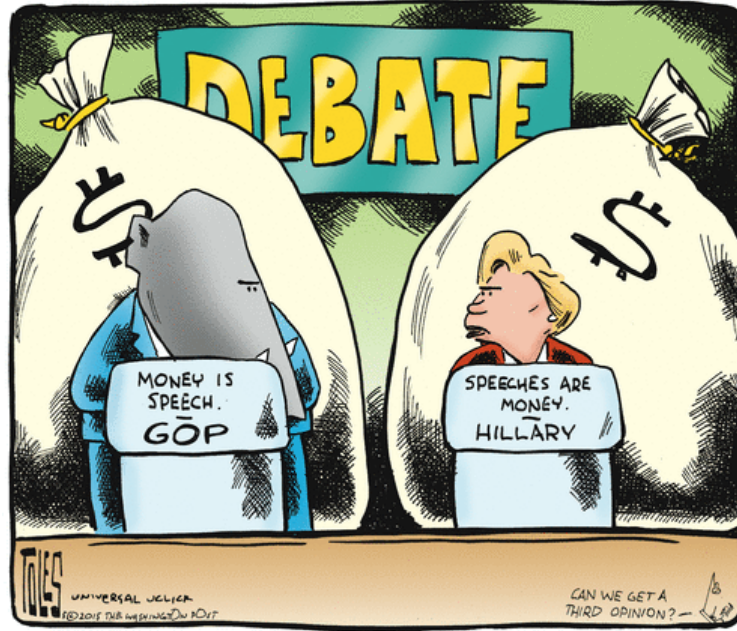
"We took real issue with the verbiage our chaplains were using when we were all told to stand during dinner at Al Udeid and pray.

"We can use whatever sound effect we want in our heads to bleep it out, too, as long as we don't laugh and disrupt this mandatory time of spiritual engagement."

Levins declined further comment due to a mandatory squadron Bible study coming up before church.

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## DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK



## OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**“A Jew to Zionist Fighters, 1988”  
Do You Really Want To Be The New  
Gestapo?  
The New Wehrmacht?  
The New SA And SS?**

[Thanks to JM, who sent this in. She writes:]

**Something very different: a poem.**

**Have you heard of Erich Fried who is often referred to as the greatest modern, Jewish, poet?**

**He was born in Vienna in 1921 and escaped to England, with his mother, after his father was tortured to death by the Gestapo, in 1938.**

Because of his experiences with racism and Fascism he became involved in the Palestinian cause.

He was a leader in the fight against both Fascism and Zionism.

I'm sending a copy of his best poem, in my opinion. It was first published in 1988 just before he died.

Please take the time to read it. I think it's wonderful.

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### A Jew to Zionist Fighters, 1988

What do you actually want?  
Do you really want to outdo  
those who trod you down  
a generation ago  
into your own blood  
and into your own excrement  
Do you want to pass on the old torture  
to others now  
in all its bloody and dirty detail  
with all the brutal delight of torturers  
as suffered by your fathers?  
Do you really want to be the new Gestapo  
the new Wehrmacht  
the new SA and SS  
and turn the Palestinians  
into the new Jews?  
Well then I too want,  
having fifty years ago  
myself been tormented for being a Jewboy  
by your tormentors,  
to be a new Jew with these new Jews  
you are making of the Palestinians  
And I want to help lead them as a free people  
into their own land of Palestine  
from whence you have driven them or in which you plague them  
you apprentices of the Swastika  
you fools and changelings of history  
whose Star of David on your flags  
turns ever quicker  
into that damned symbol with its four feet  
that you just do not want to see  
but whose path you are following today

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# Israeli Nazis

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

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From: Dennis Serdel  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: June 10, 2014  
Subject: Israeli Nazis

## Israeli Nazis

**Bassem remembers his Grandfather telling him that when he was just a boy throwing rocks at the Israeli Soldiers, that they beat him so bad that they broke both of his legs and both of his arms.**  
**When the Israeli Soldiers take him to the Doctor, a Jewish man who was in the Holocaust with tattooed numbers on his arm. The old Doctor screams at the Soldiers "You are acting just like Nazis," but the Soldiers just wave at him. One Soldier says, "Who cares about that, it was a long time ago, He should get hit by a rock in the head," as they walk away.**  
**The Doctor sets both of his legs and both of his arms, waits for his parents to take him back "Home."**  
**12 year old Nawal says, "She heard of the Holocaust that was a long time ago, and why are the Israeli Soldiers acting the same way?" Then she slips her silky black hair around each ear ready to hear more from her Father.**  
**Nariman, a Mother of two says, "After WWII, they sent Jewish people to Palestine, then in 1948 they said, that Israel was a Country. Then dear child, they started taking our land. My Grandmother, who is dead now showed them the Deed to her land**



but they just took her house  
and like thieves and made it their own."  
Just as they bulldoze 100 year old  
olive trees  
many young Palestinians in their twenties  
are leaving the Israeli Nazis  
and going to another country  
where the people are sane.

written by Dennis Serdel for T

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## **Soldiers Expel 200 Palestinians From Pool To Allow Zionist Settlers To Bathe:**

**“Another Soldier Came Up To Me,  
Pointed His Gun At Me, And Shouted At  
Me To Get Out Of The Water Quickly”**



June 10, 2015 Mondoweiss

*A report from the Israeli human rights group B'Tselem: "IDF soldiers expel Palestinians from pool in Palestinian village to Enable Settlers to Bathe"*

On 7 April 2015, during Passover holidays, a group of hundreds of settlers accompanied by Israeli security forces came to Birkat al-Karmil – a natural pool close to the village of al-Karmil, which lies in the southern Hebron Hills within Area A.

In 2011, Yatta Municipality renovated the site, creating a park there and restoring an ancient pool at its center.

B'Tselem's investigation found that at about 2:00 P.M., hundreds of settlers arrived at the pool accompanied by dozens of soldiers, Border Police, and representatives of the Civil Administration (CA).

**The security forces ordered the Palestinian bathers to leave the pool and remain on the edge of the park. They allowed the settlers, however, free and exclusive use of the rest of the park.**

At about 5:30 P.M., the settlers and the security forces left the area.

According to media reports, reveal that the settlers came to the pool on the initiative of the Susiya Tour and Study Center. In its publications, the center described the pool as the historical site of the Biblical settlement of Carmel and emphasized that the visit was authorized and accompanied by the military.

The center reported that some 1,000 people had taken part in the tour, including Chief Military Rabbi Rafi Peretz, and that similar events have been held at the site for several years, particularly during the festivals of Sukkot and Passover.

According to testimonies collected by B'Tselem, when the settlers arrived at the pool there were almost 200 Palestinians there. Some were bathing in the pool, while others were relaxing in the park.

Muhammad Mahaniyah, 20, a resident of Yatta, told B'Tselem field researcher Musa Abu Hashhash that when the settlers arrived, accompanied by the security forces, he was bathing in the pool with friends:

**A Border Police officer ordered me to get out of the water quickly. At first I refused and told him that I wanted to be in the pool and had a right to be there.**

**I said that I had no problem with the settlers swimming along with me.**

**He threatened to use force if I didn't get out of the water quickly, so my friends and I had no choice but to get out.**

The soldiers ordered the Palestinians who were around the pool to move back to the edge of the park, to stay there, and not to approach the settlers. -

Ibrahim Abu Tabikh, 15, from the village of al-Karmil, told Abu Hashhash:

At about two o'clock I went to swim in the pool, which is about 500 meters from my home. When I got there, I saw groups of settlers moving towards the pool. There were dozens of soldiers and Border Police officers with them.

The settlers began to undress and jump into the water. I also jumped in with my brother Muhammad, 16, and we began to swim.

The settlers complained about our being in the pool and three young settlers started swimming towards us. Some soldiers intervened and asked them to move away from us.

After they swam away, one of the soldiers ordered us to get out of the water.

I refused and stood by the edge of the pool.

Another soldier came up to me, pointed his gun at me, and shouted at me to get out of the water quickly.

Muhammad and I got out of the water because I was afraid of the soldiers.

As I got out, dozens of Palestinian residents around the pool shouted slogans against the settlers being there. The soldiers moved the residents away from the pool to the northern section of the park and prevented them from wandering around the park.

In the meantime the settlers continued to swim while the soldiers guarded them.

I stayed in the park until the settlers left at about half past five. During the incident, the mayor of Yatta came to the pool and protested to the CA representatives who were with the settlers.

**One representative informed him that the visit had been coordinated with the Palestinian DCO. B'Tselem contacted representatives of the Palestinian DCO, who denied any coordination and claimed they had submitted an official complaint to the Israeli DCO.**

**In fact, whether the visit was coordinated is immaterial, as the Palestinian DCO is not free to refuse such requests by Israeli security forces.**

**This incident is yet another example of how Israeli authorities operate in the West Bank. Almost any desire expressed by settlers, however capricious, is automatically facilitated at the expense of the Palestinian population. In this case, the military used its force and authority solely in order to allow settlers the pleasure of bathing at that particular location.**

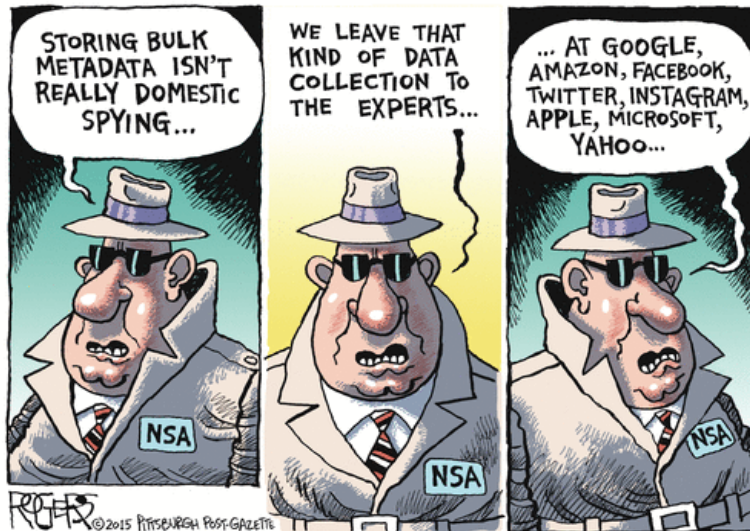
This purpose is unjustified in its own right, and certainly cannot justify the entry of soldiers into Area A or any disruption to Palestinians' lives. B'Tselem wrote to the IDF Spokesperson requesting a response to the incident, including a series of detailed questions. The IDF Spokesperson replied with a laconic response that offers no explanation for the authorities' conduct in the incident

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