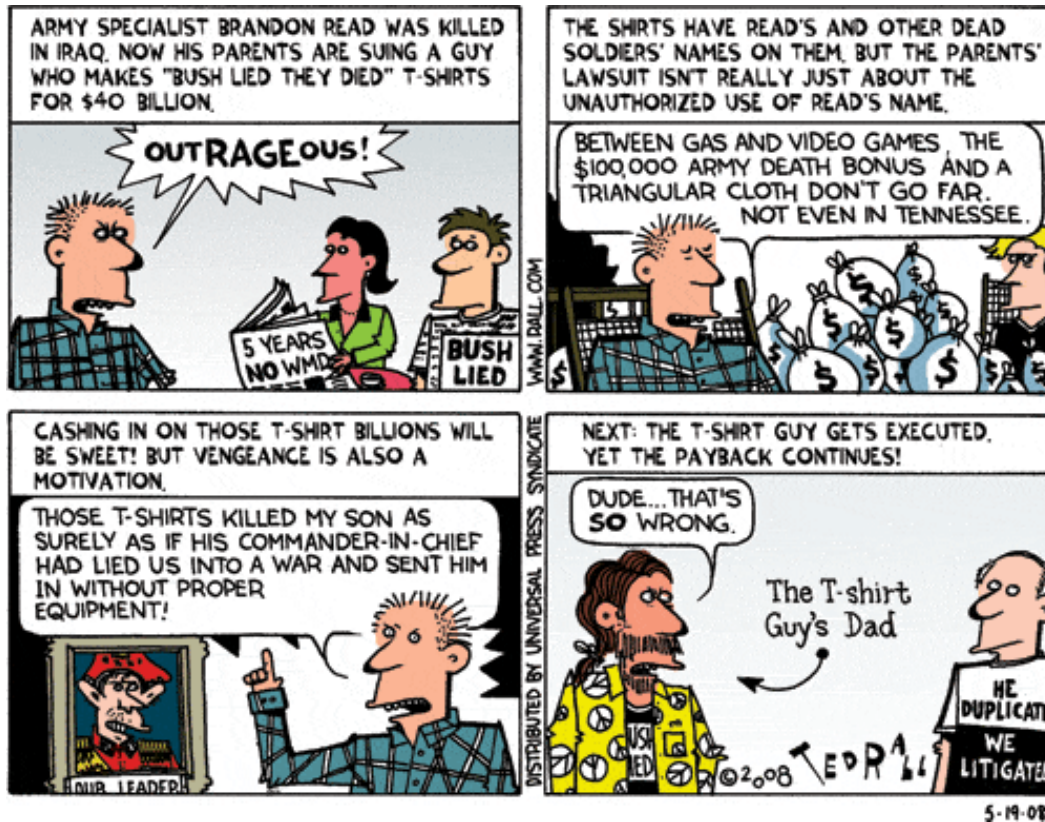


GI SPECIAL 6F4:



Frothing Mouth Animals

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Frothing Mouth Animals

Trash the world president no vietnam

making life miserable for world citizens
crimes against the innocent
vice president oil no vietnam
with a greedy brain that can't get enough
depopulating humans like half eaten caviar
on his yacht thrown overboard
like precious used Soldiers
while americans are trapped
in their houses like prisoners
can't drive anywhere it's just too expensive
with echoes of banks foreclosing
as they dig deep in their pockets
but for many not enough
with their furniture sitting out in the street
while the banks are bailed out
as a coming home Soldier takes his own life
and president no vietnam and vice president
oil no vietnam laugh like puppet iraqis
wallowing in corrupt money
lost like the billions that congress votes
for the war and the money goes there
but most of the time nobody knows
where the money goes who's hand
it's in as another Soldier dies by
a bomb or a bullet and the politicians
cry change but it's not their sons
that they bury and there are too many
triangles given across the states
as the rich wipe their ass with a \$100
bill but they have an iraqi woman's
brain splattered on their suit
a Soldier's yellow and red intestines
hanging around their necks
and an afghan boy's blood
running down their back
with the smell of death on their breath
as brown puke slides down their face
from an old man shot in the gut
the no vietnams are not even human
they are sick deranged animals
that should be put down.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Massachusetts Sgt. Killed In Tikrit



Sgt. Shane P. Duffy, 22, of Taunton, Mass. died June 4 in Tikrit, Iraq, of wounds suffered in Sharqat, Iraq, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire and hand grenades. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y. (AP Photo/U.S. Army at Fort Drum)

California Sgt. Killed In Tikrit



Sgt. Cody R. Legg, 23, of Escondido, Calif. died June 4 in Tikrit, Iraq, of wounds suffered in Sharqat, Iraq, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire and hand grenades. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y. (AP Photo/U.S. Army at Fort Drum)

Texas Soldier Killed In Tikrit



Spc. Jonathan D. A. Emard, 20, of Mesquite, Texas, died June 4 in Tikrit, Iraq, of wounds suffered in Sharqat, Iraq, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire and hand grenades. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y. (AP Photo/U.S. Army at Fort Drum)

Phoenix Soldier Dies After Grenade Attack In Iraq



Sgt. John K. Daggett Courtesy of Army Public Affairs

May 16, 2008 by Connie Cone Sexton, The Arizona Republic

Medical teams worked for two weeks to save Army Sgt. John Kyle Daggett, a 2005 high-school graduate from Phoenix, but the wounds he suffered from a rocket-propelled grenade were too great.

Daggett, who was injured May 1 in Baghdad, died May 15. A medical transport that left Iraq on May 5 was headed for the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., but the plane was forced to land in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to tend to his injuries, the Department of Defense announced Friday.

The 21-year-old was assigned to a Stryker combat team in the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Daggett, who served as fire-team leader, joined the Army in June 2005. He was serving in his first tour of Iraq.

Although John was his first name, most everyone called him Kyle at Pinnacle High School in north Phoenix.

“He was just a phenomenal, a phenomenal kid,” said Dana Zupke, who coached Daggett on the school's varsity football team. “He was very outgoing and very bright and articulate. “He was definitely a pleasure to be around.”

Zupke said Daggett may not have been one of the strongest players on the team but had one of the best work ethics. “He was the kind of kid you loved to coach football,” he said. “He gave 110 percent.”

Zupke, who also teaches business classes at Pinnacle, knew Daggett off the field. “He applied the same ethic in the classroom. He was always very outgoing and contributed a lot to the class. Just an all-around joy.”

Gina Fiore, an administrative assistant at Pinnacle, remembers Daggett as being very kind. “He was a nice boy and this is a great loss,” she said.

It's the first time Zupke has heard of one of his former students dying while serving in the war. “It throws you for a loop,” he said. “I knew he was over there and knew he was in a high-risk position. But he chose to be in that position and felt very strongly about serving his country.”

Daggett is survived by his parents, Jack and Colleen Daggett, and his sister, Kendall. Family members were not available for comment.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Family, Friends Mourn Fallen W. Covina Soldier

05/30/2008 By Dan Abendschein, Staff Writer; Pasadena Star-News

WEST COVINA - He was the little kid with the impish laugh. He was outgoing and popular. Sweet.

"He was the smallest boy in the neighborhood," said Gaye Wingfield, a neighbor. "He had the cutest giggle and would run around the neighborhood with a group of older boys."

U.S. Army Pfc. Chad Trimble died Wednesday after his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device near Gardez, Afghanistan, according to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's office.

Trimble attended Covina High School and played football there briefly. But mainly, he enjoyed his social life.

"This home was where all the kids would come," said Tim Trimble, Chad's father, who still lives with his wife in the Idahome Street house where Chad grew up. "It was incredible to see the energy of all those young people."

Nancy Trimble, his mother, said that after the terrorist attacks on New York on Sept. 11, 2001, her son started to take an interest in joining the Army.

After several years of growing interest, he signed up in 2007.

Though his mother was not surprised to see him join the service, some of his friends were.

"I didn't see it coming," said Doug Wingfield, Gaye's son and Chad's best friend. "It was very late in life to join the army ... but I think he wanted to make a life for his wife and his children."

His wife, Rosanna, who he met at Covina High, and his two daughters, Steffani and Micaela, all moved with him to Fort Campbell, Ky, after he joined the Army.

Trimble was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division out of Fort Campbell. Trimble's family and friends all said they were proud of the choices he made. "I hope all of America and the world will take a minute to pray for Chad," said his father. "He paid the ultimate price for us."

U.S. Military Dictators In Command In Afghanistan Imprison Canadian Reporter For Reporting;

[Bush's Little Wannabe Traitors Really Do Hate Liberty]

June 5, 2008 The Associated Press

WASHINGTON: Lawyers for a Canadian television journalist being held as an enemy combatant in Afghanistan filed a lawsuit Wednesday accusing the Bush administration of holding him illegally and demanding his release.

Afghani native Jawed Ahmad, 22, has been held in Bagram, Afghanistan, for more than six months without being charged, according to the complaint filed in U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia.

Ahmad was working for CTV, a Canadian television network, when he was detained in October 2007.

Authorities accused him of being in contact with Taliban leaders, including having video of them and possessing their phone numbers, according to the complaint.

"Given the pivotal role of freedom of the press in the development and maintenance of a true democracy, the United States should not seize journalists like Jawed Ahmed merely because they are doing their jobs," said Barbara Olshansky, an attorney at the International Human Rights Clinic at Stanford Law School who is representing Ahmed.

Resistance Action

June 4 (Reuters) & June 5 AFP & June 6, 2008 MURRAY BREWSTER, Canadian Press

A remote-controlled bomb exploded on a dirt road in the central province of Ghanzi, killing two policemen including a district commander, deputy provincial police chief Mohammad Zaman said.

And in the province's Qarabagh district, Taliban fired on a convoy of fuel tankers and set off fighting that killed two guards and wounded three more, he said.

A bomber blew himself up near Indian engineers working on a key road in Afghanistan Thursday, killing one of them. Four Indian guards and an Afghan policeman were also wounded in the blast in the Khashrod district of the southwestern province of Nimroz, where Indian engineers have for years been building a key road to the Iran border. The insurgent Taliban movement said it had carried out the suicide attack.

The roadwork team had regularly used the same route, provincial police chief Mohammad Ayob Badakhshi said, but this time a man climbed out of a car as they approached a police checkpoint and started walking towards their vehicles.

The road, which will link the border town of Zaranj with an Afghan ring road, has reportedly been completed but is still not open to traffic.

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — The senior adviser to the tribal leader in one of the districts of Kandahar province was killed Friday, the latest in a wave of killings and attempted assassinations of major Afghan [collaborator] government supporters.

Malim Akbar Khakrezwal, 55, a former mujahedeen leader and a key supporter of the leader of the Alokzai tribe in the Arghandab district, was shot and killed outside his home in the village of Lowwal, just outside Kandahar city.

Mr. Khakrezwal was a strong supporter of the Canadian presence.

TROOP NEWS

Australians Organize “A Group Of Veterans And Former Military Personnel Who Oppose The Current Wars Of Occupation In Iraq And Afghanistan”

[Thanks to Ward Reilly, Veterans For Peace, Vietnam Veterans Against The War & GOA (Gathering Of Asskickers)]

By James Donaldson, Direct Action

Taking inspiration from US groups such as Iraq Veterans Against War, a new group of former military personnel opposed to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — Stand Fast — was launched at the March 16 anti-war rallies across Australia, in time for the fifth anniversary of the US-led invasion of Iraq.

Stand Fast's Brisbane-based founder Hamish Chitts told Direct Action: “This is a group of veterans and former military personnel who oppose the current wars of occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“We who have borne arms denounce these wars because they are wars about money, power and fear, and because soldiers are people.

“They are our neighbours, our sons, daughters, brothers and sisters, and too many of them have died, often leaving behind partners, children and other loved ones. Many others will carry the psychological scars for the rest of their lives.”

Chitts spoke about the anti-war movement within the US military during the 14-year US war in Vietnam.

“By 1971 this movement had, in the words of one colonel ‘infested the entire armed services’.

“Whole units were refusing to go into battle. In 1972 there was fear among some generals that the majority of their armed forces would mutiny if the war did not end soon. This movement added great strength to the broader anti-war movement, not only through their actions within the military but also by coming to rallies, marching with protesters and speaking out about the horrors and injustices they had witnessed.

“Back then, as they do today, the US and Australian governments tried to discourage people to keep quiet and stay off the streets by fostering the notion, ‘If you’re against the war, you’re against the troops’. When veterans and military personnel joined protests against the Vietnam War, it blew this notion out of the water. This is what Stand Fast aims to do today.”

Stand Fast is encouraging serving members of the Australian Defence Force to inform themselves about what is really happening in Iraq and Afghanistan and is prepared to provide advice and support for those who may question serving in these wars.

The anti-war group currently has members in Adelaide, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne and Sydney.

For further information phone 0401 586 923, email standfast.au@gmail.com or visit <http://www.stand-fast.webs.com>.

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Majority Of Iraq Parliament Reject “Security” Agreement With U.S.

**Government Before Troops Get
Out And Go Home:
“U.S. Troops Should Leave Iraq, And
Talks On The Long-Term Security
Pact Should Be Postponed Until After
They Are Gone”
“We Are Capable Of Solving Our Own
Problems”**

June 5, 2008 Reuters

WASHINGTON - A majority of the Iraqi parliament has written to Congress rejecting a long-term security deal with Washington if it is not linked to a requirement that U.S. forces leave, a U.S. lawmaker said on Wednesday.

“The majority of Iraqi representatives strongly reject any military-security, economic, commercial, agricultural, investment or political agreement with the United States that is not linked to clear mechanisms that obligate the occupying American military forces to fully withdraw from Iraq,” the letter to the leaders of Congress said.

The signatures represented just over half the membership of Iraq’s parliament, said Delahunt, a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee chairman.

Two Iraqi lawmakers whose parties were listed as signatories testified to Delahunt’s panel on Wednesday that U.S. troops should leave Iraq, and that talks on the long-term security pact should be postponed until after they are gone.

“What are the threats that require U.S. forces to be there?” asked Nadeem Al-Jaberi, a co-founder of the al-Fadhila Shi’ite political party, speaking through a translator.

“I would like to inform you, there are no threats on Iraq. We are capable of solving our own problems,” he declared. He favored a quick pullout of U.S. forces, which invaded the country in 2003 and currently number around 155,000.

A Sunni Iraqi lawmaker, Khalaf Al-Ullayan, founder of the National Dialogue Council, said bilateral talks on a long-term security deal should be shelved until American troops leave — and until there is a new government in Washington.

British Government Gives OK For Deadly Plane To Kill More Soldiers: “Senior Figures From The RAF Conceded That, While They Believed The Nimrods Were Safe, They Were Technically Not Airworthy” Defence Chiefs Refuse To Ground The Planes



A Nimrod that hasn't crashed yet landing at RAF Kinloss. Photograph: Danny Lawson/PA

[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, Military Project, who sent this in.]

May 24 2008 By Charlie Gall, Daily Record & By Rachel Williams, The Guardian [UK: Excerpts]

FAMILIES of the Nimrod spy jet crash victims last night slammed defence chiefs for refusing to ground the planes.

They reacted with horror as the Ministry of Defence insisted Nimrods were safe - despite a coroner saying they had “never been airworthy” in their 40 years of RAF service.

During the inquest senior figures from the RAF and BAE Systems conceded that, while they believed the Nimrods were safe, they were technically not airworthy.

The hearing confirmed reports in the Daily Record in the wake of the crash that it had been caused by serious flaws in the plane's mid-air refuelling systems.

A design flaw brought a fuel pipe and hot air pipe running at up to 500C close to each other in an area with no firefighting system, the inquest has heard.

The victims of the crash - the biggest single loss of life by the military since the Falklands War - included 12 RAF men based at Kinloss, Moray.

Oxfordshire coroner Walker's appeal for the fleet to be grounded was met with an immediate rejection by defence chiefs and Armed Forces Minister Bob Ainsworth again insisted the Nimrods were safe.

Andy Knight, the brother of Sergeant Ben Knight, who died in the crash, said Ainsworth's claim was "an insult to the families".

Shona Beattie, wife of Flight Sergeant Stephen Beattie, from Dundee, said the aircraft were regularly flying over towns and villages and also putting those on the ground at risk.

Her children, Bethany and Cameron, laid flowers in memory of their dad and the other victims outside the court yesterday.

Richard Mitchelmore, father of Flight Lieutenant Leigh Mitchelmore, said: "These planes will still be flying and these boys will risk their lives every day."

Graham Knight, father of Sergeant Ben Knight, said: "Mr Walker said that there had been a cavalier attitude to safety and that has become apparent in the last few weeks.

"My thoughts go out to all those flying today. I don't think that any more lives should be put at risk."

At the end of the inquest in Oxford, Walker said: "It seems to me that this is a case where I would be failing in my duty if I didn't report action to the relevant authority that would prevent future fatalities.

"I see no alternative but to report to the secretary of state that the Nimrod fleet should not fly until the ALARP (as low as reasonably practicable) standards are met."

Walker said he would not have made such a recommendation if the aircraft had not been so close to the end of its life.

Criticising the design flaw and the fact it was not identified in decades of flying, Walker said: "If this were not enough, an incident involving the potential ignition of fuel that had been drawn into lagging on a hot duct on a different aircraft with the consequent loss of that aircraft passed without any follow-up investigation despite a recommendation by the board of inquiry. This cavalier approach to safety must come to an end."

Grounding the Nimrods would have serious repercussions for the RAF, who say they play a vital military role in Afghanistan and Iraq.

There were no survivors when the 37-year-old Nimrod from 120 Squadron, Kinloss, exploded minutes after air-to-air refuelling.

The crash, near Kandahar on September 2, 2006, happened as the crew prepared to land.

A cockpit recording of the aircraft's final moments played at the inquest revealed the crew had been attempting an emergency landing at Kandahar, after warning alarms were activated by the initial fire, when the plane exploded at 3,000 feet.

Evidence at the inquest confirmed Daily Record reports shortly after the disaster revealing a fuel leak on to a hot pipe caused the inferno.

An earlier RAF Board of Inquiry probe into the incident concluded that ageing components and a lack of modern fire suppressants were among the “contributory factors”.

It said fuel probably escaped during refuelling into a bay on the aircraft, due to a leaking coupling or an overflowing tank.

The coroner said the crew could not have known their plane was not airworthy.

He said he was satisfied, on the balance of probability, that the design modifications for the aircraft contained a “serious flaw” that made it unsafe to fly.

This was not discovered by the manufacturers or those doing the maintenance. Walker said: “This cavalier approach to safety must come to an end.

“There were failures within the hazard log that should, if the information had been correctly recorded and acted upon, have led to the discovery of this design flaw within the Nimrod fleet.”

Earlier this week, a senior engineer from BAE Systems told the inquest his predecessors, who made the Nimrod some 40 years ago, failed to fit a fire protection system on a key area of risk.

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

“No, America, No! Iraq Will Not Be An American Colony!”

“This Agreement Achieves The Interests And The Plans Of The Occupier”



Protesters shout “No agreement with the U.S. occupiers” as they hold a poster showing on left the anti-occupation nationalist Muqtada al-Sadr, and on right the Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, during a rally in Kufa, 100 miles south of Baghdad, June 6, 2008.

Tens of thousands of Iraqis streamed out of mosques to join protests against a security agreement with the United States, following a call to action from al-Sadr, who opposes the deal which could lead to a long-term U.S. occupation in Iraq. (AP Photo/Alaa al-Marjani)

Jun 6 Associated Press

Tens of thousands of Shiite faithful streamed out of mosques to join protests against a security agreement with the United States.

Such rallies have erupted weekly following a call by anti-occupation nationalist Muqtada al-Sadr, who opposes the deal, which could lead to a long-term U.S. troop presence in Iraq.

Protests grew more amplified in Iraq against a proposed security agreement with America.

Critics in Iraq worry the deal will lock in American military, economic and political domination of the country.

Iraqi politicians have attacked the deal.

At a mosque in nearby Kufa, thousands of faithful filing out of Friday prayers erupted into an impromptu demonstration, chanting “No, America, no! Iraq will not be an American colony!”

Thousands more filed out of mosques in Sadr City, waving photos of al-Sadr and unfurling banners protesting the proposed pact. “As long as Muqtada opposes it, no agreement will be signed!” some chanted.

A preacher in Kut told his mosque: “This agreement achieves the interests and the plans of the occupier.”

“It can never be applied as long as Muqtada and his followers are alive,” Sheik Najim al-Khafaji said.

“No Agreement With The U.S. Occupiers” [GET THE MESSAGE?]



Protesters shout “No agreement with the U.S. occupiers” as an American flag burns, during a rally in Sadr City June 6, 2008. Tens of thousands of Iraqis streamed out of mosques to join protests against a security agreement with the United States, following a call to action from anti-occupation nationalist Muqtada al-Sadr, who opposes the deal which could lead to a long-term U.S. occupation in Iraq. (AP Photo/Alaa al-Marjani)

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

OCCUPATION REPORT

Good News For The Iraqi Resistance!!

U.S. Occupation Commands' Stupid Tactics Recruit Even More Fighters To Kill U.S. Troops



Foreign occupation soldiers from the U.S. conduct a house search during an armed home invasion on the edge of Baghdad's neighbourhood of Shulla, May 18, 2008. [AP]

[Fair is fair. Let's bring 150,000 Iraqi troops over here to the USA. They can kill people at checkpoints, bust into their houses with force and violence, butcher their families, overthrow the government, put a new one in office they like better and call it "sovereign," and "detain" anybody who doesn't like it in some prison without any charges being filed against them, or any trial.]

[Those Iraqis are sure a bunch of backward primitives. They actually resent this help, have the absurd notion that it's bad their country is occupied by a foreign military dictatorship, and consider it their patriotic duty to fight and kill the soldiers sent to grab their country. What a bunch of silly people. How fortunate they are to live under a military dictatorship run by George Bush. Why, how could anybody not love that? You'd want that in your home town, right?]

**OCCUPATION ISN'T LIBERATION
BRING ALL THE TROOPS HOME NOW!**

**Iraqi Collaborators Squirm Against
Neocolonial Agreement;
“The Agreement Are Too Much Even For
The Spineless Unprincipled Sectarian
Collaborator Scum Otherwise Known As
The Iraqi Government To Swallow”**

If they simply signed the dotted line at the crack of the whips of the American masters, Iraqis who rightly blame them for failing to deliver government services and rampant sectarianism will add “collaborating with the occupiers and selling out their countrymen” to their list of grievances and they'll lose big.

June 7, 2008 By Pham Binh, Prisonerofstarvation.blogspot.com/

Tens of thousands of foreign troops in 50 bases across your country.

Immunity for those foreign soldiers from your legal system.

You won't be consulted when these foreigners engage in military operations on your soil.

Your Defense and Interior ministries will be “supervised” by these foreigners.

And there's no time limit on how long they'll stay.

That's what Ryan Crocker, the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, is asking the Iraqi collaborator government to sign onto on behalf of the Bush administration.

The United Nations mandate which gives U.S. forces the legal cover they need to be in the country expires in December of this year, after the November elections but before a new (Obama) administration is sworn in.

The problem is that the terms of the agreement are too much even for the spineless unprincipled sectarian collaborator scum otherwise known as the Iraqi government to swallow.

The normally silent and passive Grand Ayatollah Sistani - the highest Shia religious authority in Iraq - has said Iraq will not sign the agreement “as long as I am alive.”

That leaves the U.S. with two options - backdown at the negotiating table, or kill Sistani.

So far, the U.S. isn't backing down.

There are even reports that the U.S. offered \$3 million bribes to members of Iraq's parliament to sign it. Given the unbelievable corruption of the American occupation thus far, I wouldn't rule that out.

The fact that no one has taken the bait is just a small indicator of how strong the opposition to this deal is on the Iraqi street.

Guess they didn't want to end up like Mussolini.

As Iraq's former finance noted, it's 1930 all over again.

Back then the British negotiated a similar treaty with the Iraqi Uncle Tom government and it wasn't until the 1958 revolution that Iraq gained its independence. Apparently the Iraqi collaborators know their history and are trying to avoid the same fate.

In reality their opposition is heavily influenced by the fact that there will be regional elections in the fall.

The parties that dominate the government, the Shia Dawa Party (of which Prime Minister Maliki is a member) and the Supreme Iraqi Islamic Council (whose militia the Badr Brigade has become Iraq's new army), are probably going to lose big to anti-occupation cleric Moqtada al-Sadr's slate.

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They're calculating that whining about the terms of the agreement will undercut some of Sadr's appeal and that they'll be able to squeeze some concessions out of the U.S.

Whether or not it will work remains to be seen, but if the U.S. doesn't back down and modify its demands, it'll trigger a huge surge in attacks on U.S. troops and John McCain will get clobbered at the polls in November.

Troops Invited:

What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send email contact@militaryproject.org: Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Replies confidential. Same address to unsubscribe. Phone: 917.677.8057

**ENOUGH OF THIS SHIT;
ALL HOME NOW**



U.S. Army soldiers from 30th Infantry Regiment brace themselves as a helicopter lands in Beijia village in Arab Jabour, south of Baghdad Jan. 30, 2008. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

From The Palestinian Resistance:
**“At The Same Time As We
Unreservedly Condemn The Crimes
Perpetrated By The Nazis Against
The Jews Of Europe, We
Categorically Reject The Exploitation**

Of The Holocaust By The Zionists To Justify Their Crimes”

“Our Right To Resistance Against Occupation Is Recognised By All Conventions And Religious Traditions”

[Thanks to John Catalinotto for sending out.]

May 12 2008 By Bassem Naeem, Guardian [UK] [Excerpts]. Bassem Naeem is the minister of health and information in the Hamas-led Palestinian administration in Gaza.

As the Palestinian people prepare to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Nakba (“catastrophe”) - the dispossession and expulsion of most of our people from our land - those remaining in Palestine face escalating aggression, killings, imprisonment, ethnic cleansing and siege.

But instead of support and solidarity from the western media, we face frequent attempts to defend the indefensible or turn fire on the Palestinians themselves.

One recent approach, which seems to be part of the wider attempt to isolate the elected Palestinian leadership, is to portray Hamas and the population of the Gaza strip as motivated by anti-Jewish sentiment, rather than a hostility to Zionist occupation and domination of our land.

It is rather surprising to us that so little attention, if any, is given by the western media to what is regularly broadcast or written in the Israeli media by politicians and writers demanding the total uprooting or “transfer” of the Palestinian people from their land.

The Israeli media and pro-Israel western press are full of views that deny or seek to excuse well-established facts of history including the Nakba of 1948 and the massacres perpetrated then by the Haganah, the Irgun and LEHI with the objective of forcing a mass dispossession of the Palestinians.

But it should be made clear that neither Hamas nor the Palestinian government in Gaza denies the Nazi Holocaust.

The Holocaust was not only a crime against humanity but one of the most abhorrent crimes in modern history. We condemn it as we condemn every abuse of humanity and all forms of discrimination on the basis of religion, race, gender or nationality.

And at the same time as we unreservedly condemn the crimes perpetrated by the Nazis against the Jews of Europe, we categorically reject the exploitation of the Holocaust by the Zionists to justify their crimes and harness international acceptance of the campaign of ethnic cleansing and subjection they have been

waging against us - to the point where in February the Israeli deputy defence minister Matan Vilnai threatened the people of Gaza with a “holocaust”.

Within 24 hours, 61 Palestinians - more than half of them civilians and a quarter children - were killed in a series of air raids.

Meanwhile, a horrible crime against humanity continues to be perpetrated against the people of Gaza: the two-year-old siege imposed after Hamas won the legislative elections in January 2006, which is causing great suffering. Due to severe shortages of medicines and food, scores of Palestinians have lost their lives.

It cannot be right that Europeans in general and the British in particular maintain a virtual silence toward what the Zionists are doing to the Palestinians, let alone supporting or justifying their oppressive policies, under the pretext of showing sympathy for the victims of the Holocaust.

The Palestinian people aspire to freedom, independence and peaceful coexistence with all their neighbours.

There are, today, more than six million Palestinian refugees. No less than 700,000 Palestinians have been detained at least once by the Israeli occupation authorities since 1967.

Hundreds of thousands have so far been killed or wounded.

Little concern seems to be caused by all of this or by the erection of an apartheid wall that swallows more than 20% of the West Bank land or the heavily armed colonies that devour Palestinian land in a blatant violation of international law.

The plight of our people is not the product of a religious conflict between us and the Jews in Palestine or anywhere else: the aims and positions of today's Hamas have been repeatedly spelled out by its leadership, for example in Hamas's 2006 programme for government.

The conflict is of a purely political nature: it is between a people who have come under occupation and an oppressive occupying power.

Our right to resistance against occupation is recognised by all conventions and religious traditions.

The Jews are for us the people of a sacred book who suffered persecution in European lands. Whenever they sought refuge, Muslim and Arab lands provided them with safe havens. It was in our midst that they enjoyed peace and prosperity; many of them held leading positions in Muslim countries.

After almost a century of Zionist colonial and racist oppression, some Palestinians find it hard to imagine that some of their oppressors are the sons and daughters of those who were themselves oppressed and massacred.

Palestinians had nothing to do with the Holocaust but find themselves punished for someone else's crime.

But we are well aware and warmly welcome the outspoken support for Palestinian rights by Israeli and Jewish human rights activists in Palestine and around the world.

We hope that journalists in the west will begin to adopt a more objective approach when covering events in Palestine.

The Palestinian people are being killed by Israel's machine of destruction on a daily basis. Nevertheless, we still see a clear bias in favour of Israel in the western media.

The Europeans bear a direct responsibility for what is befalling the Palestinians today. Britain was the mandate authority that handed over Palestine to Israeli occupation.

Nazi Germany perpetrated the most heinous crimes against Jews, forcing the survivors to migrate to Palestine in pursuit of safety.

We, therefore, expect the Europeans to atone for their historic crimes by restoring some balance to the inhuman and one-sided international response to the tragedy of our people.

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

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

**THIS IS THE ENEMY:
BRING THE WAR HOME NOW**

**Thief
Tyrant
Fool
Gangster
Murderer**



The White House in Washington, April 29, 2008. (Jason Reed/Reuters)

Part Time Work Available: FBI Recruiting Lying Rats For The Minnesota Republican Convention; Informers Will Only Get Money If They Cause An Arrest

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May 21, 2008 By Matt Snyders, City Pages

Paul Carroll was riding his bike when his cell phone vibrated.

Once he arrived home from the Hennepin County Courthouse, where he'd been served a gross misdemeanor for spray-painting the interior of a campus elevator, the lanky, wavy-haired University of Minnesota sophomore flipped open his phone and checked his messages.

He was greeted by a voice he recognized immediately. It belonged to U of M Police Sgt. Erik Swanson, the officer to whom Carroll had turned himself in just three weeks earlier.

When Carroll called back, Swanson asked him to meet at a coffee shop later that day, going on to assure a wary Carroll that he wasn't in trouble.

Carroll, who requested that his real name not be used, showed up early and waited anxiously for Swanson's arrival.

Ten minutes later, he says, a casually dressed Swanson showed up, flanked by a woman whom he introduced as FBI Special Agent Maureen E. Mazzola. For the next 20 minutes, Mazzola would do most of the talking.

“She told me that I had the perfect ‘look,’” recalls Carroll. “And that I had the perfect personality — they kept saying I was friendly and personable — for what they were looking for.”

What they were looking for, Carroll says, was an informant — someone to show up at “vegan potlucks” throughout the Twin Cities and rub shoulders with RNC protestors, schmoozing his way into their inner circles, then reporting back to the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force, a partnership between multiple federal agencies and state and local law enforcement.

The effort’s primary mission, according to the Minneapolis division’s website, is to “investigate terrorist acts carried out by groups or organizations which fall within the definition of terrorist groups as set forth in the current United States Attorney General Guidelines.”

Carroll would be compensated for his efforts, but only if his involvement yielded an arrest. No exact dollar figure was offered.

“I’ll pass,” said Carroll.

For 10 more minutes, Mazzola and Swanson tried to sway him. He remained obstinate.

“Well, if you change your mind, call this number,” said Mazzola, handing him her card with her cell phone number scribbled on the back.

(Mazzola, Swanson, and the FBI did not return numerous calls seeking comment.)

Carroll’s story echoes a familiar theme. During the lead-up to the 2004 Republican National Convention in New York City, the NYPD’s Intelligence Division infiltrated and spied on protest groups across the country, as well as in Canada and Europe. The program’s scope extended to explicitly nonviolent groups, including street theater troupes and church organizations.

There were also two reported instances of police officers, dressed as protestors, purposefully instigating clashes.

At the 2004 Republican National Convention, the NYPD orchestrated a fake arrest to incite protestors. When a blond man was “arrested,” nearby protestors began shouting, “Let him go!” The helmeted police proceeded to push back against the crowd with batons and arrested at least two.

In a similar instance, during an April 29, 2005, Critical Mass bike ride in New York, video footage captured a “protestor” — in reality an undercover cop — telling his captor, “I’m on the job,” and being subsequently let go.

Minneapolis's own recent Critical Mass skirmish was allegedly initiated by two unidentified stragglers in hoods — one wearing a handkerchief over his or her face — who “began to make aggressive moves” near the back of the pack.

During that humid August 31 evening, officers went on to arrest 19 cyclists while unleashing pepper spray into the faces of bystanders. The hooded duo was never apprehended.

In the scuffle's wake, conspiracy theories swirled that the unprecedented surveillance — squad cars from multiple agencies and a helicopter hovering overhead — was due to the presence of RNC protesters in the ride.

The MPD publicly denied this.

But during the trial of cyclist Gus Ganley, MPD Sgt. David Stichter testified that a task force had been created to monitor the August 31 ride and that the department knew that members of an RNC protest group would be along for the ride.

“This is all part of a larger government effort to quell political dissent,” says Jordan Kushner, an attorney who represented Ganley and other Critical Mass arrestees.

“The Joint Terrorism Task Force is another example of using the buzzword ‘terrorism’ as a basis to clamp down on people’s freedoms and push forward a more authoritarian government.”

CLASS WAR REPORTS

**Heartbreaking Tales Of The
Suddenly A Little Bit Less Rich:
“They Come Into The Gym With A
Dark Storm Cloud Over Their Head”
“Clients Are Concerned, She Said, Because
Their Incomes Have Shrunk, Say, To \$2
Million A Year From \$8 Million”**

[Thanks to Phil G who sent this in, with the headline.]

[No doubt troops in Iraq and Afghanistan will wish to send them all possible help and sympathetic best wishes as they bravely fight the “dark storm cloud over their head.” Our troops simply have no idea what pain and suffering really is. T]

June 1, 2008 By CHRISTINE HAUGHNEY, The New York Times [Excerpts]

NANCY CHEMTOB, a divorce lawyer in Manhattan, has found that her days have become crammed seeing clients, all worried about how an economic downturn will affect their marriages.

They seem to have nothing to fret about: their net worths range from \$5 million to \$1 billion.

A blip in the markets shouldn't send their chateau-size Park Avenue co-ops to foreclosure or exile them to Payless Shoes.

But Ms. Chemtob's clients are concerned all the same, she said, because their incomes have shrunk, say, to \$2 million a year from \$8 million, and they know that their 2008 bonus checks are likely to be much less impressive.

One of her clients recently confessed that his net worth had decreased to \$8 million from more than \$20 million, and he thinks that his wife will leave him. He has hidden their fall in fortune by taking on debt to pay for her extravagant clothes and vacations.

“I literally had to sit there and tell him that he had to tell his wife that she had to stop spending,” she said. “He was actually scared she would leave him because their financial situation changed so drastically.”

Interviews with the people who actually see the bank statements, like divorce lawyers and lenders, say their clients are definitely living on less than they did a year ago, regardless of how expansive the definition of “less” may be.

Hairstylists and private jet rental companies say the wealthy are cutting back on luxuries like \$350 highlights and \$10,000-an-hour jet rentals. Even nutritionists and personal trainers notice a problem.

The wealthy are eating more and gaining weight because of the stress.

“Even if they're not in danger of not paying their mortgage, there's still a psychological change,” said Chris Del Gatto, chief executive of Circa, which has watched its business jump by 50 percent in the last year as wealthy clients sell their spare diamonds and Rolexes. “The economy is an issue even for people who don't need the money.”

THEIR spouses could leave them when they discover that their net worth has collapsed to eight figures from nine.

Friends and business associates could avoid them as they pass their lunchtime tables at Barney's or the Four Seasons. And these snubs could trickle down to their children.

“They fear their kids won't get invited to the right birthday parties,” said Michele Kleier, an Upper East Side-based real estate broker. “If they have to give up things that are

invisible, they're O.K. as long as they don't have give up things visible to the outside world."

So New York's very wealthy are addressing their distress in discreet and often awkward ways.

They try to move their \$165 sessions with personal trainers to a time slot that they know is already taken. They agree to tour multimillion-dollar apartments and then say the spaces don't match their specifications. They apply for a line of credit before art auctions, supposedly to buy a painting or a sculpture, but use that borrowed money to pay other debts.

"Most people won't go to their banker and say: 'You know I'm in desperate trouble. I need funds,' " said Andy Augenblick, president of Emigrant Bank Fine Art Finance, which allows clients to borrow against art collections worth more than \$2 million.

Mr. Augenblick said that the number of requests for these types of loans is five times higher than a year ago. He said that while these borrowers claim that they don't need the money, their latest financial statements show that their net worth has withered in the past year.

Other wealthy clients are cutting luxuries that they think their friends and relatives won't notice, according to Mr. Del Gatto of Circa.

At Circa's midtown offices, he said, the seven consultation rooms have been busy with customers selling their precious gems. Some older couples, he said, are selling estate jewelry to help support their children who have lost Wall Street jobs.

Bankers are paring down their collections of Patek Philippe watches.

Wives from Greenwich and Scarsdale are selling 2-carat to 35-carat single-stone diamond rings. One recent client explained to Mr. Del Gatto that she was selling \$2 million in diamonds she rarely wore, because her friends wouldn't notice that they were gone.

"She said, 'If I sold my Bentley or my important art, they would notice,' " he said. "That we hear, in differing examples, every day."

Justin Sullivan, managing director of Regent Jet, which leases private airplanes, said most clients in real estate and on Wall Street are switching to chartered jets over private jets, and cutting their flight budgets by about 25 percent. One New York real estate developer cut his budget to less than \$250,000 a year from \$1.5 million a year.

"A year ago, he would have only flown Gulfstreams," Mr. Sullivan said. "Now it's moving to the point where he's flying Beech jets and Learjets."

Some wealthy New Yorkers are even cutting back on relatively smaller things. On a spring afternoon, a half-dozen hairstylists to the very wealthy talked about how customers are stretching their \$350 highlights and \$150 haircuts to every eight weeks instead of six weeks.

The very wealthy can't hide anything from their nutritionists and personal trainers, because they see the weight gain.

Heather Bauer, a dietitian who works with many Wall Street executives who pay \$600 to \$800 a month for her services, says her clients have been eating and drinking more in the last six months.

ONE Wall Street executive, Ms. Bauer said, snacks on nuts in her office all day to manage the stress of potentially losing her position, while another confesses to inhaling four bowls of cereal at 10 p.m.

Even their sex lives are suffering, Ms. Bauer said, because of the stress or because the weight gain makes them feel unattractive.

Her clients blame the economy for their out-of-control waistlines.

"The number one concern that they have is the state of the financial market," she said. "There definitely is a correlation between the stock market and weight gain."

Clay Burwell, a personal trainer to many Wall Street executives, said that his clients were also feeling the toll. A year of eating more, drinking more and working longer hours has started to hurt their health.

"They come into the gym with a dark storm cloud over their head," he said. "They look like hell."

Renters Thrown Out, Lose Security Deposits When Banks Foreclose On Landlords' Properties

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LAGUNA HILLS, Calif

Charles Nelson has paid about \$30,000 in rent since moving into a spacious four-bedroom home in August. He was stunned when a real estate agent knocked on his door recently and said the home was in foreclosure.

His landlord had not paid the mortgage since he moved in and the bank is now demanding the house back.

Nelson will also lose his \$7,700 security deposit.

When he confronted the landlord, he says, he was given a terse response: "That's none of your business."

More than 100 miles away in the working-class city of Palmdale, Fai Nomaaea -- a 35-year-old mother of eight -- can relate. The single mom was cleaning the yard when a man handed her a notice of foreclosure. Like Nelson, she had been paying her rent on time every month.

She now lives in fear every day.

"I don't know what's going to happen the next day," she said. "I don't know if they're going to come to the door and tell us that we have to move, and I don't have anywhere to go."

For Nomaaea, getting booted from the home presents another hardship: She lives on a fixed income and can afford about \$1,200 a month in rent. It also means finding a new school for her children.

Her 10-year-old daughter, Jeaah, said she prays to God every night. "I ask Him, I hope I get new friends and they like me and stuff, and that I like them back," the girl said.

Stories like these are becoming more common, with renters becoming victims of the nation's mortgage meltdown through no fault of their own, experts say.

"We know it's a growing problem," said Rick Sharga, vice president of marketing for RealtyTrac, a company that tracks foreclosures across the country.

"It really is a frightening issue for tenants that have no way of knowing until almost the last minute that a landlord is defaulting on a property."

Foreclosure laws are governed state by state, and there is not much renters can do when their landlords get foreclosed on.

There is no guarantee of being allowed to stay in the homes or ways to get their security deposits back.

"There is very little in the way of protections for tenants," said Nadine Cohen, an attorney for Greater Boston Legal Services, which represents low-income people in Boston. "Many times, the tenants don't even know their buildings are being foreclosed."

Cohen said some states in the Northeast have begun introducing legislation to protect renters from being evicted. A U.S. congressional bill that would have addressed the issue has been held up in conference committee.

"People who are continuing to pay their rent are really victims of this mortgage foreclosure crisis and need to be protected. They haven't done anything wrong. They've lived up to the tenets of their lease; they paid their rent," said John Taylor, president and CEO of National Community Reinvestment Coalition, which works to promote access to basic banking services.

“It simply smacks against all that is fair in our democratic society for people who have no control over bad decisions of other people, but ... they're impacted by this.”

Sharga said that in many cases, renters want to buy the properties being foreclosed, but the banks force them out anyway.

“It boggles the mind. ... We're dealing with laws and regulations that really weren't made with this kind of situation in mind,” he said.

Nelson knows all about that. He called the bank to offer to buy the home he's renting but was told that he has to move out first and then make a bid. Now, he lives day-to-day, not knowing when he'll have to leave.

“There could be a knock on the door, saying we have 10 days, two weeks. I don't know.”

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