



Israeli Army Campaign of Terror

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Thursday 05 July was the third day of an Israeli Army campaign against the entire Palestinian population of the southern West Bank.

On 03 July, an Israeli was murdered in Susiya. The Israeli Army did not identify nor arrest any suspects.

During the subsequent 24 hours, the Army demolished at least five Palestinian homes in Yata, which was completely sealed off to the outside world, leaving the army to act with impunity towards its inhabitants. Up to a thousand residents were forced from their homes as dozens were demolished. Even Channel 1 Israel News characterized Army action as "revenge."

Outside observers, including journalists, human rights monitors, and the International Red Cross, were denied access to the area. The Red Cross was prevented from providing humanitarian aid to the hundreds of families affected, in contravention to international standards set forth by the Geneva convention, which also require Israel as an occupying power to protect the civilian population under its rule and provide for its welfare.

Among the family dwellings destroyed was that of Rasmiya Nawaja Jamal, a woman in her 60s whose husband Mohammad was murdered in Susiya ten years ago (no one was ever tried). Following his death, widow Rasmiya eked out a living as a shepherd while raising 12 children on her own, the family

The Italian Prime Minister's Elaborate Mousetrap

By IMC Print Team

The G8 economic summit in Genoa (20-22 July) promises the same confrontations between anti-globalization protesters and police as in Sweden last month. How have the wealthiest nations, and Italian PM Silvio Berlusconi in particular, arranged for this to be the last meeting accessible to protesters (as there are actual plans to gather in remote places like Qatar, a state

well-known for its human rights at sea; these alternatives suggest an even worse turn for democracy)? As the media reports gather in number, see how traps are being laid to undermine dissent.

The media's been through this type of summit before. The coverage will be sensational, with tallies of police injuries, talk of standoffs and 'anarchist' riots, comparisons with

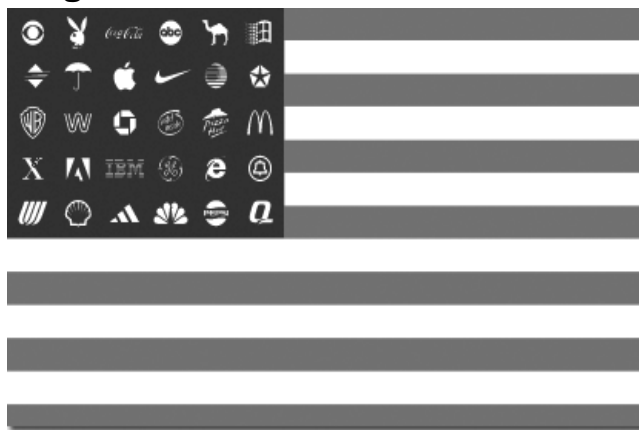
Gothenburg, Quebec, Nice, Prague, and Seattle. Prime Ministers will deplore the violence, and say this is not the way to change the standing order. The only curious contingency is whether the Italians will have use for the 200 body bags they've ordered for the summit.

So how has Berlusconi set up a mousetrap for the many dissenting voices opposed to the G8? He has invited representatives from 49 of the poorest states, and 'moral' spokespeople, including Nelson Mandela, former UN Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson, and Rigoberta Menchu, the Nobel peace prize-winning human rights campaigner from Guatemala. Berlusconi's foreign minister, Ruggiero, explains: "The denunciation of these problems [world poverty, economic equality, etc] is not, however, the exclusive right of those who come to Genoa to protest." Ever so subtly, the governments of the G8 are trying to co-opt the protesters' voices and arguments, and the plan is devious and just a little bit brilliant.

There will be violence in Genoa. Perhaps a small enclave of anarchists will insist on property damage. They will likely be joined by agent provocateurs under orders of the Italian government and police forces (like used at other summits). But it won't only be the economic fat-cats like Bush, Blair, and Berlusconi denouncing the mayhem. We will hear Nelson Mandela regretting such a happening and be told over-and-over again that, despite the generous efforts of the Italian government to include dissenting voices and marginalized countries, all anti-globalization protesters are hell-raisers out for an 'anarchists carnival' (as Blair put it) and general kicks, with no interest of these oppressed countries in mind.

Never mind that Berlusconi's invitation is a media gesture. This is the man who owns over 90% of all television media in Italy, and pressured opposition voices to resign from the state television network RAI. We will hear that the

Flag Jam



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A rebellion is building. Thousands of protesters shake up every global trade conference with calls for less corporate clout and more grassroots power. Now activists have set a date to mark that spirit of resistance -- July 4, Independence Day. This year's Flag Jam was a blast of symbolic disobedience to get America (and the rest of the world) thinking about the meaning of its original revolution, and its subservience to corporations today. What counts as 'independence'? And when will we win it back?

living in an underground cave.

Two years ago the Israeli Civil Administration (CA) demolished her cave, claiming that the Nawaja family had no permit to live there. Rasmiya then constructed an

ingenious compound over her destroyed cave, made of automobile parts. She and her children lived in the shell of a mini-van; her son and his family lived in the cab of a truck;

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White Supremacist "Speaks" To Crowd of One

By IMC Print Team

On the USA's Independence Day, nationalist leader and white supremacist Richard Barrett spoke at the old Court house in Morristown New Jersey about "Racial Profiling Saving Lives". Last year he mustered nine people and 400 demonstrators drowned him out. Barrett showed up with three supporters including two young men who helped him putting all his equipment at the courthouse.

There were 350 cops who claimed all demonstrators material was "inappropriate", which is quite intimidating. Around noon the two young Barret-helpers knocked down his podium and flags, destroyed his Amplifier system and got arrested. Demonstrators saw them as heroes in anti racist action. There was enough damage done to get Barrett use a bull horn instead of a PA. During the 3 hours he wanted to speak demonstrators shouted louder than him, using also hate speech chants as "kill the nazi's". People should take care not to become as hate filled as Mr. Barrett and his cronies. Police tried to get a confrontation with black block people but withdrew their troops after a bit. This noon was actually a great action in defense of our first amendment rights.

These kinds of actions, in which the far-right tries to take over public holidays and important social symbols are noticed everywhere (in Europe in particular), and show it's a new tool they're using rather than isolated actions.

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leaders of the wealthiest nations invited their opposition into the debating chambers in a grand gesture, only to be met by the same violence seen last month in Sweden. Convening in Qata will seem sensible to the public, as will further police brutality toward protesters. The members of the G8 will not only have co-opted the growing tide of voices confronting their actions, they will also have put on a convincing front for isolating themselves from normal democratic intercourse and accountability.

Fifty Years of Fighting, Ready to Blow Up

By Pablo, IMC Argentina

Bolivia is living a state of war between the impoverished workers and the government of general Banzer, the same who rule the sanguinary dictatorship of the 70s. For more than fifty years the Bolivian workers has carried out a fight against the exploiter imperialism and their local representatives. In 1985 the workers suffered a hard defeat, when the "Supreme Decree 21.060" was dictated, which established the neo liberalist policy. As a consequence 30.000 miners were fired.

The last months' grave events show that the diversity of sectors which start the fight has increased, pushed by the terrible misery that strike the country, that though always existed, has got much worse because of the last years reforms. In the past the main actors in the mobilizations were the miners who controlled the Bolivian workers central.

The new wave of demonstrations started in April when Aymara peasants blocked the highway weary of a system that treat them like animals. In June 7, 12000 cooperative miners entered La Paz armed with dynamite and the next day took the hall of justice. The conflict extended also to the prisons where hunger strikes has been started. The same attitude took retired miners to claim a better salary.

Last week, most shocking incident was the small debtors together with the anarchist-feminist collective "Mujeres Creando" taking the Bank Superintendent with molotovs and sticks of dynamite .

The last news indicate that the government is moving troops and tanks to attack the peasants that keep the highways blocked.

On July 11 the CNT will make a protest in Madrid in front of the Bolivian embassy. The same will do in Paris the French Anarchist Federation and Libertary Alternative. We want to make a call to all the organizations and human right defenders to extend the demonstrations in the representations of Bolivia around the world to reject the repression and killing of workers.

The mass media is maintaining a criminal silence around these facts and must be made to show them.

Control of Israeli Media Being Centralized

By Rony, IMC Israel

Members of the Israel IMC have taken its first steps against the monopolization of Israel's TV infrastructure and its contents. The three companies providing cable television in Israel (Golden Channel & Co., Matav, and Tavel Communications, Ltd.) are merging into one, behemoth organization that also controls the major newspapers, magazines, Internet service providers, and telephone networks in Israel.

This deal is the result of five powerful families that control Israel's economy, but they don't work alone: they are being supported by politicians that modify existing laws not only to allow the merger, but to allow them to get the broadband wires where they could also sell phone and Internet services with the full support of the right wing Minister of Communication, Rubi Rivilin. On July 4, after finishing a meeting of the Economic Committee of Parliament, he was pried in the face by an Indymedia activist, who is now being held by Israeli authorities with two friends.

The mainstream media is trying to characterize this protest as a violent assault and are criticizing it as undemocratic in nature, but this is nowhere near as undemocratic as those of Parliament itself.

This protest is part of an ongoing campaign on the future of media in our societies. I believe as Kalle Lasn from Adbusters wrote, that the fight over media will be the biggest fight of the century. The crusade in Israel is against the merger, and centralization, as well as calling to open and fund the public access channels on TV and Radio.

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and a pickup truck was converted into a stable. Rasmiya used fenders to fence off her gardens, and even constructed a cooking area of solar panels.

On Tuesday, the Army destroyed Rasmiya's compound, as well as those of her neighbors, leaving more than 50 people homeless. It also uprooted 1000 olive trees and destroyed cisterns.

The CA is currently destroying homes, farm structures, and cisterns in the Jibna area, where two years ago 3000 farming families were forced out of the cave dwellings they have occupied for many generations.

Collective punishment of whole civilian groups is explicitly forbidden by Article 33 of the Geneva Convention: "Collective penalties and likewise all measures of intimidation...are prohibited."

The demolition of houses also constitutes a grave violation of Article 53: "Any destruction by the Occupying Power of...personal property belonging individually or collectively to private persons...is prohibited."

Such actions are unjust and morally indefensible.

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