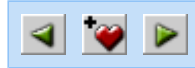


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'I Pretended to be Dead' : Girl, 12, Sole Survivor When Marines Executed Her Family (With Video)

New Witness Describes Alleged Iraq Atrocity

Girl, 12, Was Sole Survivor When Her Family Was Killed in Haditha; Congressman Says 'Mass Murder' Was Covered Up

By JONATHAN KARL

May 28, 2006 — - After a small group of Marines stormed the Younis family home in Haditha last November, everybody inside was killed -- except one person.

ABC News has obtained an interview with the sole survivor, 12-year-old Safa Younis. The interview was done by a local Iraqi journalism student about one week after the killings on Nov. 19, 2005.

The U.S. military continues to investigate what happened in Haditha, where a total of 24 civilians died. But one congressman, Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., said today that he's convinced the incident was mass murder *and* that it was covered up.

"There has to have been a cover-up," Murtha told ABC News' "This Week with George Stephanopoulos." "There's no question about it."

'I Pretended to Be Dead'

On the new tape shot by an Iraqi journalism student and given to ABC News by the Hammurabi Human Rights Group in Iraq, Younis, soft-spoken, with rounded cheeks and a headscarf, begins by calmly telling the interviewer, "My name is Safa Younis. I'm 12 years old."

The interviewer asks, "What did the American soldiers do when they broke into the house?"

"They knocked at the door," Younis says. "My father went to open it, they shot him dead from behind the door, and then they shot him again after they opened the door."

She describes hearing the Marines go through the rest of the house, shooting and setting off a grenade before getting to the bedroom where she was with her mother and siblings.

"Then comes one American soldier and shot [at] us all," she says. "I pretended to be dead ... and he did not know about me."

Changing Story

All of this happened after a small Marine convoy was struck by a roadside bomb, killing Lance Cpl. Miguel Terrazas. At first, the Marines acknowledged civilian deaths, but said they were caused by the roadside bomb. Later, they said the civilians were caught in the crossfire of a gunfight with insurgents.

Now, military investigators believe the only gunfire came from the Marines themselves.

Murtha, a former Marine, recently was briefed on the investigation by Marine Corps Commandant Michael Hagee.

"The reports that I have," Murtha said, "from the highest level: No firing at all. No interaction. No military action at all in this particular incident. It was an explosive device, which killed a Marine. From then on, it was purely shooting people."

Military investigators have collected bullet shells and other forensic evidence found in these homes and determined they came from a small number of rifles belonging to a team of Marines that included, ABC News has learned, Sgt. Frank Wuterich.

Pentagon officials are worried the allegations will severely damage America's effort to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people. The only way to minimize that damage, officials say, is to conduct a thorough investigation, hold a fair trial and to severely punish anybody found guilty.

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VIDEO at:

<http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/IraqCoverage/story?id=2015052&WNT=true>

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Sick and Scary

(Anonymous)

2006-05-29 09:38 pm UTC ([link](#))

Who wants to bet that nobody is prosecuted? Or they'll do a show trial and convict then when no one is looking (except the internet) they'll quietly release the guilty soldier. This group will stop at nothing. They cover-up for murderers, force B&N and Amazon to ban books like "America Deceived" by E.A. Blayre III and start unjust wars. They'll probably promote the soldier. Here's the last link before Google Books falls in line with the Gestapo:

http://www.iuniverse.com/bookstore/book_detail.asp?&isbn=0-595-38523-0

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Re: Sick and Scary

 [mparent7777](#)

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Medals of freedom all around...heckuva job, killer!

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Re: Sick and Scary

(Anonymous)

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We call 'them' religious nuts and call ourselves civilized! Every country that took part in the coalition of the willing needs to hang our heads in shame, not strut around filled with egotistical pride! However difficult it is to view what's here, everyone - especially in the US and UK, but also in Australia and Canada - every country that's done the bidding of the Bush-Cheney-Blair cabal in Iraq and Afghanistan - should (just as the Germans of WWII were compelled to) be forced to know, see, and understand what's being done to others in their name.

As if this savagery isn't bad enough, there's also the ongoing genocide in Iraq and Afghanistan through the deliberate use of DU munitions by the 'coalition of the willing'. Words are hardly adequate to describe what is being done by these monsters!

"Pentagon officials are worried the allegations will severely damage America's effort to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people." Ye Gods! When are they going to wake up! - they blew that from day one over ten years ago, and they've been brutally destroying any prospect of it ever since! Aw shucks ... why do the Iraqi's hate us??? Wake up USA, for God's sake, and take your country back from the maniacs who've been destroying it for years!

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Re: Sick and Scary

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Agreed.

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US/UK Iraq Misadventure

(Anonymous)

2006-05-29 10:28 pm UTC [\(link\)](#)

Time to get into character in order to head of that identity crisis. Wear black hats, grow a moustache and suck it up. You're the bad guys, now. And so are we, thanks to that lying, slimy sack of shit, Blair.

Not a fan: You can tell.

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Re: US/UK Iraq Misadventure

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Got it in one.

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Re: US/UK Iraq Misadventure

(Anonymous)

2006-05-30 12:48 am UTC [\(link\)](#)

Why are you all upset???? what the FUCK is new about this??? you fucking PEOPLE are arrogant, they HAVE been doing this sort of GOD DAMN crap in Palestine for years !

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(Anonymous)

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So much for Bush's freedom, democracy and the winning of hearts and minds GOD DAMN THE EVIL DOERS

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madison_lively

(Anonymous)

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those marines should be shot...executed in front of all iraqi civilians..that is the only way they will get damage control. Fuck them..this was a family..and emotions were high so they lashed out at whoever was there in the area..that is the more obvious true story..we belong in Iraq??? bush and his cronies de ies 9-11...if you think not think again

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Re: madison_lively

(Anonymous)

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they devised 9-11 and predicted the chain of events to steal iraqi oil...3 homeland security officials Not just doyle were found guilty of child pornography, one a computer security specialist who produced..and sold kiddie porn while stationed in Korea...this is Bushs administration..shoot your buddy hunting..lies lies and more lies..hell...maybe if bush was behind him instead of his old buddy..he'd be president..and than he could award more no bid contracts to Haliburton. now we need a passport to visit Canada? thats ludicrous..are they trying to imprison Americans? by the price of oil they practically have...and if you dont read between the lines and this forgiveness to aliens does not just stop at mexicans..it includes any and all aliens here with a temporary green card or otherwise..so when are the suicide bombers going to start entering our churches and hotels and schools and malls...answer: once they become a citizen with Bush's free pass.

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mass murder

(Anonymous)

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The US NAZI's are worse than the hurds of Dzejngis Khan.

See also:

<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article5365.htm>

If you can stand it, although some are to be known to like it seeing someone delliberatly killed by those brave US soldier heroes

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Re: mass murder

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