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Newly Released Government Documents Show Special Forces Used Illegal Interrogation Techniques In Afghanistan

April 16, 2008

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NEW YORK – The American Civil Liberties Union obtained documents today from the Department of Defense confirming the military's use of unlawful interrogation methods on detainees held in U.S. custody in Afghanistan. The documents from the military's Criminal Investigation Division (CID), obtained as a result of the ACLU's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit, include the first on-the-ground reports of torture in Gardez, Afghanistan to be publicly released.

"These documents make it clear that the military was using unlawful interrogation techniques in Afghanistan," said Amrit Singh, an attorney with the ACLU. "Rather than putting a stop to these systemic abuses, senior officials appear to have turned a blind eye to them."

Special Operations officers in Gardez admitted to using what are known as Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) techniques, which for decades American service members experienced as training to prepare for the brutal treatment they might face if captured.

Today's documents reveal charges that Special Forces beat, burned, and doused eight prisoners with cold water before sending them into freezing weather conditions. One of the eight prisoners, Jamal Naseer, died in U.S. custody in March 2003. In late 2004, the military opened a criminal investigation into charges of torture at Gardez. Despite numerous witness statements describing the evidence of torture, the military's investigation concluded that the charges of torture were unsupported. It also concluded that Naseer's death was the result of a "stomach ailment," even though no autopsy had been conducted in his case. Documents uncovered today also refer to sodomy committed by prison guards; the victims' identities are redacted.

"These documents raise serious questions about the adequacy of the military's investigations into prisoner abuse," added Singh.

The ACLU also obtained today a file today related to the death of

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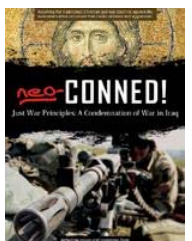
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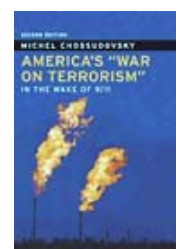
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Muhammad Al Kanan, a prisoner held at Camp Bucca in Iraq. The file reveals that British doctors refused to issue a death certificate for fear of being sued for malpractice:

www.aclu.org/pdfs/safefree/20080416/CID_ROI_Bucca.pdf

In October 2003, the ACLU – along with the Center for Constitutional Rights, Physicians for Human Rights, Veterans for Common Sense, and Veterans for Peace – filed a request under the Freedom of Information Act for records concerning the treatment of prisoners in U.S. custody abroad. To date, more than 100,000 pages of government documents have been released in response to the ACLU's FOIA lawsuit.

Attorneys in the FOIA case are Lawrence S. Lustberg and Melanca D. Clark of the New Jersey-based law firm Gibbons, P.C.; Jameel Jaffer, Singh and Judy Rabinovitz of the ACLU; Arthur Eisenberg and Beth Haroules of the New York Civil Liberties Union; and Shayana Kadidal and Michael Ratner of the Center for Constitutional Rights.

In addition, many of the FOIA documents are also located and summarized in a recently published book by Jaffer and Singh, Administration of Torture. More information is available online at:

www.aclu.org/administrationoftorture

The documents received in the ACLU's FOIA litigation are online at:

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All of today's documents are available at:

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TORTURE IS A WAR CRIME

// In a stunning admission to ABC news Friday night, President Bush declared that he knew \ \

These are demon enemies of all human life. They war God to escape the neocons responsible for 911 as TRAITORS.

Why don't you become a man, and demand the arrest and public trial of the bushmob with General Ahmad for 911?

FRONT PAGE

di Aldo Bernardini,
Ordinario di
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internazionale
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Assemblea
Generale (1965):
La XX Assemblea
Generale dell'ONU
(1965) dichiara
"la legittimità
della lotta da
parte dei popoli
sotto oppressione
coloniale, per
esercitare il loro
diritto all'
autodeter-
minazione e
all'indipendenza".
Inoltre,
l'Assemblea invita
"tutti gli Stati a
fornire assistenza
morale e
materiale ai
movimenti di
liberazione
nazionale nei
territori coloniali".

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"L'Assemblea
Generale dichiara
che: la
soggezione dei
popoli a dominio
straniero,
conquista e
asservimento
costituisce una
negazione dei
diritti umani
fondamentali, è
contraria alla
Carta delle
Nazioni Unite ed è
un impedimento
alla promozione
della pace e della
cooperazione
mondiali.
Tutti i popoli
hanno diritto all'
autodeter-
minazione; in
virtù di tale diritto
essi devono
liberamente
determinare il loro
status politico e
liberamente
perseguire il loro
sviluppo
economico,
sociale e
culturale".

:: Convenzione di
Ginevra,
Protocollo
Addizionale I
(1977):
La lotta armata
può essere usata,
come ultima
risorsa, come
mezzo per
esercitare il diritto
all' autodeter-

minazione.

:: Tribunale penale internazionale In base allo Statuto del Tribunale penale internazionale, sono definiti "crimini di guerra": (1) attacchi lanciati intenzionalmente contro popolazione civili in quanto tali o contro civili che non prendano direttamente parte alle ostilità; (4) attacchi lanciati intenzionalmente nella consapevolezza che gli stessi avranno come conseguenza la perdita di vite umane tra la popolazione civile, e lesioni a civili o danni a proprietà civili ovvero danni diffusi duraturi e gravi all'ambiente naturale che siano manifestamente eccessivi rispetto all'insieme dei concreti e diretti vantaggi militari previsti.

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// depriving Congress the ability to scrutinize how the Pentagon spends money \ \

God Damn the Corporate News American

I DEMAND a public debate with Americans on the FACT that George Walker Bush is a war criminal. Example to Humanity: the Iraq conflict has no cause. Period. Despite demon Bush repeatedly LYING that Saddam wouldn't let the inspectors in.

?????whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/11/20071107-5.html

Saddam wasn't found in violation of 1441. VERDICT: No reason to murder more than a Million Innocent People indiscriminately to thieve from for the zionist neocons liars responsible for 911. Soldiers who war GOD for Mr. Bush are enemies of American Liberty, and deserve to die before the innocent they target as 'no cause' war criminals.

Taliban fighters are guilty of nothing but standing in defense of the innocent victims of 911. Bushite antichrist forces are the worst of religious fundamentalists. They refuse to arrest "judges" who order the bushite dumfuk to murder those who speak for women's rights through the Quran. They refuse to arrest "judges" who order bushite dumfuk to murder Christians guilty of nothing but respecting Mohammed.

King Johnny Wizard "Zionists believe Israel should not be defended from war criminals who bomb Jewish communities indiscriminately to murder children with millions of landmines."

It's curious that Patriots, who believe in God, hold that bombing innocent people is an ungodly crime against our being, yet, Bush, the liar, says he commands these savages on behalf of 'our' freedoms to blindly do just that. True Patriots call for the arrest of those who murdered Americans on 9/11, while bushites would mindlessly war God, as enemies of Humanity, to assist in the escape of those truly responsible.

???groups.google.ca/group/alt.politics.bush/browse_frm/thread/73493dab69f0da2f?hl=en&scoring=d&

"Al-Qaida" = "General Mahmoud Ahmad"

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