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[Pentagon blows up thousands of homes in Afghanistan](#)

Repeating the horrors of the Vietnam War

By [Brian Becker](#) | [ANSWER Coalition](#) | [November 18, 2010](#)

Borrowing a page from its infamous “pacification” effort in South Vietnam, where peasant villages were napalmed and burned to the ground to “save them from the communists,” the Obama-ordered surge in Afghanistan has been secretly blowing up thousands of homes and leveling portions of the Afghan countryside.

As tens of thousands of U.S. troops have surged into southern Afghanistan, villagers have fled. Then the Petraeus-led occupation forces have determined which homes will be destroyed.

“In Arghandab District, for instance, every one of the 40 homes in the village of Khosrow was flattened by a salvo of 25 missiles, according to the district governor, Shah Muhammed Ahmadi, who estimated that 120 to 130 houses had been demolished in his district,” reported the New York Times, Nov. 16, 2010.

The Pentagon asserts that they must destroy the homes because some of them may have explosive devices inside.

The Pentagon’s murderous rampage and terror campaign 40 years ago against South Vietnamese villages, in areas that were considered sympathetic to the resistance forces, used much of the same kind of explanation. In fact, the New York Times in a throw back to Vietnam quotes the Arghandab District Governor, who is working with the occupation forces:

“We had to destroy them to make them safe.”

That this tactic is part of a high-tech terror campaign against Afghan villages and the people who inhabit them is evident even by the descriptions and accounts of western media outlets that are supporting the war.

Again, from the New York Times, Nov. 16, 2010, which describes weapons as tools:



“American troops are using an impressive array of tools not only to demolish homes, but also to eliminate tree lines where insurgents could hide, blow up outbuildings, flatten agricultural walls, and carve new “military roads,” because existing ones are so heavily mined, according to journalists embedded in the area recently.

“One of the most fearsome tools is the Miclic, the M58 Mine-Clearing Line Charge, a chain of explosives tied to a rocket, which upon impact destroys everything in a swath 30 feet wide and 325 feet long. The Himars missile system, a pod of 13-foot rockets carrying 200-pound warheads, has also been used frequently for demolition work.

“Often, new military roads go right through farms and compounds, cutting a route that will keep soldiers safe from roadside bombs. In Zhare District alone, the 101st Airborne’s Second Brigade has lost 30 soldiers since last June, mostly to such bombs.”

Activists at the organization Afghanistan Rights Monitor described the destroyed homes. “These are all mud houses, quite humble houses.”

When Gen. David Petraeus describes his counter-insurgency strategy, he always puts in a few diplomatic words about the need of surging troops to win the “hearts and minds” of the people in Afghanistan’s poverty stricken villages. That is purely for public consumption—a message echoed endlessly by the complicit corporate-owned media and the politicians of both parties that serves as a mask for the Pentagon’s campaign of systematic terror employed to subdue an occupied people.

On Dec. 16, 2010, anti-war veterans and people of conscience will stand up in a dramatic action in opposition to the terror campaign waged from the White House and Pentagon. Join us in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 16 and be part of history.

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1. Only cowards blow up mud houses of a defenseless nation.
G*d is all seeing and the punishments for the evildoers are coming.

 *Comment by B.Benhamid | November 19, 2010 | [Reply](#)*

- I agree B.Ben..... and all of us who HATE this evil, are WAITING!

 *Comment by JOYCE | November 21, 2010 | [Reply](#)*

2. Reports like this need to be cautious and sober, with facts, photos and other evidence.
Such sideswipes as: “the complicit corporate-owned media and the politicians of both parties that serves as a mask for the Pentagon’s campaign of systematic terror employed to subdue an occupied people” are totally unnecessary.
We already know the press is corporate-owned (since when has any newspaper NOT been owned by a corporation?), the politicians are bought, and the Pentagon employs systematic terror.
My own reaction to a good article ending up with something like this is ‘Oh God! Not another leftie nutcase!’
The nonsense destroys its own good cause.

 *Comment by richard01 | November 20, 2010 | [Reply](#)*

- The major media are owned by only 6 corporations. The CEO’s of all 6 are not only Jewish, but hold dual US-Israeli citizenship.

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3. I sent this on to rene.com w/this note. I am 67, now live in Victoria, BC, and was NOT a draft-dodger. I reported but wasn’t taken due to a heart defect.
This is the note:

“I listened to a US Army officer interviewed last night on the CBC National News at 6 pm, an unreal déjà vu experience. He sounded EXACTLY the same, as if reading from a script, as the US military I heard & saw on US TV in the VietNam era, explaining the ‘pacification’ of entire villages to dust and mud....

<http://alethonews.wordpress.com/2010/11/19/pentagon-blows-up-thousands-of-homes-in-afghanistan/>

Good going, USSA! Way to make new friends and influence people!!

“And the War drags on....” old Donovan song from the Sixties. J

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4. American’s should be asking themselves how long it will be before the Federal government start launching missiles at Americans. Don’t think they wouldn’t do it?

 *Comment by Brian | November 21, 2010 | [Reply](#)*

- o Your right Brian!
Couple of words

Randy Weaver's wife
and
Waco

 *Comment by roninfreedom | November 21, 2010 | [Reply](#)*

- Yes, and 911, The USS Liberty, Murrah Bldg, Marine barracks in Lebanon, TWA 800 etc etc etc.

 *Comment by EyesWideOpen | November 21, 2010 | [Reply](#)*

5. We are the bad guys. Have been for centuries. The consequence of our country's behavior will come to roost, sadly, much sooner than we want.

Ask yourself then..."Why didn't I do something about it? I knew about it, but sat on my ass.

 *Comment by Frank Costa | November 21, 2010 | [Reply](#)*

6. They should just use the neutron bomb and be done with it.

 *Comment by Joe Buck | November 21, 2010 | [Reply](#)*


- o Oh they will Joe, they will use the neutron bomb, on every city and town in the USSA, it is mentality like yours that will make this a reality.....when was the last time the USSA actually won a war anyway?? I see a country that exports terror worldwide, even with it's latest devices of death and destruction they cant even get on top of stone age nations like Iraq & Afghanistan against an enemy using AK's and a few roadside bombs LOL!!...should Russia & China choose to they will annhialate the USSA in a a matter of days whether by finacial or military means, the USSA is toast just waiting for someone to butter it.

Payback can be a real bitch, I think the Chinese launch of an ICBM off the coast of LA last week is probably one of the only warnings the US will get before the the whole thing goes hot....

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7. No Fascist regime that terrorizes the oppressed people of the world has any right to exist.

No right to exist. Any means necessary are justified. No right to exist.

 *Comment by Patrick Henry | November 21, 2010 | [Reply](#)*


- o I agree, Patrick, something needs to change, and it needs to change now ! Count me in on the overthrow ! It is all way beyond where it should be. I mean what in the Hell are we doing over there anyway, besides being "The Terrosists. " I am not feeling any threats to my life from the "insurgents". My life is being terrorized by my own goverment. Start the revolution, where do I sign up ? !

 *Comment by T. Mason | November 21, 2010 | [Reply](#)*

8. p.s. I am sending out my apology out to Afghanistan. We don't want our government doing this. We don't know how to stop them. We are sorry, and we hope the best for anyone whose lives have been destroyed, by this occupation of your country. I wish there was something I could do to make it stop..... :(


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9. destroy it all and let the contractors rebuild it all in our own image. afghanistan will become a state of usa/canada/nato as it will truly become an international arena. its time to look at the bigger picture. welcome to the new world order. let the taliban know peace in our times. oneday they'll get to manage it all. the wings of freedom have stretched far and wide and this general's finally hit the nail with the hammer. keep up the good work! scorch earth the entire country and rebuild it like japan. god bless the usa and its nato allies! get everyone of those fundamentalist nutjobs! the end is near! nobody said development was easy! keep it up! this aint no savin private ryan! wipe out everything then rebuild it later with the proper compensation along with some assurances that each and every afghanistani citizen is a potential taxpayer and that makes them a cut above the rest!


 *Comment by steven katona | November 21, 2010 | [Reply](#)*

- o Yeah what a great idea, I believe that Russia & China are planning the same sort of thing for the US as well, wont you be so grateful to have them smash ans rebuild your dying nation?


After all, with the national debt @ 14 TRILLION and rising, you cannot ever hope to even pay the interest on that sort of debt, even if you pay 90% tax for every man woman & child for the nex 50yrs, so you should be grateful that Russia and China have a plan to save the USA from the whackjob Christian fundies and greedy Jooz that are wrecking it from within? Yeah "American Freedom" Commie style...ENJOY!!

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- EyesWideOpen don't believe the hype. You're probably some Euro-pussy coward bitch who wold be speaking German right now if it wasn't for the USA saving your worthless asses.

 *Comment by Draco | November 21, 2010 | [Reply](#)*

10. What is happening in Afghanistan will one day travel back to America. This army may turn on it's own citizens.

 *Comment by FallenTree | November 21, 2010 | [Reply](#)*

11. Brothers and sisters in arms, return to the US and purge our soil of traitors in Congress and the White House. They are ALL taking in \$ Millions in bribes from the military industrial complex every year to continue perpetual war.

As long as these traitors have their boots up our asses, the US is doomed.

 *Comment by Colonel Ted Westhusing | November 21, 2010 | [Reply](#)*

12. Yesterday was the turning point. The UK has had enough and the USA will soon understand the real meaning of a resistance movement.

 *Comment by Patton | November 21, 2010 | [Reply](#)*

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Bullshit.

Quoting the *Guardian* newspaper:

The OSP (Office of Special Plans) was an open and largely unfiltered conduit to the White House not only for the Iraqi opposition. It also forged close ties to a parallel, ad hoc intelligence operation inside Ariel Sharon’s office in Israel specifically to bypass Mossad and provide the Bush administration with more alarmist reports on Saddam’s Iraq than Mossad was prepared to authorize. ... [continue](#)

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... conventional wisdom has normally credited Martin Luther King, Jr. with bringing Gandhi’s tactic of passive resistance into modern use in America in the late 50’s civil rights movement. And yet, here in the Territory of Hawaii, clearly, the Hilo unionists were using “passive resistance” per se in 1938...

“They shot us down like a herd of sheep. We didn’t have a chance. The firing kept up for about five minutes. They just kept on pumping buckshot and bullets into our bodies. They shot men in the back as they ran. They shot men who were trying to help wounded comrades and women. They ripped their bodies with bayonets. It was just plain slaughter.”

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