OMNI NEWSLETTER #2, CIVILIAN VICTIMS OF US TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ, AND PAKISTAN, JANUARY 14, 2011. Compiled by Dick Bennett (#1 Sept. 6, 2007). (If the slaughter of civilians in illegal US wars--or any wars--particularly concerns you, consider becoming the editor of this newsletter. We resist militarism and wars by the truth.)

See OMNI’s Special Collection on VICTIMS in Mullins Library, UofA.

For Newsletter #3 maybe there’ll be studies on the civilians killed in Pakistan and Yemen. We might think IRAN too, since the Bush Admin. threaten to bomb and kill the people of Iran, and we are not sure right now what could happen.

Two ways to read “texts” of all kinds: what is represented and what is omitted. An immense report could be compiled of the textual and cultural omissions of the killing of civilians. That is the norm. Consider the Vietnam “Wall” Memorial. Fewer than 100,000 US soldiers are listed. But an est. 3 million Vietnamese were killed during that illegal and unnecessary war, as though US combatants possess greater inherent worth and dignity than Vietnamese civilians. In the following note the prodigious attention to combatants killed and wounded compared to the civilian casualties, whose numbers are reduced and treated as asides or footnotes. But some information does creep through of the killings and woundings, and I will give some of it here, not already reported in my 2007 newsletter.

Contents
AFGHANISTAN
Afghan Body Count 2010
Newspaper Articles
Geneva Conventions
IRAQ
Iraq Body Count 2010
Book: Al-Arian and Hedges, Collateral Damage
USA Today False Reporting
Newscasters and a Million civilians killed
Google and Body Count
Wikipedia Search
Contractors
Kucinich
Geneva Conventions
PAKISTAN

AFGHANISTAN 2010
1. Casualties in Afghanistan & Iraq - Unknown News | Helen & Harry's ...
And the people behind Iraq Body Count acknowledge that their count leaves ... outside Iraq and Afghanistan, included in the count of military casualties. ...
www.unknownnews.org/casualties.html - Cached - Similar

2. The Afghan Body Count
Jul 25, 2007 ... Washington DC (UPI) Jul 25, 2007 - Almost six years ago U.S. and allied forces toppled the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, paving the way for ...
www.spacedaily.com/.../The_Afghan_Body_Count_999.html - Cached - Similar

3. Casualties in Iraq - Antiwar.com
Other Military Deaths - Afghanistan ... Numbers from the Iraq Body Count site and the study published in the Lancet are compared at OpenDemocracy.net. ...
The list - Contact - Casualty Counter
antiwar.com/casualties/ - Cached

4. The unknown Afghan body count | James Denselow | Comment is free ...
Jul 4, 2010 ... James Denselow: An unwillingness to track the number of Afghan civilians killed undermines attempts to gauge progress in the country.
www.guardian.co.uk/.../jul/.../afghanistan-body-count-civilian-deaths - Cached

5. Civilian Casualties in Afghanistan: Beyond the Body Count
Aug 11, 2010 ... Civilian Casualties in Afghanistan: Beyond the Body Count Medical staff at Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit (R3 MMU) in Afghanistan ...
www.truth-out.org/civilian-casualties-afghanistan-reach-all-time-high62222 - Cached

6. Civilian Victims of United States' Aerial Bombing of Afghanistan
The Muslim practice of immediate burial by nightfall makes body counting difficult ...... Appendix 4: Daily Casualty Count of Afghan Civilians Killed in U.S ...
cursor.org/stories/civilian_deaths.htm - Cached - Similar

7. Army chief admits Afghanistan bodycount made him question war ...
Jul 14, 2009 ... General Sir Richard Dannatt, the head of the Army, said the bodycount in Afghanistan had made him question if the war was being conducted ...
www.telegraph.co.uk/.../Army-chief-admits-Afghanistan-bodycount-made-him-question-war.html - Similar - Add to iGoogle

8. Outta the Cornfield: FYI - Afghanistan Body Count
Sep 28, 2009 ... FYI - Afghanistan Body Count. Paid close attention to the deaths in Iraq for a long time. Now that Afghanistan is the hot bed for US troop ...
oakcreekforum.blogspot.com/.../fyi-afghanistan-body-count.html - Cached - Similar
9. **AP Stressing 'Body Count' In Afghan War | Sweetness & Light**  
Jul 30, 2010 ... From the media activists at the Associated Press: Firefighters extinguish a burning SUV in Kabul, **Afghanistan**, Friday, July 30, 2010.

10. **Army Revives Body Count Of Enemy Dead In Afghanistan**  
May 31, 2009 ... **BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan** -- **Body** counts are back, reigniting the decades-old debate about whether victory in war can be judged by ... [Cached]

---

2007  
Chris Brummitt, “Taliban Attacks Kill Soldiers, Officers.” *TMN* 9-6-07. Article on the “surge of violence” by Taliban mentions by the way that “a number of [unnamed] civilians were wounded” in a clash in Ghazni province.

Noor Khan (AP). “Airstrikes Target Taliban Militants.” *TMN* (8-4-07). Civilians were killed also. “Villagers had come out from their homes to watch the hanging organized by the Taliban when the bombs fell...20 wounded people were brought to the hospital in Helmand’s capital,” including “an 8-year-old boy.”

Rahim Faiez (AP). “Afghan Soldier Fires on Base, Killing Four.” *ADG* (7-10-07). Also in the article: “a U.S.-led coalition raid in the east killed a Taliban leader and two children, officials said”

Noor Khan (AP). “More Deaths of Civilians Reported in Afghanistan.” *ADG* (7-1-07). “Local government officials said up to 60 civilians...had been killed,” but a Western military official said “about eight.” “Mohammad Khan...said seven members of his family...were killed by airstrikes” and several wounded. “A U.N. tall shows that of 673 civilian deaths this year, 314 were caused by international or Afghan security forces, and 279 by insurgents.” An AP count shows “213 killed by the U.S. or NATO and 180 by the Taliban.” The “AP counts more than 2,800 killed this year” [by July 1].

Alisa Tang. “Group: Botched Raids Hurt Efforts.” *TMN* (6-20-07). “Goodwill toward foreign forces is eroding across Afghanistan because airstrikes and botched raids...have killed at least 230 civilians [so far]this year....” (Dick: Seems a significant article regarding the future of the occupation.)
Civilian Deaths in Afghanistan:
Will Truth Again Be a Casualty of War?

Editorial

The lasting legacy of the Vietnam War, it is often said, is Americans' demolished tolerance for body bags filled with U.S. men and women.

True enough. But Vietnam also demolished faith in the top brass, who misled the American people about the mayhem happening half a world away. In the end, it was the acid of deception, not defeat, that dissolved the public's trust.

Today the battleground is Afghanistan, not Vietnam, and the motives are nothing like those that led millions of U.S. soldiers into Southeast Asia. Today's is a different cause, a different enemy, a different military, a different time, a different public. Yet America is still America -- a democracy -- and thus the need for truth is the same today as it was 30 years ago.

So let's have the truth about U.S. military actions that have killed hundreds of Afghan civilians in the war against terrorists.

A New York Times report Sunday raised questions about the targeting intelligence and methods used in U.S. air attacks in Afghanistan, suggesting that flaws in military policy are contributing to the civilian deaths.

What's troubling about the report is not simply the occurrence of civilian fatalities; they are a fact of war. What's disturbing is the sense, from the report, that innocent Afghan villagers, alive or dead, have been insufficiently acknowledged by the U.S. military.

"American commanders say they have not kept track of civilian deaths in Afghanistan," the Times noted. Worse, the report said, military commanders have often denied the civilian casualties "despite evidence on the ground."

The humanitarian conventions of the civilized world insist that warring nations at least try to distinguish the innocent from the enemy. It is not always possible to do so, but the attempt must be made.

Is the U.S. military making an adequate attempt? Are the fatalities in the Afghan villages unavoidable? Are they militarily necessary? Have the deadly attacks achieved any headway against Osama bin Laden or his minions?

The American public deserves the truth, because in a democracy it is ultimately the people who direct military policy. As a nation, we cannot divorce ourselves from our military's successes or failures, because in the end they are our own. That's another lesson from the Vietnam experience -- gone but not, we hope, forgotten.

© 2002 Sarasota Herald-Tribune

Newspaper Articles cont’d. 2007

“100 Afghan and Western aid agencies charged that at least 1,500 civilians had been killed by U.S. attacks in the last 17 months. The actual number of civilian deaths is probably higher...” “The repeated and indiscriminate attacks have shocked and angered Afghans who have taken to rioting and flag burning in response to the massacres.” Ref.: John LaForge, “Afghanistan Chronicle: U.S. Military ‘Causing Most Civilian Deaths & Injuries.” Nukewatch Quarterly (Fall 2007), p. 6. LaForge cites New York Times articles for details.

1. 2009

2. Civilian casualties of the War in Afghanistan (2001–present ...}

The UN Assistance Mission Afghanistan (UNAMA) estimated that 700 Afghan civilians were killed by anti-government elements in 2007, accounting for 46% of
the...

Estimates - Afghan protestation of ...

- Civilian casualties by ...
en.wikipedia.org/.../Civilian_casualties_of_the_War_in_Afghanistan_(2001–present) - Cached - Similar -

3. Casualties in Afghanistan & Iraq - Unknown News | Helen & Harry's...

About 283 times as many people have been killed in Afghanistan and Iraq than ...

[3] Afghan civilians killed: Based on estimate and tracking by Dr. Herold ...

www.unknownnews.net/casualties.html - Cached - Similar -

abcnews.go.com/WN/Afghanistan/american-civilians-killed.../story?id... -

4. 'Dozens of Civilians' Killed in Afghanistan Air Raid (Updated...

May 6, 2009 ... Coalition airstrikes killed dozens of civilians taking shelter from fighting between Taliban militants and international troops Afghan ...

www.wired.com/.../dozens-of-civilians-killed-in-afghanistan-air-raid-report/ - Cached - Similar -

5. Up to 150 Afghan Civilians Killed in US Attack on Western Province

May 6, 2009 ... Dozens of Afghan civilians have been killed in what may be one of the deadliest US bombings of Afghanistan to date.

www.democracynow.org/2009/5/6/afghan - Cached - Similar -

6. Civilian Victims of United States' Aerial Bombing of Afghanistan

More Than 3500 Civilians Killed by U.S. Bombs University of New Hampshire Economics professor releases study of civilian casualties in Afghanistan ...

cursor.org/stories/civilian_deaths.htm - Cached - Similar -

7. Professor Marc Herold, Phd

A Dossier on Civilian Victims of United States' Aerial Bombing of Afghanistan ... My interest in civilian casualties explores how modern wars results in a ...

pubpages.unh.edu/~mwherold/ - Cached - Similar -

Searches related to civilians killed in afghanistan

iraqi civilian deaths number civilian deaths afghanistan war civilian casualties

1. US: 13 Civilians Killed In Afghanistan Strike

Feb 21, 2009 ... A U.S. military operation in western Afghanistan killed 13 Afghan civilians along with three militants, the U.S. said Saturday. ...

www.huffingtonpost.com/.../us-13-civilians-killed-in_n_168826.html - Cached - Similar -

2. Report: 76 Civilians Killed In Afghanistan Airstrike

Aug 22, 2008 ... US-led coalition forces killed 76 Afghan civilians in western Afghanistan today, most of them children, the country's Interior Ministry said ...
UN Says 2100 Civilians Killed In Afghanistan In 2008 - Radio Free ...
Feb 3, 2009 ... More than 2100 civilians were killed last year in Afghanistan because of escalating fighting that spread to new areas, the top UN aid ... www.rferl.org/...Civilians_Killed_In_Afghanistan.../1378540.html - Cached - Similar -

U.S. denies 147 civilians killed in Afghanistan violence ...
May 8, 2009 ... The US military called extremely over-exaggerated a report that as many as 147 civilians died in an incident involving American forces and ... www.usatoday.com/.../2009-05-08-us-afghanistan-violence_N.htm - Cached - Similar -

Civilians Feared Killed In NATO Strike In Afghanistan : NPR
Sep 4, 2009 ... The aerial attack on two fuel tankers hijacked by Taliban militants sparked a huge blast, killing at least 60 people and wounding 30 others ... www.npr.org › News › World › Afghanistan -

IRIN Asia | AFGHANISTAN: Over 2000 civilians killed in first 10 ...
Nov 12, 2009 ... “Thousands of civilians have been killed by warring parties over the past few years but not a single individual has been convicted of crimes ... www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=87003 - Cached -

Searches related to civilians killed in afghanistan
iraqi civilian deaths number civilian deaths afganistan war civilian casualties

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN 2007

“Anti-war veterans' group: War crimes are 'encouraged' "

At an event in Watertown, New York on Saturday, members of Iraq Veterans Against War charged that war crimes against civilians were encouraged by unit commanders.

"The killing of innocent civilians is policy," said veteran Mike Blake. "It's unit policy and it's Army policy. It's not official policy, but it's what's happens on the ground everyday. It's what unit commanders individually encourage."

Veteran Matt Howard concurred: "These decisions are coming from the top down," Howard said. "The tactics that we use, the policies that the military engages, will create situations, create
dynamics, create -- ultimately -- atrocity."

Blake and Howard were among four veterans speaking at Watertown's Different Drummer Cafe, in a preliminary event to the 'Winter Soldier' gathering scheduled in Washington, D.C. in March. Named after the 1971 event in which John Kerry read testimony from soldiers on atrocities they had committed, this year's Winter Soldier will feature Iraq War veterans speaking about war crimes they committed or witnessed.

In Watertown, veteran Jon Turner blamed himself as well as the orders he was given. "It was my decision," Turner said. "I made it. Now I have to live with the fact I see someone's eyes screaming at me after I shot them."

Others have previously questioned US attacks that have killed civilians, though not as sharply.

In 2006, a Berlin attorney filed a war crimes lawsuit against erstwhile Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on behalf of the Center for Constitutional Rights, the International Federation for Human Rights, the Republican Attorneys' Association and more than 40 other national and international human rights groups.

Germany's federal prosecutor announced in April of the following year that she would not take on the suit.

'Collateral' deaths in Afghanistan surpassed Taliban killings in 2007

In July 2007, independent tallied show US and NATO troops were responsible for more civilian deaths in the first half of the year than the Taliban militants they were fighting.

The United Nations counted 314 civilian deaths at the hands of Western-led forces by the end of June of 2007, compared with 279 people killed by the Taliban and other militants.

The rate of Western-caused civilian deaths between January and June exceeded the same measure for all of 2006. Human Rights Watch found US and NATO troops killed 230 civilians in Afghanistan last year. In that same year, the group found at least
669 Afghan civilians were killed as a result of Taliban attacks.

Military leaders said the comparison is fundamentally unfair because civilian deaths caused by Western forces are inadvertent collateral damage whereas the Taliban militants deliberately target innocent people.

To read the full News 10 Now story on the Iraq allegations, click here.

Geneva Conventions - Council on Foreign Relations
The Geneva Conventions do not require the U.S. to install a democratic regime ... A significant source of civilian casualties in the Afghan theater that is ...
www.cfr.org/publication.html?id=5313 - 41k - Cached - Similar pages

IRAQ


USA Today Edits the Count of the Dead in Iraq (from FAIR)
01/13/2011 by Jim Naureckas
USA Today (1/12/11) continues the tradition of dishonest reporting on the number of civilian casualties in Iraq. In a front-page article, reporter Tom Vanden Brook writes:

Estimates vary among organizations that have tried to count civilian dead, according to a review last year by the Congressional Research Service. The Iraqi Ministry of Human Rights reported that 85,694 Iraqi civilians died from insurgent attacks from 2004 through 2008. The Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank, estimated that more than 111,000 Iraqis died from war-related incidents from 2003 through 2010.

So estimates vary between about 85,000 and 111,000, right? Wrong. As the Congressional Research Service report (10/7/10) that USA Today cites makes clear, the highest estimate from a credible source is over 1 million--that's the number from ORB (9/07), a respected British polling firm. That number is in line with the Johns Hopkins researchers (Lancet, 10/11/06) whose epidemiological survey came up with a likely total of 600,000 violent deaths for an earlier phase of the war.

Different groups, using different approaches to the complicated task of estimating loss of life in a war zone, have come up with a broad range of numbers for the death toll in Iraq. USA Today, however, seems to be using a simple guideline for whether to include such numbers in its reporting: Do they make the U.S. look good?
That's the only reportorial approach that could justify the story's inclusion of this bit of self-serving, evidence-free handwaving:

Despite the imprecision, [Pentagon spokesperson Col. Dave] Lapan said the military believes insurgents killed far more civilians than U.S. and allied forces have in Iraq. However, the military is unable to quantify the claim, he said.

YEAR 2007 STATS

Iraq: Why do newscasters only talk about the number of Americans who have died?

Why do we never discuss this aspect of the war? From:
http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/

Number Of Iraqis Slaughtered In U.S. War On Iraq - 1,189,173

It seems as though newscasters are loathe to discuss the actual number of Iraqis killed since the beginning of our glorious military adventure. It isn't just the almost 4,000 officially acknowledged American dead that we should remember, but the over one million men, women and children who have lost their lives since this senseless war began.

How nice it would be to see Charlie Gibson talk about that number one night. Any night at all, Charlie.

Accounts of at least 193 Iraqi civilian casualties caused by US found with this google search. Click on this shortened link.
http://tinyurl.com/28td8f

Results 1 - 10 of about 193 from www.iraqbodycount.org/database/incidents for "us". (0.36 seconds)

k8868 :: Dec 13: Contractor working for US forces shot dead in ...
Targeted or hit, Firas Saadi Hussein, contractor working for US forces. Place, Mansour, Baghdad. Date and time, 13 December 2007, 8:00 AM ...
www.iraqbodycount.org/database/incidents/k8868 - 5k - Cached - Similar pages - Note
this

k9059 :: Dec 25: 0-2 men shot dead by US soldiers, Sab'aa Nisan ...
Type, US gunfire, possibly in return for gunfire from Hameed. Deaths recorded, 0-2.
Targeted or hit, Uday Hassan Hameed and Hadi Jasim Rasheed ...
www.iraqbodycount.org/database/incidents/k9059 - 5k - Cached - Similar pages - Note
this

k9060 :: Dec 25: Man and son shot dead by US soldiers in Mithaq ...
Type, US gunfire. Deaths recorded, 2. Targeted or hit, man and son in raid on house. Place, Mithaq, southeast Mosul. Date and time, 25 December 2007, AM ...
www.iraqbodycount.org/database/incidents/k9060 - 6k - Cached - Similar pages - Note
this
Dear Dick [from Chris D],

See the attached article and the following 2 websites
http://www.iraqbodycount.org/
This wikipedia link has links to the original articles and source websites.

● 1 Overview
  ○ 1.1 Iraqi deaths
  ○ 1.2 Iraqi Security Forces (aligned with Coalition)
  ○ 1.3 Media and aid workers
  ○ 1.4 U.S. armed forces
  ○ 1.5 Coalition deaths by hostile fire
  ○ 1.6 Armed forces of other coalition countries
  ○ 1.7 Contractors

● 2 Additional statistics

● 3 Contractor casualties
4 Iraqi invasion casualties
5 Iraqi Healthcare deterioration
6 Most Iraqi children suffering from psychological symptoms
7 Total Iraqi casualties
  7.1 Various estimates
  7.2 Iraqi Health Ministry/WHO survey
  7.3 ORB survey of Iraqi war deaths in August 2007
  7.4 D3 Systems poll in early 2007
  7.5 Iraq Health Minister estimate in November 2006
  7.6 2006 Excess Mortality Study
  7.7 2004 Excess Mortality Study
8 Iraqi civilian casualties
  8.1 People's Kifah
  8.2 Iraq Body Count project
9 Iraqi refugees crisis
10 Iraqi insurgent casualties
11 Iraqi Security Forces
12 Undercounting
  12.1 Systematic underreporting by U.S.
  12.2 Casualties caused by criminal and political violence
13 Non-Iraqi civilian casualties
14 Coalition military casualties
  14.1 Troops fallen ill, injured, or wounded
  14.2 Nightline controversy
  14.4 Amputees
  14.5 Traumatic brain injuries (TBI)
  14.6 Mental Illness
15 See also
16 References
17 External links and references

CONTRACTORS KILLING CIVILIANS
FIND THE FULL INVESTIGATION

(from Mike T)
“First Blush’ Report Raises New Questions on Shooting”
By Steve Fainaru and Sudarsan Raghavan
Washington Post Foreign Service
Friday, September 28, 2007

The initial U.S. Embassy report on a Sept. 16 shooting incident in Baghdad involving Blackwater USA, a private security firm, depicts an afternoon of mayhem that included a car bomb, a shootout in a
crowded traffic circle and an armed standoff between Blackwater guards and Iraqi security forces before the U.S. military intervened.

The two-page report, described by a State Department official as a "first blush" account from the scene, raises new questions about what transpired in the intersection. According to the report, the events that led to the shooting involved three Blackwater units. One of them was ambushed near the traffic circle and returned fire before fleeing the scene, the report said. Another unit that went to the intersection was then surrounded by Iraqis and had to be extricated by the U.S. military, it added.

The report, by the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security, details the events as described by Blackwater guards -- details that are now at the center of an intense debate in Iraq and in Congress over the larger role of private security firms in Iraq. Tens of thousands of armed, private guards operate in Iraq, protecting everything from U.S. and Iraqi officials to supply convoys. The shooting incident is being scrutinized in at least three separate investigations.

Witnesses and the Iraqi government have insisted that the shooting by the private guards was unprovoked. Blackwater has claimed that its guards returned fire only after they were shot at. The document makes no reference to civilian casualties. Eleven Iraqi civilians were killed and 12 wounded in the incident. The report said Blackwater sustained no casualties.

According to the report, which was obtained by The Washington Post, the incident occurred shortly after noon as three Blackwater teams moved to escort one "principal" back to Baghdad's Green Zone. The official had been visiting a "financial compound" when a car bomb detonated about 25 yards outside the entrance, the report said.

Two of the Blackwater teams returned to the Green Zone with the official, who was apparently unharmed. But the third team came under fire from "8-10 persons" who "fired from multiple nearby locations, with some aggressors dressed in civilian apparel and others in Iraqi police uniforms," the report said.

A State Department official cautioned that the "spot report" is only an initial account. "They're not intended to be authoritative reports of what occurred in any given incident." The report was drafted by the watch officer for the embassy's regional security office and approved by the deputy regional security officer in Baghdad.

The official, who declined to be identified because of the ongoing investigations into the shooting, said the report, which was dated the same day as the attack, reflected only what embassy officers were told by the Blackwater guards immediately after the incident. He said details could change as the investigations move forward.

According to the document, Blackwater's guards were completing written statements and the embassy's regional security officer had launched an investigation. Previous press accounts have alluded to the spot report's existence, but the full report had not been made public.

The report, which is designated sensitive but unclassified, differs significantly from the account of the Iraqi Interior Ministry and several witnesses interviewed at the scene. According to those accounts, the Blackwater guards moved into the traffic circle in a convoy of armored vehicles, halting traffic and then firing on a white sedan that had failed to slow down as it entered the area. The car burst into flames, killing the driver, a woman, according to these accounts. The Blackwater team then unleashed a barrage of fire into the surrounding area as people tried to flee in the pandemonium.

Sarhan Thiab, a traffic policeman who was in the circle at the time, said Iraqi police did not fire on Blackwater. "Not a single bullet. They were the only ones shooting," said Thiab, who said he and other traffic officers fled to nearby bushes once the shooting began.

"All the vehicles were shooting. They were shooting in every direction," said a senior Iraqi police official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigations. "They used a rocket launcher or grenade launcher to hit the car. They were supported by two helicopters who were shooting from the air."

After about 15 minutes, the guards sped away under cover of the smoke, eyewitnesses said.
A joint U.S.-Iraqi government investigation is expected to examine the incident, along with at least a half-dozen other shooting incidents involving Blackwater.

According to the report, the sequence of events leading up to the shooting began at 11:53 a.m., when a car bomb exploded 25 yards outside of the Izdihar financial compound, just over a mile northwest of the Green Zone. One principal was inside, accompanied by a Blackwater personal security detail identified as Team 4. A Blackwater team normally consists of three or four armored vehicles manned by multiple security contractors armed with assault rifles and pistols.

A Blackwater tactical support team, identified as TST 22, drove to the location to help Team 4 extract the principal. The two teams escorted the official back to the Green Zone "without incident," according to the report. "It is unknown who was the target of the" car bomb.

According to the report, a third Blackwater team, identified as TST 23, was dispatched from the Green Zone to assist after the car bomb detonated. Upon arriving at Nisoor Square, in Baghdad's affluent Mansour neighborhood, the report said, TST 23 was "engaged with small arms fire" from "multiple nearby locations."

The report said TST 23 returned fire and tried to drive out of the ambush site. However, one of the company's tactical armored vehicles, a BearCat, became disabled during the shooting. In the middle of the firefight, according to the report, the other tactical support team, TST 22, was ordered back out of the Green Zone to assist TST 23 in Nisoor Square, identified in the document as Gray 87.

Before TST 22 could arrive, according to the report, TST 23 had towed the Bearcat and returned to the Green Zone. TST 22 found itself alone in the congested traffic circle and confronted by an Iraqi quick-reaction force. "Over the next several minutes, additional Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police units arrived and began to encircle TST 22 with vehicles," according to the report. "The Iraqis had large caliber machine guns pointed at TST 22."

The Blackwater team contacted the tactical operations center for the U.S. Embassy's regional security office, which oversees private security movements, according to the report. The report said the embassy's regional security office deployed the embassy's air assets, believed to be Blackwater's armed "Little Bird" helicopters, for "route reconnaissance and additional coverage."

The Army team "arrived on scene at 12:39 hours and mediated the situation," the report said. "They escorted TST 22 out of the area and successfully back to the [Green Zone] without further incident."

The report said Blackwater's armored vehicles incurred superficial damage from small-arms fire. Although the report made no mention of civilian casualties, the document added, "The nature of the Bearcat malfunction is under investigation."

Fainaru reported from El Cerrito, Calif., and Raghavan from Baghdad. Staff researcher Julie Tate contributed to this report.

CONGRESSMAN KUCINICH cares about all the victims, our soldiers and their soldiers and civilians. Watch his events calendar.
http://www.dennis4president.com/upcoming-events/
The congressional contact information is on their website.
http://www.kucinich.house.gov/Contact/

GENEVA CONVENTIONS

War crimes warning as civilian deaths increase - World - Times Online
nobreak::AS CIVILIAN casualties mount, the UN is telling the belligerents that ... codified in Article 51 of the First Protocol to the Geneva Conventions, ...
www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,251-2283898,00.html - Similar pages
of the Conventional Wisdom

The Scale of Civilian Casualties. The deaths of civilians in Iraq may indeed add up to violations of the Geneva Conventions, especially Article IV...

Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons...

To date, a vast majority of nations have ratified the Geneva Convention. ... drawn up in particular because the number of civilian casualties in World War...

Geneva Conventions

Civilian casualties are not entitled to the same degree of care and ... U.S. medical personnel carry DD Form 1934, Geneva Conventions Identity Card. ...

Geneva convention 'breached', agencies warn | Society...

The charity cites the high level of civilian casualties in Falluja, where at least ... Geneva Convention (the protection of civilian persons in time of war) ...

Here is a dossier of civilian casualties from 2003 to 2005 in Iraq from Iraq Body Count (from Chris D)

PAKISTAN

1. **Pakistan Body Count**

Nov 8, 2009 ... Whether it is a Suicide Bombing or an Attack by a Flying Drone, For Me it's the Same, A Pakistani Got Killed” This website provides.

Pakistan Body Count :::: www.pakistanbodycount.org

Drone Attacks in Pakistan. Total Number of Victims. Al-Qaeda = 35. Civilians - Dead = 2317. Civilians - Injured = 523 ...

Pakistan Body Count :::: www.pakistanbodycount.org

Suicide Bombing Attacks in Pakistan. Total Number of Victims. Dead = 4103 ...

Pakistan Body Count :::: www.pakistanbodycount.org

Drone bombing correlation to suicide attacks - Pakistan Defence

More results from defence.pk »

2. **Pakistan Body Count** :::: www.pakistanbodycount.org

Drone Attacks in Pakistan. Total Number of Victims. Al-Qaeda = 35. Civilians - Dead = 2317. Civilians - Injured = 523 ...

Pakistan Body Count :::: www.pakistanbodycount.org

Suicide Bombing Attacks in Pakistan. Total Number of Victims. Dead = 4103 ...

Pakistan Body Count :::: www.pakistanbodycount.org

Links: http://www.bbc.co.uk/urdu/pakistan/2010/03/100313_swat_blast.shtml ...

Pakistan Body Count :::: www.pakistanbodycount.org

Show more results from pakistanbodycount.org

3. **I.T. Mazdoor: Drone & Suicide Attacks – Pakistan Body Count**
Jun 10, 2009 ... Drone & Suicide Attacks – Pakistan Body Count. There is a very strong relation between the Drone attacks and the ...
smhumayun.blogspot.com/.../drone-suicide-attacks-pakistan-body.html - Cached

6. Pakistan Body Count | Pakistan Media Watch
Jan 3, 2011 ... Dr Zeeshan Usmani’s “Pakistan Body Count” data site has been taken offline after it was shown by Shahid Saeed and Awais Masood to be ...
pakistanmediawatch.com/tag/pakistan-body-count/- Cached

7. Sources used by IBC :: Iraq Body Count
Sources used by Iraq Body Count. Last update: Aug 31 2007 ... PDN, Pakistan Daily News. PDT, Pakistan Daily Times. Pen, Peninsular, Qatar ... www.iraqbodycount.org/analysis/reference/sources/- Cached

8. Pakistan Body Count - Drone Attacks | Elance Job
May 15, 2009 ... Hi I have a very simply project. I need the data in excel sheet of Total no of drone attacks in Pakistan by US.
www.elance.com/j/pakistan-body-count-drone-attacks/17008626/- Cached

9. Pakistan Forum , Pakistan body count website been down .....
2 posts - 2 authors - Last post: Sep 18, 2010
Pakistan News Service providing, pakistani fourm for discussion, gupshup, news wire the 24 hrs updated news service and also providing news ...
paktribune.com/pforums/posts.php?t=42920&start=1 - Cached

CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
Meredith Oakley in ADG (8-26-07) writes encouragingly of citizen engagement, “Government: What We Make It.” She quotes Ben Franklin among others on our system of government: Asked what kind of government we had, he replied: “A republic, if you can keep it.” We, the People!

--Senator Mark Pryor: Web Site (see contact link): www.pryor.senate.gov ; http://pryor.senate.gov/contact/  Pryor has no office in NWA, so call or write him and his staff in DC:  Washington Office: 217 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510-0403. Phone: (202) 224-2353 Fax: (202) 228-0908

END OF O