LETTERS to the EDITOR

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from: [redacted]

We are pleased to inform you about the ongoing Curry donation and your donation have come up in which they are donating the sum of $600,000.00 to you. [redacted]

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from: [redacted]

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Seems legit. Send some more stuff to:

thecarrboroprovocateur@gmail.com.

-the editors

Welcome!
Hello again, it's another exciting issue of the Provocateur. Whenever guns fire, and bombs explode, and chemical weapons are sprayed, it's important to ask difficult questions of the people who build and sell the weapons, of the people who trigger, of the people who command them to shoot, and of the people who side with them afterwards. So too is it important to treat the answers we get skeptically.

On 14 August 2014, The Carrboro Provocateur contacted the Ferguson, Missouri Police Department (314 522 3100), as the town erupted in protest over the police shooting of an unarmed black teen, and as the police attacked with dogs, tear gas, rubber bullets, etc.

"May I ask you some questions?"
"We're not answering questions," they said, even though they just had. "Thank you. Goodbye." They then blocked our phone number.

In this issue, we present side-by-side the questions which got this deafening silence and the blistering war rhetoric already in full blast as the Israeli Defense [sic] Force dropped 6 A-bombs worth of high explosives on Gaza. [a] We wish to compare and contrast a 'functional' operation in international war with an apparent social breakdown.

In reality of course a military campaign 'functions' by blowing the arms and legs off kids, and what is happening in Ferguson is not a social aberration, but an expression of entrenched social forces (white supremacy, police militarization, resistance to both), a flare-up of the low-scale war every state wages against its citizens.

Amidst this are selections from "Future Strategic Issues/Future Warfare [Circa 2025]", a NASA document, for a look at what kinds of weapons they'll use on us next.

[a] "Palestinian officials: Israel's shelling of Gaza equivalent to six nuclear bombs". Middle East Monitor, 22 Aug 2014

When they put her in the car she said, 'Jesus made me do it///
But all the priests in all the world couldn't save this girl///
23 September 2014: The bomber begins dropping explosives on Syria. He has done the same in Afghanistan.

*Police arrested and assaulted two reporters. One, Ryan Reilly of the Huffington Post, had his head slammed into a piece of glass. Another, Wesley Berry, of the Washington Post, was slammed into a soda machine. Both had been repeatedly ordered to stop filming as the police stormed a local McDonalds. How can this be interpreted, beyond a chilling message to the press?*

*Wesley Berry witnessed a large black man in the back of a cop truck, screaming for paramedics. Officers were refusing and mocking him. Who was this person? Is it department policy to withhold medical care?*

*Why are dashboard cameras, which might have provided concrete accountability, “still in boxes”? [a]*

*What steps will be taken to make sure that these cameras will not be tampered with, as recording devices have been in other police departments?*

*Police are not necessarily deterred by the presence of a camera; New York cops knew they were being photographed when they strangled Eric Garner to death. How will you address this?*


If Hamas invested in infrastructure rather than weapons, Gaza would be a better place. Their pitiful state is their own fault. This can be said of any nation! The dollar cost of the Iraq war in Lucas County, OH was five times that of modern water infrastructure which could have mitigated toxic algal blooms. [see p.2]

Let’s not forget about the 20 peace protesters reportedly executed by Hamas in the midst all this.

This is no excuse for demolishing what infrastructure exists, however, and the underdevelopment of the Strip can not be disentangled from Israeli policy. We have already seen that the land and sea embargo is held with this precarity, not defense, in mind. Consider further that the IDF actively prevents Gazans from extracting their own resources: fishing boats are frequently fired upon [a], to say nothing of developing the natural gas reserves offshore. Saaaaaay... you don’t suppose Israel might be interested in that gas, do you? [b]

[a]“Thousands destroying Gaza’s fishing industry” Dfaim.org [b] “IDF’s Gaza assault is to control Palestinian gas, avert Israeli energy crisis” The Guardian, 9 July 2014

Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, Libya and Iraq. Yeah, the font is Comic Sans, whatcha gonna do?
4 August 2014 The AP revealed that the US Agency for International Development had, for at least two years, been sending young Latin Americans to Cuba to stir up unrest. Though these people risked arrest (as other US-AID agents have been; Alan Gross has been imprisoned for smuggling technology), they were paid as little as $5.41 per hour. Operations included using an HIV-prevention workshop for political recruitment.

5 August 2014 The AP reported ‘newly released government figures’ showing that between 2010 and 2013, one major US terrorism watchlist had doubled, and others had grown. A few minutes later, independent news agency The Intercept reported on the same story in much greater detail, based on leaked classified documents. The data had apparently been released to the AP in an attempt to ‘spoil the scoop’. The Intercept noted that 40% of the people in one watchlist had “no recognized terrorist group affiliation,” more than Hamas, al Qaeda, and Hezbollah combined. It also revealed that the #2 hotspot for alleged terrorists is Dearborn, Michigan, population 96k and 40% of Arab descent. (AP, Intercept [image credit, left], Huffington Post)

5 August 2014 Nine protestors take over a UAV Engines factory in Shenstone, Staffordshire, England, closing the plant and dropping a sign from the roof reading “UK: STOP ARMING ISRAEL”. The factory built military drones. All nine were arrested when cops stormed the building the next day. (BBC)

6 August 2014 Benedict Lupo, owner of Ohio oil and gas drilling company Hardrock Excavating, was sentenced to prison for 28 months. Lupo ordered his employees to dump tens of thousands of gallons of fracking waste into a creek feeding the Mahoning River, ordered them to lie about it, and refused to be talked out of the scheme. Officials found the creek “devoid of life.” (Cleveland.com)

8 August 2014 Conservation group Columbia Riverkeeper won a legal battle with the Army Corps of Engineers, forcing the latter to stop dumping PCB-laden oil into the Snake River. The Army Corps admitted to dumping over 1,500 gallons of hazardous waste in 2012. PCBs are carcinogenic and cause other illness, including endocrine disruption and a skin condition called chloracne. (RIA Novosti)
This whole mess started when Hamas Kidnapped and killed three teenagers in the West Bank. Let’s be clear: kidnapping and hurting kids is horrendous. But while these three individuals were innocent, Israeli settlers in Palestine are collectively carrying out a slow, steady colonial takeover, causing much grief to the Palestinians in the form of home demolitions, settler violence and military checkpoints so severe they interfere with ambulances. [a] This doesn’t excuse their deaths, but perhaps it explains them as something more complicated than random cruelty. And we should note that the IDF routinely kidnaps Palestinian children in the West Bank in the middle of the night, for the crime of throwing stones at their occupiers, and abuses them while in custody. [b] We should also not look away from a spate of murders committed by Israelis, apparently in retribution. The most horrific is that of 16 year old Mohammed Abu Khdeir, who was kidnapped, forced to drink gasoline, and burned alive. [c] Nor should we overlook his cousin, an American citizen Tariq Abu Khdeir, who Israeli police beat for protesting his cousin’s murder. [d] Tariq testified about his experience before congress, but was filibusted off C-SPAN by Democrat Senator Barbara Boxer. [e] [a] “West Bank illegal settlements cause hardship for Palestinians.” ICRC.org, 6 Aug 2009 [b] “Stone Cold Justice” Australian Broadcasting 10 February 2014 [c] “Police: Suspects planned Palestinian teen’s death in advance, burned him alive.” Haaretz, 14 June 2014 [d] “I watched Israeli police beat my American cousin. Most Palestinian victims don’t even get that much attention.” Washington Post, 9 July 2014 [e] “US Senator Filibusters Live Coverage of Powerful Palestinian Testimonies.” IMEMC.org, 6 Aug 2014

*Can you comment on the decision to bring dogs and riot control to the 9 August vigil? [a] Do you understand why this might be seen as antagonistic? [a] "Grief and Protests Follow Shooting of a Teenager: Police Say Mike Brown Was Killed After Struggle for Gun in St. Louis Suburb" NYT, 10 Aug 2014

*One concerned citizen called the Ferguson police department to demand “Justice for Mike Brown.” The officer on the line cracked: “Justice isn’t here right now.” Is it department policy to make light of such a fiasco? [a] *The officer also threatened to call the FBI on the caller. Is this conducive to the police department’s nominal goal of “protecting and serving” their community? *Will you call the FBI on me, for my phone call? [a] ‘FERGUSON POLICE DEPARTMENT "Justice is not here right now"’. b schneider YouTube.com 12 Aug 2014

The IDF warns civilians with roof-knocking, phone calls, etc. It is very nice of them to warn people that their houses are about to be destroyed. In reality, the warning is often quite short, less than a minute, and the warning rockets are not trivial munitions themselves. [a] [a] “Israel “roof knocking” gave 30 (sic- closer to 60 ) seconds to clear out” Anonswedenonone, YouTube.com, 12 July 2014

*A video surfaced claiming that a woman had been shot in the head ‘in a drive-by’. One police officer is seen putting their hand over the other’s mouth to prevent them from answering questions. [a] Can you comment on this incident? Ed – days later, this woman had apparently not been interviewed by the police, though they have managed to lose the bullet. [b]


Much damage is caused by misfired Hamas rockets. Much damage is done by indiscriminate tank shelling and aerial bombardment. Hamas does not have tanks. Hamas does not have an air force. When members of the IOF misfire and shoot their own, it’s known as ‘friendly fire’. What would public discourse look like if Gazan militias regularly occupied half of Israel, and Israeli defensive actions damaged their own infrastructure? This isn’t the first time Israel's apologists have used this line, and it has unraveled before. A UN Board of Inquiry found that only one UN hospital in Gaza had definitely been destroyed by a misfired rocket; seven of the nine they investigated had been fired upon by Israeli forces during Operation Cast Lead [a] [a] “Gaza board of inquiry and next steps.” 7 May 2009, Cable ID #09USUNNEWORK168_a. WikiLeaks.
Hamas in Gaza broke the peace by firing rockets! That's really mean!

We must remember: there never was any peace. Israel maintains a strict siege of Gaza, with the express purpose of destabilizing its economy[6], with horrible public health ramifications[6]. Rockets never completely ceased to fly from the strip.

It is a terrible thing to fire a rocket indiscriminately, in the direction of civilians. However, numbers don't lie. According to OCHA, 1402 of the 1948 Gazan deaths documented were civilians (ie, 72%).

Say whatever else you wish about killing a soldier on the battlefield, it's hard to call them anything but a legitimate military target, and that's what 64 of the 66 Israeli killed were - 97%.


*Can you comment on the propriety of calling protesters “Fucking animals”?*


*Initially, the firing of wooden slugs at protesters was disowned by police spokespeople, then confirmed.*

[a] The change of story?

[a] @Jon_Swaine, (Guardian) 12 Aug 2014

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Hamas leaders made calls for genocide!

That's not very nice of them!

"the IDF will conquer the entire Gaza, using all the means necessary to minimize any harm to our soldiers, with no other considerations ... Israel will generously aid those who wish to leave. ... Gaza is part of our Land and we will remain there forever." [a]

...conquest of the entire Gaza Strip, and annihilation of all fighting forces and their supporters... 'tent encampments...until relevant emigration destinations are determined... "[b] -Moshe Feiglin, deputy speaker of the Israeli Knesset

“This is a war. It is not a war against terror, and not a war against extremists, and not even a war against the Palestinian Authority. These too are forms of avoiding reality. This is a war between two people. Who is the enemy? The Palestinian people. [...] Now this also includes the mothers of the martyrs, who send them to hell with flowers and kisses. They should follow their sons, nothing would be more just. They should go, as should the physical homes in which they raised the snakes. Otherwise, more little snakes will be raised there.”[c]

-Knesset member Ayelot Shaked and Netanyahu associate Uri Elitzur

“When Genocide Is Permissable”

-Times of Israel Op-Ed, 1 Aug 2014 (since deleted)

[Knesset member (2009-2013) Ben Ari] egged [supporters] on to revenge and they responded by calling for “Death to the Arabs.” Afterward, dozens of extremist right-wing activists emerged from the demonstrators to the streets of Jerusalem, to “hunt” Arabs and beat them up."[d]

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![Image](https://example.com/image.png)

**Of Particular Concern**

Uncontrolled/Uncontrollable SELF-REPLICATION

- Brilliant Robots (IT)
- Nano-Replicators (Nano)
- Rampant Recombinant Bio

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**Changing Nature of Warfare**

Hunter/ Gatherer

- Hunting Grounds
- Tribal Bows
- Hand Held/ Thrown

Agricultural

- Farm Lands
- Prof. James
- Hand Held/ Thrown

Industrial

- Natural Resources
- Missiles
- Mech/Clen.

IT/Bio/Nano

- Soviet Disruption
- Everyone
- E(Blue) Rats

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Brian Schellman of St. Louis PD confirms these were shot at protesters. They are "less lethal wooden baton rounds"
Hamas uses human shields; what monsters!
A tactic to which the IDF is no stranger. [a][b][c]
More to the point, it says a lot about someone, that they would stand behind a child as protection. It says at least as much about someone else that they are willing to shoot the child in order to hit their target.
(a) "Israel Soldiers Punishment For Using Boy as Human Shield Inadequate" HAIW.org, 26 Nov 2010 (b) "IDF to investigate complaints of criminal conduct by its Forces during Operation Cast Lead" 30 July 2009, Cable IDFTELAVIVVIEW4_a, Whistleblower.org (c) "The IDF's appeal 'human shield' ruling" Ynetnews.com, 11 Oct 2005
Yeah but Hamas fires rockets out of hospital parking lots, hides rockets in schools, etc.
And shame on them for doing so! Once the IDF destroys all the hospitals and schools, do you suppose Hamas will stop shooting, or will they shoot from piles of rubble?
The IDF routinely brags that its weapons are 'precise'. If we take this at face value - they hit what they are pointed at, and nothing else - we come to the logical conclusion that the IDF deliberately fires its weapons at schools, hospitals, electrical plants, zoos, universities, and UN refuges, not the rocketeers themselves. This possibility is not far-fetched. Indeed, it is an overt policy named the Dahiya Doctrine, after a residential neighborhood in Lebanon deliberately leveled by the IDF during the 2006 war.[a]

DID YOU KNOW? IDF headquarters, a legitimate military target, is in the middle of Tel Aviv, surrounded by homes, museums, parks, etc. [b]

[a] "IDF Regional commanders speak out in press interviews." 15 Oct 2008, Cable IDFTELAVIV2329_a, Whistleblower.org (b) "Does the presence of the IDF's HQ in Tel Aviv endanger the city's population?" Haaretz, 8 Sept 2014.

"Can you comment on video showing police shooting tear gas at people with their hands up, in their own backyards [a] and at al Jazeera reporters [b]?