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## LIFE THROUGH A CLEANSE

### - WHY PALESTINE'S BEDOUIN ARE DOWN IN THE DUMPS

Whilst the world is distracted by Israeli and American sabre rattling against Iran, the Israeli state continues with its day-to-day business of ethnically cleansing and oppressing of the Palestinians.

Bedouin communities are among the most vulnerable. Bedouin in the Naqab (Negev) desert, southern Israel, staged protests on Thursday against the continued aggression of the Israeli state, which last week raided the village of Bir Hadaj and handed out demolition orders against four homes.

According to the human rights organisation Adalah, the Israeli military declared the village a "closed fire zone" to allow the Israel Land Administration (ILA) to serve its demolition orders. Officials from the ILA were accompanied by representatives of the Jewish National Fund (JNF), who are active partners in the policy of forcible transfer currently being exacted on Bedouin communities from the Naqab to the Jordan Valley.

The demolitions are an extension of the Prawer Plan, approved in 2011 and the creation of former Chair of the National Security Council Ehud Prawer. Under the initiative 70,000 Bedouin's will be displaced from the Naqab and concentrated into purpose-built townships, a la apartheid South Africa. Palestinian Bedouin in the Naqab remain steadfast and rebuild - but it is surely only a matter of time before the security apparatus of the Israeli state cranks up a gear.

In response to the demolition orders, people in Bir Hadaj demonstrated by burning tyres- they were met by baton wielding Israeli police who fired tear-gas, rubber bullets and live ammunition. Cops also broke into the village school, striking terror into the children. They left after arresting three residents and injuring several others.

Many communities in the Naqab are termed 'unrecognised villages' (although Bir Hadaj actually has 'recognised' status) because the Israeli state refuses to acknowledge their existence and provides no services to them - not even roads. Instead they demolish. The village of al-Araqib was flattened for the 43rd time in two years on 19th October. The JNF (Jewish National Fund) plans to plant a forest on the land of al-Araqib; in 2011 Amnesty International

witnessed bulldozers emblazoned with JNF flags preparing land for planting.

The Prawer Plan is mirrored in the occupied West Bank, where the Israeli Civil Administration has told UN OCHA that it will forcibly remove Bedouin communities living in areas under full Area C. It is believed the plan will take place in two phases. The first, which was scheduled to start at the beginning of 2012, involves the eviction of al-Jahalin Bedouin communities living on the peripheries of East Jerusalem. Phase two encompasses the Bedouin communities living in the fertile plains of the Jordan Valley and South Hebron Hills.

### C OF DESPAIR

Area C is those parts of the West Bank controlled and administered directly by the Israeli Civil Administration (see map link). This state of affairs evolved out of the supposedly interim Oslo Peace Accords signed between Israel and the PLO in 1993. Despite the lack of a peace deal, these measures remain in place. Area C - containing Israel's illegal settlements - form over half the West Bank and Palestinians living there face constant struggle against the Israeli military and police. Cities such as Nablus, Jericho and Ramallah are designated as Area A and controlled by the puppet regime of Mahmoud Abbas' Palestinian National Authority.

Demolitions in Area C have accelerated dramatically in the past few years and if the demolition rates for 2012 continue at their current pace they will exceed the scale of 2011, when 1, 095 people were made homeless by Israel. The Israeli Civil Administration claims that homes in the Bedouin communities are illegal as they were built without permits, but the Civil Administration refuses to issue permits for non-Jewish construction in Area C.

Many of the al-Jahalin Bedouin are refugees from the Naqab, forced to flee during the violent creation of Israel in 1947-48. Some families have been given brief respite with a Hight Court ruling in June that the re-location cannot take place until an environmental impact assessment due to its proximity to the Jerusalem Municipal Dump (sited illegally on land stolen from Palestinians). More than one thousand tons of rubbish are trucked to the



West Burton activists string out protest as climate hangs by a thread...

### CRAP HARASSMENT OF THE WEAK

#### For not giving ATOS...

South Wales Police made a surprise midnight visit to the home of a disability activist who suffers health problems and mental health issues last Friday. Why? They claimed she had committed criminal activity on Facebook by posting comments critical of Atos assessments, the DWP and the Jobcentre. They also queried her political affiliations and asked her whether she had been planning an anti-deportation protest the next day.

After forcing their way into the woman's home, the officers threatened her for being 'very disruptive' - when she was in distress and they hadn't provided a substantial reason for the visit - because she questioned why they were there and refused to show ID without a valid reason. The woman, who suffered from severe anxiety, hid in her bedroom and managed to call a legal observer contact who advised her to ask the police to leave, as she was legally entitled to do.

After a protracted conversation the cops eventually left, but only after changing tack and saying they'd forced their way into her home because they were concerned about her 'welfare'. Calling bullshit on them, the woman has now lodged several Freedom of Information requests in an attempt to find out why the police came knocking in the middle of the night.

site daily and pipes protrude from the waste releasing methane. However, this freeze is no act of clemency and eviction is imminent - the new area of re-location the only matter to be ironed out.

When the plans are in full stream Israel will quietly build a metropolis right into the heart of the West Bank, creating what Israeli ministers call 'territorial contiguity' between the settlement of Mishor Adumim and Jerusalem, leaving the West Bank divided north and south. This may spell the formal end of the two state solution and the 'peace process' such as it is, leaving the Palestinians with nothing more than bantustans controlled by Israel and isolated them from the outside world.

\* Visit the following links for more information on:

**The Prawer Plan** <http://adalah.org/eng/?mod=articles&ID=1589>

**Bedouin in Area C** [http://www.btselem.org/settlements/20111010\\_forced\\_eviction\\_of\\_bedouins](http://www.btselem.org/settlements/20111010_forced_eviction_of_bedouins)

**Jordan Valley evictions** <http://www.jordanvalleysolidarity.org>

**The Jahalin Bedouin** - <http://jahalin.org/>  
**The Jewish National Fund** <http://www.stopthejnf.org/>

# SOUTH DOWN BUT NOT OUT

Followers of the Southdown and Eridge Hunt, in East Sussex, attacked two small groups of hunt saboteurs at the first meet of the season on Saturday 27th.

The huntsman had put up a fox and was encouraging hounds on but before saboteurs could intervene a group of about 10 hunt supporters attacked the three saboteurs violently. The attack left three hunt saboteurs with head wounds and severe bruising which resulted in hospitalisation and stitches. During the unprovoked attack, a video camera used to record the illegal hunting was stolen. The attackers were the same group who have organised attacks on saboteurs numerous times in the past two seasons.

Hunt supporters continued to assault the injured people while they called the ambulance and did first aid.

Police came but claimed they couldn't act until statements had been taken at the station, which never seems to be a problem when the hunt asks them to arrest a sab. Or indeed when they break up a common street brawl. The police left although the hunt sabs pointed out a repeat attack was likely.

The same gang of hunt thugs then attacked another group of three saboteurs who had found the hunt illegally hunting again.

Sussex Police returned after the second attack and arrested one of the attackers when shown

video evidence. They took no action to investigate the illegal hunting.

One of the sabs told Schnews "At one point the police asked us if we had any video evidence to prove that it was illegal hunting. We explained it was hard to collect such evidence when being hit around the head and then having your camera stolen."

"These orchestrated violent attacks arranged by the hunts are just ways to avoid prosecution, they should be treated as clear evidence that hunts are hunting illegally. If they were keeping to the ban they would not care who was videoing them."

This attack is remarkably similar to an incident two years ago also at the opening meet of this hunt, when the huntsman lured the main group of sabs away into the mist while a gang of thugs attacked the driver and one passenger.

Lee Moon, spokesperson for the Hunt Saboteurs Association, stated: "We are pleased that the police eventually arrested one hunt supporter however they should have acted decisively much earlier in the day. The South Down and Eridge should have realised by now that violence doesn't deter our members and in fact only makes them more determined to thwart their illegal activities."

[www.huntsabs.org.uk](http://www.huntsabs.org.uk)

[www.southdownhuntsabs.wordpress.com](http://www.southdownhuntsabs.wordpress.com)

# GONE FOR A BURTON

Well, those *No Dash for Gas* chimney-climbers certainly know how to scale the columns of the mainstream media. Rather than rehash the well-covered coverage- in lieu of actually hanging out on the power station ourselves, or talking to them that are - we'll give this contracted version of a rousing analysis by extreme energy gurus Frack Off:

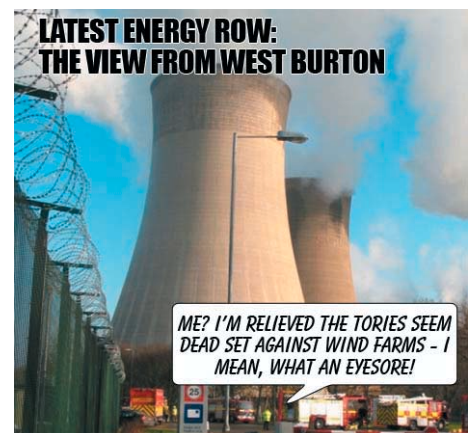
"These new power stations are part of larger trend of discarding all but the thinnest pretext of reducing fossil fuel consumption and pushing ahead ever most insane extraction techniques.

The rush to exploit Shale gas and CBM is part of a suicidal push to keep burning fossil fuels and ignore the consequences.

.... [There is a much expanded version on this article on the SchNEWS website] ....

The only possible hope for humanity is concerted grassroots action by communities across the global to force change whether governments or corporations like it or not. While this may seem like a pipe dream, in fact the effects of climate change and energy extraction can give us some hope. As the desperate rush to keep fossil fuels flowing is pushing extraction almost literally into people's back gardens, more and more people are seeing the effects of this system up close and personal. Communities across the global are already resisting the spread of unconventional fossil fuel extraction but we need extreme resistance to fight extreme energy. You don't need to climb a 300 ft chimney and occupy a power station to make a difference. Perhaps a 45ft drilling rig would suit you better. Or perhaps you prefer to keep your feet firmly on the ground. In fact you don't have to do anything so daring but you do have to take action if you want to make a difference.

Raising awareness with spectacular actions like that at West Burton is vital but stopping the destruction of the ecosystems we depend on will require much more widespread, long lasting and grassroots efforts. We need thousands of communities refusing to let fossil fuel extraction destroy their neighbourhoods. Coincidentally in Nottinghamshire Egdon Resources and their partners are talking about starting exploration for shale gas with a test well near West Burton next year. Dart Energy are also involved in exploration for Coal Bed Methane in the area. There will be people organising to stop them. What will you be doing where you live?"



...and finally...

And finally will return... (but without Daniel Craig or Judi Dench)

**Disclaimer**

SchNEWS says Skyfall? Only on our heads probably. Ahh, climate change... we've been expecting you. Honest!

# ALL RIOT ON WESTMINSTER FRONT

Well, what a funny week it's was for Tommy Robinson and his merry gang of troubadours, the English Defence League. The Friday before it was all feisty facebook boasting about heading down to the North London borough Walthamstow on October 27th for what was optimistically termed "the Rematch". Given that previously the EDL had their demo point overrun and were escorted through the streets in a tight kettle before mostly all getting nicked for their own safety - it's fair to say that as far as local youth were concerned this was a hotly anticipated fixture.

Sadly the wind rather fell from the sails after Tommy and 53 of his mates were nicked after they crowded into two removal lorries to head for some kind of escapade outside a Whitechapel mosque. Unfortunately for our patriotic heroes they were pulled over (presumably on suspicion of overloading) by cops on the M25 and M3, leading to a night in the cells on charges of 'conspiracy to cause a public nuisance' for all and sundry with bail conditions to not attend 'the Rematch'.

The icing on this racist cake came when Tommy (who got himself nicked barely a week earlier for attacking local preacher Sayful Islam) got busted for being an illegal immigrant. Tommy was barred from travelling as a result of earlier court cases but somehow sneaked into the US under false pretences for a gathering of white supremacists and counter-jihad oddballs. At the time of writing it looks as if he might be remanded until January 2013 - and may even be fighting an extradition battle alongside long-time chum Abu Hamza.

All this led an understandable lack of confidence amongst what remains of the EDLs leadership (i.e. those who aren't inside, bailed away or have split off into their own increasingly weirdo groups in order to squabble with each other all the better) about the wisdom of heading into enemy territory.

It's fair to say that Walthamstow and it's allies

were preparing a serious reception party for the league this time round and it was for this reason rather than any fear of the EDL running amok that led to the Met requesting a banning order on all marches in Waltham Forest and the surrounding boroughs; duly granted by the Home Secretary.

So the EDL relocated their demo to a static protest in Old Palace Yard outside the Houses of Parliament in Westminster - and hilariously tried to pass this off as a victory of some sort.

## UPDATE 28/10/12

As predicted there was a low turn-out for the EDL's Westminster shindig. Around 70-100 of the league milled around inside their pen before dispersing into the St Stephen's Tavern and the Red Lion pubs along Whitehall. There was very little of the boisterous chanting that has charmed town centres up and down the country over the last three years - they really aren't singing any more.

Meanwhile in Walthamstow the EDL's original demo point the Unite Against Fascism organised counter-demo turned into a victory celebration that defied the marching ban.

A few attempted to make a nuisance of themselves at the annual UFFC protest and rally against deaths in police custody outside Downing St but were seen off with a mixture of police intervention and a feisty crowd action.

This piss-poor effort by the league has prompted yet more internal wrangling and fallings out with one character Paul Pitt resigning / getting thrown out before the demo even started.

The only sour note was the lack of opposition - only a handful of anti-fascists left either the Walthamstow celebration or the Anarchist Book-fair to run the EDL out of town. A brief scuffle between the two groups saw one EDLer get nicked.

For more - <http://antifascistnetwork.wordpress.com/>

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