

## Mexico: Oaxaca's growing unrest - again masked gunmen killed a protester *author: zapatista esmeralda*

OAXACA, Mexico - Masked gunmen killed a protester Tuesday as escalating violence increased pressure on President Vicente Fox to intervene in a three-month-long protest by leftists and striking teachers.



Thousands of protesters calling for Oaxaca Gov. Ulises Ruiz's resignation have occupied the southern city's center, taking over buses, setting up barricades and taking over radio and television stations to broadcast revolutionary messages.

The protest started May 22. Ruiz is accused of rigging the state election in 2004 and of using force to repress dissent.

On Tuesday, a group of about 15 men in three cars drove up to a private radio station occupied by protesters and sprayed the building with gunfire, killing a 52-year-old man, officials said.

Prosecutor Lizbeth Cana said detectives would investigate the shootings, saying that the city was under siege from "urban guerrillas."

Ruiz and business leaders have urged President Vincente Fox to send federal police to the city but Fox spokesman Ruben Aguilar said the government will not use force to resolve the conflict.

"Only dialogue can solve problems. . . . Violence will just lead to more violence," Aguilar said.

Prior to the shooting, thousands of protesters, some armed with clubs, marched through the center of the city throughout Monday night, burning piles of tires and smashing windows.

Most businesses in the center of city were closed Tuesday and garbage collectors could not operate because of the street blockades.

A group of masked men Monday fired on a government television station that the protesters have occupied since Aug. 1, injuring one man. Protesters responded by taking over 12 private stations and blocking the city's four main entrances with buses.

Some 70,000 public-school teachers went on strike May 22 to demand salary increases totaling about \$125 million, but the government said it couldn't afford that and counter-offered with less than a tenth of that amount.



## Palestinian political prisoners hunger strike against strip searches

*author: Palestine News Network*

Some 2,400 Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli Al Naqab Prison are on hunger strike this week in protest of routinely being stripped naked. The naked body searches are described as humiliating and sometime Israeli prison authorities conduct them against political prisoners' parents and other family members during visits.

This latest act of nonviolent resistance began with 20 Palestinians and quickly became 2,400. The first meal skipped was lunch Tuesday.

But with each meal skipped the demonstrators speak out about more infractions, dedicating the breakfast and lunch they refused to eat Wednesday to the escalation in aggressive Israeli practices against them and their families, speaking specifically of their mothers, sisters and wives.

Female residents of Qalqilia and Salfit in the West Bank received the most horrific treatment during their visiting day. And on the day allotted for Bethlehem families, Israeli guards began the invasive searches, despite an agreement to stop strip searching family members.

One of the girls came from Qalqilia in the northwestern West Bank to visit her brother. She refused to strip naked in front of Israeli prison guards. The police did not allow her to see her brother. The same thing happened with William Jalal from Salfit and Khalid Assakrah from Bethlehem.

Israeli guards are using trained military dogs to terrorize children during the visits. And they are preventing Friday prayers by disallowing the Sheikh to move freely between the sections in order to perform the weekly service.

For the first time in six years the normal negotiator is not allowed to move between sections anymore either. His role defused a great deal of attention as he was in the position to gather collective complaints and bring them to the prison administration. Without that, several Palestinians inside have said, the situation could explode at any moment.

There are 2,400 Palestinians in Al Naqab (Negev Desert) Prison. Among them are 500 without charge or trial on Administrative Detention.

Source: Palestine News Network

## Fear and Loathing at Portland Democrat Headquarters

author: Harry Kershner

Free speech apparently isn't one of the key principles of the Oregon Democrat Party. I found that out today when I attempted to speak. "I went down to the demonstration, to get my fair share of abuse."

It was round one of the Shame Campaign at 12:30 PM of 8/16/06 on 9th Avenue in Portland. Right in front of the Democrat Party of Oregon Headquarters. It was a self-proclaimed "Democratic Unity Event", and the Democrats were united, all right...against anyone who dares to question their immoral foreign policy decisions regarding Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq and Israel.



I am a 60-year-old 5-ft-4-inch man with a voice. Apparently this is enough to get you assaulted by Democrat goons.

While Earl Blumenauer was speechifying about how wonderful the Democrat Party is and how different they are from Republicans, I began to shout: "Shame on you for Lebanon. Shame on you for Gaza. You're complicit in war crimes." At About this moment, several thugs grabbed me by my arms and demanded that I leave. When I refused to leave, a no-neck skinhead wearing a union shirt threw me to the ground.

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I called for police and no one responded. There were dozens of witnesses, all apparently Democrat regulars with shirts proclaiming their dedication to the party. None came to my aid.

I called to the assembled group, which was dutifully standing at attention, apparently waiting for more pap. I yelled that I had been assaulted and that this violence is what Democrats stand for. I refused to leave in spite of repeated demands that I leave by a now much larger group of goons. I asserted my privilege as an American citizen to stand in a street and talk.

I must admit that, while I was putting up a brave front, I was shaking in my boots. In the light of the failure of anyone at the event to object to the assault, I was anticipating further assault. This is the land of free speech that we want to bring to the rest of the world.

I believe that, because I was apparently the only dissident at the event, I was treated the way victims of American policy are always treated: if you don't follow orders, and if you are alone and defenseless, you will be attacked.

Next time, it could be you.

## Jeff Hogg MOVED AGAIN!

author: Gumby Cascadia

Jeff has been moved back to Josephine County Jail, away from his partner and support base.

The gov is doing everything it can to coerce Jeff into testifying, even though Jeff has made it crystal clear he will not cooperate with a grand jury engaged in a political witchhunt, and being used illegally to prepare for trial. A six month extension of this illegal grand jury has been threatened, which could keep Jeff jailed until March '07.

Jeff was able to take his final exam while back at Lane County, which finished up his first year of nursing school. Unfortunately, his unjust jailing has put his schooling on hold indefinitely.

A motion has been filed with the 9th Circuit federal court to release Jeff. A response from the court should come in thirty days.

It should be assumed that Jeff was unable to take any personal belongings (including addresses) to Jo County, so please WRITE TO HIM again at:

**Jeff Hogg**  
1901 N.E. F St.  
Grants Pass,  
OR  
97526



He did receive many birthday cards and sends his thanks to you all.

**Trash the Illegal Grand Jury!! Free Jeff Hogg!!!**

**calendar**

<http://protest.net/pdxindymedia>

## Critical Mass Is Dead, Long Live the Mass!

author: Bakunin

If you were there tonight, or anytime recently, you know it's true.



Critical Mass has been thoroughly domesticated - we are subjects, in Foucault's sense of being subjugated. It was a guided law enforcement tour, complete with every pointless rule in the book being shouted by 'lead cop.' Time for a New Mass, another time, another place, with hundreds of us. Mass is no longer where it's at for the biking community. We need something new, and soon ...