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Winter Soldiers: Irak und Afghanistan

Heute endet eine viertägige Veranstaltung in Washington, die von der Veteranen-Initiative "Winter Soldiers" veranstaltet wurde, und in der Angehörige der Armee nicht nur mit dem Krieg im Irak und Afghanistan abrechnen, sondern auch auf erschütternde Weise ihre eigenen Taten bekennen. Die Veranstaltung wird im Internet mit Video-, Ton- und Bildmaterial dokumentiert, die Videodokumentation ist aber aufgrund des großen öffentlichen Interesses nicht immer gut zu erreichen. Aus diesem Grund werden die Aussagen der Beteiligten auch zusammengefasst, wie hier die von Jon Turner: "Jon Turner, a former Marine, begins his testimony by ripping off his combat medals and proclaiming "I don't work for you anymore!" In the first video that Jon shows, his XO proclaims, "I think I just killed half the population of Ramadi; fuck the red tape!" In the second, after the engagement was already over, the XO has called in a 500 pound bomb to destroy the area to send a message. Jon once fired into a car he believed to be a suicide bomber . . . it was a man and his seven daughters. Turner's unit also carried "drop weapons" in case they accidentally killed an innocent civilian. Pictures are being shown of these mistakes now. Turner's first confirmed kill was an innocent man; he was congratulated by his company commander after that first kill. After his third kill, an apparently innocent man on a bicycle, Turner and his squad drug the man behind a rock wall and left him there. Raids were a consistent part of Turner's war experience, mirroring what others have testified to about house raids. Two videos have been shown of Turner's squad firing on Mosques unprovoked, an obvious violation of international law. Turner quivers as he ends his testimony by apologizing for the hate and aggression he inflicted on the innocent Iraqi people."Der GRÖPRAZ (größte Präsident aller Zeiten, Foto: Huffington-Post) hat anlässlich dieser Tagung noch einmal den romantischen Aspekt des Überfalls auf den Irak hervorgehoben: ",I must say, I'm a little envious," Bush said. ",If I were slightly younger and not employed here, I think it would be a fantastic experience to be on the front lines of helping this young democracy succeed." ",It must be exciting for you ... in some ways romantic, in some ways, you know, confronting danger. You're really making history, and thanks," Bush said." Wirklich zu schade, dass er gerade nicht abkömmlich ist, weil er im weißen Haus "employed" ist. Aber vielleicht deuten sich hier schon Perspektiven für seine postpräsidielle Phase an? Das wäre doch wirklich romantisch!

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