

AWRECK vs AMURDERKA
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President Botch of Amurderka appeared on national TV vigorously waving a piece of paper that only he had clearance to read. “This document proves that Madman Insane, Tyrant for Life of Awreck has stored vast reservoirs of Pernicious Potion or PP, hidden in every school, hospital, and home to destroy the planet. In order to prevent this global massacre I am launching Operation Create Awreck Anew. Our international force will carry out this essential mission.”

The morning after the broadcast, an unnamed source released an audiotape of the President’s words to his War Council. “When Daddy was president he really screwed this up with his premature withdrawal but I am going to show the whole world what a real Botch job is and how much better I am than Daddy. By the way [ha, ha] I convinced a few of our small puppet client states to appear as our allies. As for the 45,000 investigators who couldn’t find any traces of PP after a decade of searching, my unfailing sense tells me that PP will leak out everywhere immediately after our invasion. And finally, forget about those clumsy bidded government contracts. We’ll let our boys bypass the bidding. We might as well let them share in the fun.”

An administration spokesman vehemently denied the authenticity of the tape, saying, “This forgery represents a clear attempt to discredit our selfless leader and sabotage the noble mission our soldiers are embarking on.”

Two weeks later President Botch addressed the nation on the war’s progress from the platform of an aircraft carrier. “Amurderka’s valiant soldiers have liberated Awreck from the rule of Madman Insane and their whole grateful nation is celebrating and toasting us. In this noble mission we have destroyed 98% of their bases of operation. These bases posed as homes, hospitals, schools, power plants and water treatment facilities but that didn’t fool us. In every one of these structures we have whiffed telltale signs of PP that were carefully removed moments before we arrived. So we are continuing the search for the mother lode of PP to prove to the world the presence of this monstrous menace. Our victory on the battlefield is almost complete. We are currently mopping up the millions of nefarious insurgents who converged on Awreck in the past two weeks in their pathetic, failed effort to destroy us. We found from the insurgents we neutralized that our enemy used hundreds of thousands of volunteers as young as one month old as well as pregnant women in suicide missions. Operation Create Awreck Anew will be over in a few days. Then we will begin implementing our moral mission to recreate Awreck.”

Three years later, shortly before Election Day, a secret report from the field reached the Diplomatic Undercover Division (DUD) of the State Department. The White Wash House excerpted it in President Bosch’s address to the nation.

“I am proud to report the progress we have made in our impending victory in Awreck. To further ensure our success I am announcing we have launched a short-lived troop surge we call Operation Stop Hostile Insurgent Tactics, or OSHIT. Let me read to you the unclassified part of the report from the field detailing our successes and the need for OSHIT.”

~~“We are the enemy who is trying to destroy Awreck and are transforming it to a state of chaos. The claim that we have made great progress in rebuilding Awreck is a bald-faced lie, concocted by politicians and contractors safely ensconced in the Greed Zone, while everyone in the field knows it is the tragic truth. Even though we bombed them to smithereens, they emerge from the rubble to sabotage or kill us and all our operatives whenever they can. As a result, violence is growing rapidly, not decreasing. The crates of our tax dollars we dole out to them plus the mountains of cash we have foolishly spent filling our contractors’ coffers have been of incalculable disservice to all Awreckis and Americans and have shown meagre and at the best, transitory results. The Awreckis now go to vote only when we pay them and bribe their leaders.~~

~~The country is divided into two major incompatible sects of the religion, Slammism. The overwhelming majority of their soldiers, contractors and bureaucrats belong to the Sewagi sect while almost all of the poor of Awreck belong to the Shitite sect. The Shitites, who have grabbed political power, now abuse and suppress the Sewagies, who as a result are engaging in subterfuge and terror for revenge. Sewagers and Shitites hate and murder each other in mass vendettas both constantly act to eliminate all minorities including the Curds, who have for a century sought nationhood but have been told no when by the rest of the world. But to all Slammers, no matter what their sect, all Crushians are Infidel dogs to be eradicated like vermin whenever possible.~~

~~The problem of communicating with and understanding Awreckis is compounded by our linguistic ignorance. Almost no Crushians in Amurderka speak Jabberic, the native language in Awreck. Because of this, the Surge proposed by the White House and by the politicians and contractors insulated and ensconced in the Greed Zone, known as Operation Stop Hostile Insurgent Tactics (OS HIT) will never achieve its presumed goal. Instead, it will at best provide at an immeasurable cost, only temporary improvement of what all sane people recognize as a total fiasco and ultimate disaster for all of us in Amurderka and for all Awreckis.~~

~~Democracy will surely not take root in Awreck anytime soon. The authoritarian mindset of Awreckis is not compatible with democracy. The probability of success decreases every day because violence is on the rise. In summary, we have magnified all their problems, and in the process have destroyed their country and their lives.”~~

President Botch did not take any questions and as he left the podium, a reporter in the first row who could read his lips saw him say to one of his aides, “Find the bastards who wrote that report, crucify them and then interrogate them.”

Three years later and shortly after the extra troops of OSHIT were withdrawn, Awreck fractured. Large sections of Awreck were overrun by the Slammic Colliphormate who committed wholesale slaughter of every minority and submitted the rest of the people to severe repression. For example, Fellajio, once known as Awreck's city of scholars and palms, became a place where all the surviving citizenry got screwed.