



Anti-government protesters surround and stand atop an Egyptian army armored personnel carrier near Tahrir Square, in downtown Cairo, Egypt. Egyptian activists have been protesting for nearly two months.

Journalist Under Attack

As military leaders toe over the country, protesters continued to unite for democracy, leaving journalists in dangerous positions

By BRITTNEE EXUM

American press freedom was wrangled as angry Egyptians attacked reporters in the streets of downtown Cairo. The attacks came on the day the tanks moved in and dissembled several of Egypt's holiest shrines.

At least 140 journalists were threatened, beaten, assaulted or detained while trying to cover the protests according to CBS. CNN's Anderson Cooper was attacked by an angry mob of Egyptians. According to the *Herald Sun*, a newspaper in Durham, NC, Cooper said the attacks were, "... pandemonium. There was really no control to it. Suddenly a young man would come up, look and you and then punch you right in the face."

ABC reported that another CNN reporter, Hala Gorani, was shoved against a fence by the crowd and a photojournalist, Rajesh Bhardwaj, was detained. ABC also reported, FOX's Greg Palkot and Olaf Wiig were hospitalized in Cairo due to vicious attacks. Many journalists struggled to get to posts away from the immediate danger. The safety of these post areas proved to be questionable when security officials busted into a hotel room where Ashley Webster, from FOX, was reporting about the protests from a balcony.

According to *The Times of London*, published in the United Kingdom, CBS chief foreign correspondent Lara Logan was punched and beaten by flag poles. In addition, *The Times of London* reported: the angry mob ripped Logan's clothes off and beat her for 30 minutes leaving her covered in red welts. CBS described Logan's attack as a "brutal and sustained sexual assault and beating." Logan was rescued by a group of women and approximately 40 Egyptian soldiers, according to CBS. *The New York*

Post later reported that Logan was back home with her children and planned to return to work after she recovered. ABC reported that

Mark Stassman, another member of the CBS team, was attacked by rock throwing Egyptians.

Many reporters had to rely on themselves and crew members to survive dangerous situations. After being carjacked, ABC reported their news crew members were threatened by Egyptians to be beheaded. Akram Abi-hanna, who is Lebanese and a veteran ABC cameraman, used an emotional appeal to the angry Egyptians to escape their near death experience; Abi-hanna hugged and kissed an elderly Egyptian.

There was no doubt that the attacks on journalists were aimed to repress coverage. According to *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post's* foreign editor, Douglas Jehl, said "it appears that journalists are being targeted by the Egyptian authorities in a deliberate campaign of intimidation aimed at quashing honest, independent reporting of a transformation event." ABC's David Mur said that many Mubarak supporters claimed that the international spotlight helped to bring their country and president down "the demonstrators see the journalists as being aligned with the Mubarak government and are angry at them for their support of a repressive regime," said Barbara

DeGeorge, and Academic Dean at Northwood University, reported in *The Christian Science Monitor*. The Obama administration responded to the intimidation ploys with heavy disapproval. *The New York Times* reported that Robert Gibbs, a White House spokesperson, said the attacks were "completely and totally unacceptable." Hillary Clinton, U.S. Secretary of State, said, "It is especially in times of crisis that governments must demonstrate their adherence to these universal values."

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Quality Enhancement Plan Celebrated

By DEREK BAKER

Elizabeth City State University celebrated the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) on February 16. In conjunction with ECSU's radio station, WRVS-FM 89.9, QEP day aspired to inform communities, both university and local, of the QEP and the importance of the actual plan.

According to ECSU's website, "The QEP is a focused course of action designed to improve student learning in a specific area. ECSU's QEP will address academic writing. The QEP slogan

is: Think! Write! Revolutionize!" The QEP is a required step for the re-accreditation of the university. The reaffirmation of accreditation is done by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). In essence, the school or public institution, is "worthy of granting degrees and that the degrees offered are valued," the ECSU website said.

The QEP's basis is "Academic Writing." Academic writing is the ability to write cohesive paragraphs using appropriate grammar and sentence structure. It is the ability to integrate and critically evaluate information from reputable sources for exposition (explanation) and description.

Additionally, appropriate documentation and objective presentation of information are elements of academic writing.

Though many of the programs at ECSU are currently accredited, the university is required to be re-accredited by SACS because of funding, degree value and the schools overall worth in the university community.

The day was celebrated with on-going radio contests, with prizes ranging from school supplies to High Definition televisions. The contest consisted of questions geared toward information about the QEP, how it will be implemented, and what effect it will have on the school.

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