

## **US journalists targeted by Totalitarian Bush regime**

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### **U.S. repression of journalists**

Bush and his ultra-right honchos are really pissed this time – in their efforts to track down a US loyalist, who spilt the beans on domestic spying, the Bush gestapo are now targeting journos and the free press. All the ‘security’ agencies at this megalomaniac’s disposal have been commandeered for the task. This attack on the free press is yet another devastating blow directed at the already battered body of American democracy and liberty. America, the home of the brave and the land of the free, has been relegated to the historical record. This new land is an abominable aberration of the original.

“..and we all shine on..” – in the dark!

[History does record that the American Revolution was won by a brave and fearless people – they are without doubt in extremely short supply today!]

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WASHINGTON, March 5.—Journalists and their information sources within the U.S. state apparatus are in the sights of the Bush administration, according to today’s edition of The Washington Post.

The daily informs that new measures include various FBI tests, the use of lie detectors within the CIA and a warning from the Justice Department to the press, PL reports.

In this case, reporters are to be charged under the counterespionage laws, according to the Post.

In what many consider a White House witch hunt, in recent weeks dozens of employees in the CIA, the National Security Agency and other espionage mechanisms have been interviewed by FBI agents.

These investigations are to ascertain the sources of information that leaked the scandal over the CIA secret jails in Eastern Europe and the tapping program undertaken by the NSA on government instructions.

Bill Keller, executive editor of The New York Times, has expressed concern at this type of rhetoric and noted that the government is declaring war at home on values it promotes abroad.

In contrast to the White House offensive is the current scandal on the leaking of the identity of CIA agent Valerie Plame, intentionally spilled by Lewis Libby, head of the cabinet of Vice President Dick Cheney, who authorized the “leak.”

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