



Eloisa Garcia Tamez & Margo Tamez on their land. Photo Credit: Arnoldo Garcia

APACHE RESISTERS IN TEXAS

Homeland Security's Nazi Genocidal Tactics

By Brenda Norrell

City of Berkeley condemns construction of border wall, supports Apaches

EL CALABOZ, Texas -- Lipan Apache resisting the seizure of their land for construction of the United States' border wall in Texas said Homeland Security is repeating the actions of the Nazis, as it seeks to seize land in the systematic genocide of indigenous and impoverished peoples.

Homeland Security filed suit on January 29, 2008 against Eloisa Garcia Tamez who has been leading the resistance to the seizures of private lands in Texas. However, Homeland Security did not notify Tamez or other family members, who found out through the media. Tamez' daughter, Margo Tamez, said, "When

who have been and still are terrorized bi-national peoples ever since the lines were drawn. The wall is a continuation and escalation of that militarization. The resolution on this council's agenda for the next meeting includes most relevant issues, but especially affirms the rights of these Native American communities according to international law."

The resolution states, "The Lipan Apache people of South Texas have a long history of genocide and oppression imposed upon them by settler societies and have been forced to the peripheries of said society, as a marginalized ethnic group in their

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they listed our relatives in public newspapers, without serving papers to them in person, or through the mail, they repeat the actions of other hate-filled regimes of the past who purged out the 'unwants' and 'undesirables' from their societies -- such as the Nazi expulsion of the Jews in Germany, France and Italy."

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Eloisa Garcia Tamez has been ordered to federal court in Brownsville on February 7th. Margo Tamez' comments came in a message of gratitude to supporter Wendy Kenin, after the Berkeley City Council unanimously voted to support the Lipan Apaches' resolution on January 29th. The City's resolution condemned the construction of the US/Mexico border wall. Praising Kenin's support in Berkeley, Margo Tamez said, "It is acts such as yours along with Gabriel Hernández, who helped in the co-authoring of the Resolution for the City of Berkeley condemning the wall, that beats the drum of justice which always foregrounds the drumbeat of the heart of truth. And, that truth is that the wall is a prison, intended to contain and to disperse and dislocate and disrupt ever further the indigenous people, and to pave over

own territories." The resolution also cites international rights: The Charter of the United Nations; the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; as well as the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, affirm the fundamental importance of the right to self-determination of all peoples through which they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social, and cultural development. The resolution states an urgent need to respect and promote the rights of indigenous peoples affirmed in treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements with States, including the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo. Further, it states the rights of the Tamez family and future generations as the aboriginal peoples of El Calaboz, in the San Pedro de Carricitos Land Grant.

"The indigenous Apache people of the San Pedro de Carricitos Land Grant were recognized as indigenous first peoples of their territories by the Spanish and Texas empresarios in the area designated 'Apacheria.' Dr. Eloisa Garcia Tamez and her daughter, Margo Tamez, refuse to be further harassed, intimidated, and oppressed by the settler society's insistence on the increased militarization of their traditional and aboriginal



american democracy vs. american dictatorship

inside the checkpoints

by Jay J. Johnson-Castro, Sr.



Chertoff sues the University of Texas in Brownsville (UTB) and Texas Southmost College (TSC).

What kind of government lies and threatens, lies and bullies, lies and abuses its power, then lies and terrorizes its citizens? What kind of government systematically sues model citizens? What kind of government will use any form of force to intimidate and frighten those faithfully serving their community and their country? What kind of government would willfully commit illegal and unconstitutional acts to terrorize citizens on the pretext of national security?

A look at South Texas gives a clear and chilling answer: American democracy is being assaulted by American tyranny. An unlawful tyranny wielded by Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff.

The UTB President, Juliet Garcia, posted her reasons for not bowing to the dictates of Chertoff on the UTB website. There she delineated five reasons for not allowing a border wall to cut across the UTB campus.

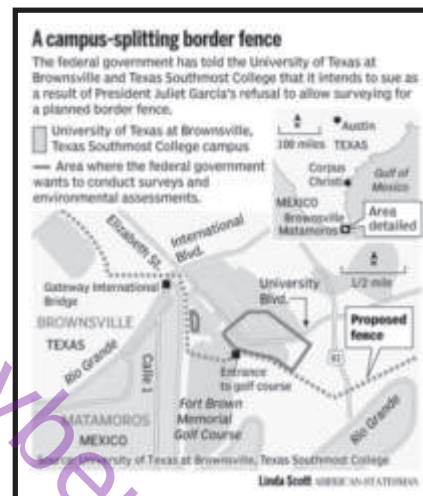
1. It would cut through the "very heart of the campus".
2. It would jeopardize the campus security.
3. It would be counter to the mission of community and heritage.
4. It would violate ecology and environment.
5. It would desecrate historical sites, including Fort Brown and Fort Texas, which would end up on the "Mexican side" of the wall.

Like the City of Eagle Pass and many private property owners, yesterday, the University of Texas @ Brownsville and Texas Southmost College became the new victims of Chertoff & Company and were sued by the United States of America under the law of condemnation, the power of eminent domain. Looking at the map, Chertoff wants to amputate 166 acres of University land for the sake of national security. He wants the "illegals" and drug traffickers to be diverted near the university campus, which in turn might well put the students at risk.

Is what Chertoff is doing even legal? Congressmen have stood up to him and said no. Legislators have stood up to him and said no. Mayors have stood up to him and said no. City Councils have stood up to him and said no. Property owners have stood up to him and said no. And like some machine out of the "War of the Worlds" his Department of Homeland Security sues those

who have legally refused to surrender their land to him in Federal Court in the name of the United States of America. What a tragic chapter in the history of the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave". The "free" and the "brave" are bullied into submission or they get sued.

As a puppet dictator of the ruling elite and a handful of racist supremacists, this man is out to do all the damage to the image of America that he can do, knowing that he has perhaps eleven months to commit all these acts of aggression and oppression against the citizens of the United States. He has helped strip sincere Americans of their rights as they strive to exercise their democracy.



When Peter Schey of the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law sued Chertoff this week in behalf of property owner, Eloisa Tamez, the lawsuit clearly states that the U.S. and Chertoff "have acted in flagrant disregard for the laws of the United States", that their actions are "in violation of federal laws" and that "Chertoff does not have the authority" to utilize the procedures that he is employing to overpower common citizens.

If that is true, Chertoff indeed is committing "illegal" acts outside the parameters of Constitutional law. He is therefore the most reprehensible "illegal" in the country, simply because he is doing this in the name of the United States of America. He is "flagrantly" operating "outside" the law of the United States of America, so is therefore an "outlaw" of the worst kind. What would we do with a corrupt sheriff or a corrupt general?

As we watch this chapter unfold in the writing of American history books, we won't have to wait long to see what kind of America emerges. An American democracy or an American

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lands which has had negative and persistent lethal impacts on Apache lifeways, ecologies, agricultural ways, religious practices, and their future generations' possibility to practice their Native American culture, and to be the stewards of the ancient plant medicines, and their sacred sites and burial grounds," the resolution states. The border wall represents a human rights crisis for indigenous and other peoples living along the international boundary zone between the United States of México and America and this human rights crisis has resulted in over 4,000 migrant deaths in recent years.

The resolution points out the devastating economic impact the border wall will have on South Texas, where residents on both sides of the border shop and carry out commerce in the neighboring countries. Free Trade agreements have already

forced indigenous peoples into migration and exile from their homelands in the south. Further, the resolution points out that the Homeland Security has already waived all federal laws and court orders to construct the border wall in fragile ecosystems in the west. The laws waived include the Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Archeological Resources Protection Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Noise Control Act, Solid Waste Disposal Act, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Farmland Protection Policy Act, Administrative Procedures Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and countless other laws, protecting wildlife refuges, parks, sanctuaries and wildlife areas.

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