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Abu Ghraib Scandal Widens

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The shame of Abu Ghraib -- wherein US soldiers tortured, raped and beat to death prisoners in Guantanamo, Afghanistan and Iraq -- continues to grow. At every stage, the Bush administration tries to pretend these are very limited actions of a few bad apples, when the practices have been widespread and condoned up and down the command chain.

During Congressional testimony, the latest facts to emerge are that dozens if not up to a hundred or more prisoners were hidden from the International Red Cross by the CIA so we didn't have to go through the niceties of obeying international law. The total is far more than previously reported.

"But even some Republicans were scathing in their comments. 'We had a gigantic failure of leadership - one that a year ago, I would have said was impossible to have in the United States Army,' said Representative John Kline, Republican of Minnesota, who is a retired Marine colonel."

Impossible? Not in George Bush's Army.



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