

Though the fighting has ended, ceasefire violations continue, and the victims are still suffering.

IDPs still face hardships, including lack of economic opportunity and inadequate shelter. Refugees and displaced individuals and families deserve humanitarian support independent of their location. However those in Nagorno-Karabakh have not received adequate international assistance.

The International Committee of the Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders are the only major international organizations operating in Nagorno-Karabakh. Besides Armenia, the United States is the only other government providing them assistance.

Now recognizing the ongoing need for humanitarian assistance, the U.S. Congress has provided funds to Nagorno-Karabakh since 1998. Through various organizations, USAID has implemented critical projects, including the construction of homes, improved access to water supplies and school reconstruction.

Although these programs have helped improve living conditions, much more is still needed. So, Mr. Speaker, the UN unfortunately refuses to operate in Karabakh and does not send aid or organizations like UNHCR and UNICEF there for assistance.

The reason given by the UN is that they do not work in "politically unrecognized territories". Yet it is my understanding that there are several other disputed territories where the UN currently operates. For example, the UN has been providing assistance to refugees in the West Bank and Gaza since 1950. In fact, the UN created a specific organization, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East to help Palestinian refugees.

They have also undertaken work in other unrecognized or disputed areas, including Kosovo, Somaliland, Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Transnistria. The Karabakh authorities have made repeated requests for help to the UN for assistance but have been unsuccessful.

The UN's refusal to work in Karabakh is unfair and hard to comprehend since the UN has been providing substantial assistance to refugees and IDPs residing in Armenia and Azerbaijan, while overlooking the needs of similar groups residing in Karabakh.

It is encouraging that the United States is committed to finding a peaceful solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh crisis. But as Members of Congress, we must provide the leadership necessary for the UN and other relevant organizations to find ways to support these refugees and IDPs.

I plan to send a letter urging the UN to reconsider its misguided policies that are depriving suffering people in Karabakh of urgently needed humanitarian assistance. I hope that my colleagues will join me in this effort when I send the letter, and that we can get the UN to turn around its position.

LAWLESSNESS BREEDS MORE LAWLESSNESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, she was buried alive in a landfill underneath massive concrete chunks. Human garbage is what Milagro Cunningham thought of this 8-year-old girl who he raped, choked and left to die in a dump.

Police do not know how she was able to find the strength to wiggle her fingers while trapped underneath these slabs of concrete. She was still barely alive, and wiggling her fingers was her silent cry for help.

Milagro Cunningham was an illegal from the Bahamas. He was arrested three times by police before he tried to kill this tiny girl. Not once did the police detain him for trespassing on American soil. They let him go each time. Then he ruined the life of a child. Mr. Speaker, this ought not to be.

Failure to enforce the laws of the border brings those bad people to America to break more laws. There are others. The Railroad Killer, Angel Resendez or Resendez Resendez as he is sometimes referred to, raped, bludgeoned, hammered, and even sledgehammered nine people to death. All lived within yards of railroad tracks throughout the plains of America.

Small town shops sold out of pistols. People who never locked their doors sealed their windows afraid of this killer on the loose. The killer? An illegal from Mexico. He hopped trains never knowing where he was going, but always knowing what would happen when he got there. To him every border, Mexican, U.S. or Canadian meant bloodshed and murder.

He was arrested and released numerous times. He was even arrested and deported. He was sent home after carrying guns, defrauding Social Security, committing burglary, trespassing, even pretending to be an American citizen.

But the border of Texas and Mexico is no border at all for this killer. He was only arrested for murder after he claimed the lives of nine American citizens. His first known murder victim was beaten to death just 2 years after his last deportation. The victim's girlfriend was raped and beaten, but she survived and was found near railroad tracks.

These deadly illegal invaders knew what they were doing, but they are not the only ones to track northward leaving a trail of trouble. Their bold and brazen border crossings and thousands of others like them mean 12 legal citizens will be murdered today, tomorrow, and every day.

Lawlessness on the border breeds lawlessness in the heart of America. And 13 legal citizens will die because a drunk illegal got behind the wheel of a car. That occurs today, and tomorrow, and every day. That is 28,000 homicides by illegals since 2003, 10 times the number of U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, this ought not to be. And there is more. Eight children will be sexually abused by illegal perverts who will cross the line, cross over our open borders. That is today, that is tomorrow, and it is every day. Lawless on the border breeds lawlessness in the heart of America.

Not all illegal immigrants are criminals. But some are. And when all cross the border, they break the law with their first step on American soil. And their first crime may not be their last.

Mr. Speaker, they are not just trespassing on our soil, they are laughing at our laws. They are violating our values. They are shattering our safety. Mr. Speaker, this ought not to be. It must be stopped with a sealed border, and a common sense immigration process that puts America first.

And to the pandering politicians who prefer a plan of patronizing the illegals to the detriment of citizens and illegal immigrants, shame on you for your un-American policy. That's just the way it is.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

RECOGNIZING BILLY CASPER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to rise today to talk about an American hero, a hero from San Diego, California, Billy Casper, one of the great athletes to ever stride the greens and fairways of America's golf courses and compete in national and international tournaments with a great successful record, but also one of the greatest family men and greatest husbands, greatest father, greatest grandfathers who ever had a family in San Diego or helped a community or did all of the great things that Billy Casper has done.

I have got my friend, Mr. ISSA, to talk with me a little bit about Billy Casper. But Billy Casper was a great golfer. And he is celebrating, we are celebrating here, his first victory which was the LaBatt Open in Canada. I think he was 22 years old at the time.

I think he had at that time had married Shirley, who was his high school sweetheart from Chula Vista, and he followed that victory, the LaBatt Open, with some 50 more PGA professional victories, including two U.S. Opens and a Masters.

You know, people once said, Mr. Speaker, I know you coming from Long Beach, and then ultimately the entire State of California as our former Attorney General, you knew about Billy Casper, because he was a guy who was