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Tens of thousands shut down the Port of Oakland Wednesday in what has been called a "General Strike". As night fell, police violently attacked protesters who had taken over a foreclosed homeless advocacy building. A U.S. military veteran was among those injured by the police violence. Below is a press release on his situation.

SECOND VETERAN IN AS MANY WEEKS INJURED BY OAKLAND POLICE

On the night of Tuesday, November 2, 2011, another veteran of the Armed Forces was severely injured at the hands of the Oakland Police Department. He is currently in the Intensive Care Unit in an Oakland hospital. His name is currently being withheld at his request.

He was at the scene of the disturbance that happened after the General Strike that occurred earlier that day and was charged with resisting arrest and remaining present at the place of a riot. The veteran said he was beaten with nightsticks in his hands, shoulders, ribs, and back. He suffers from internal bleeding and a lacerated spleen.

This is the second time in as many weeks that a veteran has been injured at the hands of the law enforcement officials in Oakland. As you may recall, Scott Olsen; who is a member of Iraq Veterans Against the War and who was deployed to Iraq twice; received a fractured skull and brain

swelling when a law enforcement official fired a tear gas canister and it struck him.

We at Iraq Veterans Against the War stand by our fellow veterans and denounce the police brutality that our brothers in arms endured. We stand by to support them in any way possible.

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