



ONE YEAR IN HELL...SURVIVING A FULL SHTF COLLAPSE IN BOSNIA

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Many in the precious metals community are eagerly anticipating a complete systemic collapse of the financial system because as "preppers", they expect to not only survive, but to prosper in a SHTF scenario. We suspect however that the following **MUST READ** account of surviving the Bosnian war in the midst of a complete collapse of the grid will be eye-opening in just how difficult it is to survive a full-on Mad Max scenario, even if one has spent years preparing for it.



I am from Bosnia. You know, between 1992 and 1995, it was hell. For one year, I lived and survived in a city with 6,000 people without water, electricity, gasoline, medical help, civil defense, distribution service, any kind of traditional service or centralized rule.

Today, me and my family are well-prepared, I am well-armed. I have experience.

It does not matter what will happen: an earthquake, a war, a tsunami, aliens, terrorists, economic collapse, uprising. The important part is that something will happen.

The following is my experience:

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Our city was blockaded by the army; and for one year, life in the city turned into total crap. We had no army, no police. We only had armed groups; those armed protected their homes and families.

When it all started, some of us were better prepared. But most of the neighbors' families had enough food only for a few days. Some had pistols; a few had AK-47s or shotguns.

After a month or two, gangs started operating, destroying everything. Hospitals, for example, turned into slaughterhouses. There was no more police. About 80 percent of the hospital staff were gone. I got lucky. My family at the time was fairly large (15 people in a large house, six pistols, three AKs), and we survived (most of us, at least).

The Americans dropped MREs every 10 days to help blockaded cities. This was never enough. Some — very few — had gardens. It took three months for the first rumors to spread of men dying from hunger and cold. We removed all the doors, the window frames from abandoned houses, ripped up the floors and burned the furniture for heat. Many died from diseases, especially from the water (two from my own family). We drank mostly rainwater, ate pigeons and even rats.

Money soon became worthless. We returned to an exchange. For a tin can of *tushonka* (think Soviet spam), you could have a woman. (It is hard to speak of it, but it is true.) Most of the women who sold themselves were desperate mothers.

Arms, ammunition, candles, lighters, antibiotics, gasoline, batteries and food. We fought for these things like animals. In

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these situations, it all changes. Men become monsters. It was disgusting.

Strength was in numbers. A man living alone getting killed and robbed would be just a matter of time, even if he was armed.

Today, me and my family are well-prepared, I am well-armed. I have experience.

It does not matter what will happen: an earthquake, a war, a tsunami, aliens, terrorists, economic collapse, uprising. The important part is that something will happen.

Here's my experience: You can't make it on your own. Don't stay apart from your family; prepare together, choose reliable friends.

1. How to move safely in a city

The city was divided into communities along streets. Our street (15 to 20 homes) had patrols (five armed men every week) to watch for gangs and for our enemies.

All the exchanges occurred in the street. About 5 kilometers away was an entire street for trading, all well-organized; but going there was too dangerous because of the snipers. You could also get robbed by bandits. I only went there twice, when I needed something really rare (list of medicine, mainly antibiotics, of the French original of the texts).

Nobody used automobiles in the city: The streets were blocked by wreckage and by abandoned cars. Gasoline was very expensive. If one needed to go somewhere, that was done at night. Never travel alone or in groups that were too big — always two to three men. All armed, travel swift, in the shadows, cross streets through ruins, not along open streets.

There were many gangs 10 to 15 men strong, some as large as 50 men. But there were also many normal men, like you and me, fathers and grandfathers, who killed and robbed. There were no "good" and "bad" men. Most were in the middle and ready for the worst.

2. What about wood? Your home city is surrounded by woods; why did you burn doors and furniture?

There were not that many woods around the city. It was very beautiful — restaurants, cinemas, schools, even an airport. Every tree in the city and in the city park was cut down for fuel in the first two months.

Without electricity for cooking and heat, we burned anything that burned. Furniture, doors, flooring: That wood burns swiftly. We had no suburbs or suburban farms. The enemy was in the suburbs. We were surrounded. Even in the city you never knew who was the enemy at any given point.

3. What knowledge was useful to you in that period?

To imagine the situation a bit better, you should know it was practically a return to the Stone Age.

For example, I had a container of cooking gas. But I did not use it for heat. That would be too expensive! I attached a nozzle to it I made myself and used to fill lighters. Lighters were precious.

If a man brought an empty lighter, I would fill it; and he would give me a tin of food or a candle.

I was a paramedic. In these conditions, my knowledge was my wealth. Be curious and skilled. In these conditions, the ability to fix things is more valuable than gold.

Items and supplies will inevitably run out, but your skills will keep you fed.

I wish to say this: Learn to fix things, shoes or people.

My neighbor, for example, knew how to make kerosene for lamps. He never went hungry.

4. If you had three months to prepare now, what would you do?

Three months? Run away from the country? (joking)

Today, I know everything can collapse really fast. I have a stockpile of food, hygiene items, batteries — enough to last me for six months.

I live in a very secure flat and own a home with a shelter in a village 5 kilometers away. Another six-month supply there, too. That's a small village; most people there are well-prepared. The war had taught them.

I have four weapons and 2,000 rounds for each.

I have a garden and have learned gardening. Also, I have a good instinct. You know, when everyone around you keeps telling you it'll all be fine, but I know it will all collapse.

I have strength to do what I need to protect my family. Because when it all collapses, you must be ready to do "bad" things to keep your children alive and protect your family.

Surviving on your own is practically impossible. (That's what I think.) Even you're armed and ready, if you're alone, you'll die. I have seen that happen many times.

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Families and groups, well-prepared, with skills and knowledge in various fields: That's much better.

5. What should you stockpile?

That depends. If you plan to live by theft, all you need is weapons and ammo. Lots of ammo.

If not, more food, hygiene items, batteries, accumulators, little trading items (knives, lighters, flints, soap). Also, alcohol of a type that keeps well. The cheapest whiskey is a good trading item.

Many people died from insufficient hygiene. You'll need simple items in great amounts. For example, garbage bags. Lots of them. And toilet papers. Non-reusable dishes and cups: You'll need lots of them. I know that because we didn't have any at all.

As for me, a supply of hygiene items is perhaps more important than food. You can shoot a pigeon. You can find a plant to eat. You can't find or shoot any disinfectant.

Disinfectant, detergents, bleach, soap, gloves, masks.

First aid skills, washing wounds and burns. Perhaps you will find a doctor and will not be able to pay him.

Learn to use antibiotics. It's good to have a stockpile of them.

You should choose the simplest weapons. I carry a Glock .45. I like it, but it's a rare gun here. So I have two TT pistols, too. (Everyone has them and ammo is common.)

I don't like Kalashnikov's, but again, same story. Everyone has them; so do I.

You must own small, unnoticeable items. For example, a generator is good, but 1,000 BIC lighters are better. A generator will attract attention if there's any trouble, but 1,000 lighters are compact, cheap and can always be traded.

We usually collected rainwater into four large barrels and then boiled it. There was a small river, but the water in it became very dirty very fast.

It's also important to have containers for water: barrels and buckets.

6. Were gold and silver useful?

Yes. I personally traded all the gold in the house for ammunition.

Sometimes, we got our hands on money: dollars and Deutschmarks. We bought some things for them, but this was rare and prices were astronomical. For example, a can of beans cost \$30 to \$40. The local money quickly became worthless. Everything we needed we traded for through barter.

7. Was salt expensive?

Yes, but coffee and cigarettes were even more expensive. I had lots of alcohol and traded it without problems. Alcohol consumption grew over 10 times as compared to peacetime. Perhaps today, it's more useful to keep a stock of cigarettes, lighters and batteries. They take up less space.

At this time, I was not a survivalist. We had no time to prepare — several days before the shit hit the fan. The politicians kept repeating over the TV that everything was going according to plan, there's no reason to be concerned. When the sky fell on our heads, we took what we could.

8. Was it difficult to purchase firearms? What did you trade for arms and ammunition?

After the war, we had guns in every house. The police confiscated lots of guns at the beginning of the war. But most of them we hid. Now I have one legal gun that I have a license for. Under the law, that's called a temporary collection. If there is unrest, the government will seize all the registered guns. Never forget that.

You know, there are many people who have one legal gun, but also illegal guns if that one gets seized. If you have good trade goods, you might be able to get a gun in a tough situation. But remember, the most difficult time is the first days, and perhaps you won't have enough time to find a weapon to protect your family. To be disarmed in a time of chaos and panic is a bad idea.

In my case, there was a man who needed a car battery for his radio. He had shotguns. I traded the accumulator for both of them. Sometimes, I traded ammunition for food, and a few weeks later traded food for ammunition. Never did the trade at home, never in great amounts.

Few people knew how much and what I keep at home.

The most important thing is to keep as many things as possible in terms of space and money. Eventually, you'll understand what is more valuable.

Correction: I'll always value weapons and ammunition the most. Second? Maybe gas masks and filters.



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9. What about security?

Our defenses were very primitive. Again, we weren't ready, and we used what we could. The windows were shattered, and the roofs in a horrible state after the bombings. The windows were blocked — some with sandbags, others with rocks.

I blocked the fence gate with wreckage and garbage, and used a ladder to get across the wall. When I came home, I asked someone inside to pass over the ladder. We had a fellow on our street that completely barricaded himself in his house. He broke a hole in the wall, creating a passage for himself into the ruins of the neighbor's house — a sort of secret entrance.

Maybe this would seem strange, but the most protected houses were looted and destroyed first. In my area of the city, there were beautiful houses with walls, dogs, alarms and barred windows. People attacked them first. Some held out; others didn't. It all depended how many hands and guns they had inside.

I think defense is very important, but it must be carried out unobtrusively. If you are in a city and SHTF comes, you need a simple, non-flashy place, with lots of guns and ammo.

How much ammo? As much as possible.

Make your house as unattractive as you can.

Right now, I own a steel door, but that's just against the first wave of chaos. After that passes, I will leave the city to rejoin a larger group of people, my friends and family.

There were some situations during the war. There's no need for details, but we always had superior firepower and a brick wall on our side.

We also constantly kept someone watching the streets. Quality organization is paramount in case of gang attacks.

Shooting was constantly heard in the city.

Our perimeter was defended primitively. All the exits were barricaded and had little firing slits. Inside we had at least five family members ready for battle at any time and one man in the street, hidden in a shelter.

We stayed home through the day to avoid sniper fire.

At first, the weak perish. Then, the rest fight.

During the day, the streets were practically empty due to sniper fire. Defenses were oriented toward short-range combat alone. Many died if they went out to gather information, for example. It's important to remember we had no information, no radio, no TV — only rumors and nothing else.

There was no organized army; every man fought. We had no choice. Everybody was armed, ready to defend themselves.

You should not wear quality items in the city; someone will murder you and take them. Don't even carry a "pretty" long arm, it will attract attention.

Let me tell you something: If SHTF starts tomorrow, I'll be humble. I'll look like everyone else. Desperate, fearful. Maybe I'll even shout and cry a little bit.

Pretty clothing is excluded altogether. I will not go out in my new tactical outfit to shout: "I have come! You're doomed, bad guys!" No, I'll stay aside, well-armed, well-prepared, waiting and evaluating my possibilities, with my best friend or brother.

Super-defenses, super-guns are meaningless. If people think they should steal your things, that you're profitable, they will. It's only a question of time and the amount of guns and hands.

10. How was the situation with toilets?

We used shovels and a patch of earth near the house. Does it seem dirty? It was. We washed with rainwater or in the river, but most of the time the latter was too dangerous. We had no toilet paper; and if we had any, I would have traded it away.

It was a "dirty" business.

Let me give you a piece of advice: You need guns and ammo first — and second, everything else. Literally *everything!* All depends on the space and money you have.

If you forget something, there will always be someone to trade with for it. But if you forget weapons and ammo, there will be no access to trading for you.

I don't think big families are extra mouths. Big families means both more guns and strength — and from there, everyone prepares on his own.

11. How did people treat the sick and the injured?

Most injuries were from gunfire. Without a specialist and without equipment, if an injured man found a doctor somewhere, he had about a 30 percent chance of survival.

It ain't the movie. People died. Many died from infections of superficial wounds. I had antibiotics for three to four uses — for the family, of course.

People died foolishly quite often. Simple diarrhea will kill you in a few days without medicine, with limited amounts of water.

There were many skin diseases and food poisonings... nothing to it.

Many used local plants and pure alcohol — enough for the short-term, but useless in the long term.

Hygiene is very important, as well as having as much medicine as possible — especially antibiotics.



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COMMENTS

Marchas45 says:

May 12, 2013 at 11:40 AM



Well gold and silver wasn't mentioned much but I have a bunch of bic's and booze for trading, along with other goodies.

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mliu says:

May 12, 2013 at 12:18 PM



What americans don't have are friends who are willing to die for each other. People in other countries take this for granted. But in US everyone will find it out fast in a very hard way.

Ed_B says:

May 12, 2013 at 5:31 PM



Many items will be useful as trade goods. The Bic lighters mentioned will be great for that and so will candles, matches, fish hooks and line, needles and thread, water filters, seeds, and even buttons. .22 ammo will be terrific, as it is an almost perfect small game getter.

Agree on the shortage of friends. While most of us do have friends, we are dispersed and not living close to each other. Family will matter HUGELY. Many of us consider family to be of the highest importance but in a SHTF situation, they will become even more important. The point in the article that there is strength in numbers cannot be over-stated.

This is of critical importance. A lone wolf is a dead wolf. This is why wolves travel and live in packs, each providing and drawing strength from the others.

REPUBLIC OF MARS says:

May 12, 2013 at 11:23 PM



Gotta wait until the ship comes it

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REPUBLIC OF MARS says:

May 13, 2013 at 2:00 AM



Marc Faber States " Something Will Break Very Badly" May 12, 2013. By going to :
youtube.com/GlobalEconomicNews/MarcFaberSomethingwillBreakVeryBadly

undeRGRound says:

May 13, 2013 at 6:43 AM



What other trade items should we be stashing, Charlie?

i have a partial list, but it's good to add to it 😊

Ed_B says:

May 13, 2013 at 11:26 PM



@undeRGRound

Not Charlie but let me chime in here. Stackable items are many and varied. Virtually anything that is manufactured in large numbers, is cheap, and yet handy will be good to stack. Can openers, matches, candles, bandages, fish hooks and line, seeds, needles and thread, coffee, soap of all kinds, disinfectant, anti-septic, aspirin, vitamin and mineral supplements, TP, hand tools, gloves, a solar powered battery charger, chocolate, Kool-Aid, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products (which also make good field dressings), tarps, rope, plastic bags, ammo (especially .22LR and 12-ga but also BBs and pellets as well), and much else. Search the web for articles on "100 things that disappear first in a crisis" and you will find LOTS of good ideas.

Spectre says:

May 12, 2013 at 12:29 PM



Thank you for sharing that with us. I consider myself to be a "prepper," but much of the information I receive is biased and based on commercial interests with a lot of testosterone thrown in. The environment you describe is pretty much what I was afraid of. There won't be any proper infrastructure, hospitals or civil authority. The general population will be a bigger threat than the actual enemy and we will have to rely on people we trust. Your insight will help me redirect my preparations for the SHTF environment. Thank You!

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Ed_B says:

May 13, 2013 at 11:33 PM



"The general population will be a bigger threat than the actual enemy..."

They may, in fact, be one and the same. There will be a lot of predators out there, looking to take what they need to live because they failed to plan for a SHTF scenario. Be VERY cautious of strangers. Some of them may be dressed as soldiers, police, or other official people. Whether or not they really are soldiers or police is questionable. Even if they are, they could still have gone rogue and no longer represent any higher authority than their own needs. One of the first casualties in as SHTF scenario will be trust.

Mammoth says:

May 12, 2013 at 12:42 PM



This should be a required read for anyone who is saying, "C'mon, bring on the collapse already!"
Prepare accordingly.

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Ed_B says:

May 12, 2013 at 5:39 PM



Exactly so, Mammoth. A true SHTF situation will be more awful than practically any of us can imagine.
Anyone cheering for it to happen is a fool, IMO. I pray to God on a regular basis that it never happens... and with

sincerity. But I also know that God helps those who help themselves, so I prep so that we have food, water, fuel, ammo, meds, and many other useful items.

The comment in the article about having all of the ammo you can get is very important. A gun with no ammo is just a fancy club. If we ever do have a SHTF situation to deal with, few will be selling ammo and if they do it will be VERY expensive.

StackerX says:

May 13, 2013 at 7:56 AM



Agreed! If the USA were to suffer through a collapse similar to Bosnia the death toll would be maybe 40% maybe more if it lasts a year IMO. Thats around 150 million Americans. Someone that wants the collapse to happen really doesn't understand the seriousness of the situation and either doesn't have a family or lives abroad. Most Americans live in the city. Cant plant crops on a concrete slab. They will die of disease and starvation. Now is the time to prepare kiddies! Because we don't have much time left. Maybe just a few months. Hopefully a year. Like Nas said: "Hope You Got Yourself a Gun"
Its going to get ugly! If you don't hold it(gun) you don't own it(your life, Silver, Gold, Food...)

Not Sure says:

May 14, 2013 at 1:32 AM



Ed_B said: "But I also know that God helps those who help themselves"
Just want to let you know that's theological BS. No monotheistic God said that.....anywhere. God helps those who love and worship Him and those who help others in need. He helps those that dispense mercy and love righteousness. Quit spreading false theological dogma and encouraging others to become "me first" sociopaths.

Jccjktj says:

May 12, 2013 at 2:53 PM



How do you get guns and ammo in a country that doesn't have firearms?
I know this probably sounds stupid!

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Marchas45 says:

May 12, 2013 at 4:15 PM



How did the IRA or any other group get guns into the UK?

Jccjktj says:

May 12, 2013 at 4:21 PM



As a normal citizen, that doesn't frequent the black market?

Ed_B says:

May 12, 2013 at 5:45 PM



When today's markets collapse in a SHTF situation, black markets will spring up like mushrooms after a spring rain. Typically, these can provide virtually anything one needs but highly desirable items will be hard to find and expensive when we do. The best way to resolve that issue is to have items to trade that are also highly desirable and difficult to come by.

When going to and from a black market, security will be a huge issue. There will be those who will try to ambush anyone coming from such a market in the hope of taking something they can use from the dead bodies. Go armed, go quietly, and don't go alone.

Chief says:

May 12, 2013 at 5:55 PM



Can you get pepper guns, sprays? – there are some good ones eg. Mace, Piexon, Pepperball, combined with a nice pocket knife? (good synergy there)

[@Marchas45](#) ... the IRA had help from the British Government, under the control of those who cause all wars in history, so it was easier for them than us!

Kenneth says:

May 12, 2013 at 8:27 PM



@Chief – BINGO!

Also, this line surprised me:

"We had no toilet paper; and if we had any, I would have traded it away."

In another such account from a survivor of that war (think he lived in Sarajevo) I read years ago, the writer advised to absolutely not overlook having a stock of toilet paper in a SHTF situation. Which makes more sense to me.

Ed_B says:

May 13, 2013 at 11:43 PM



"...the writer advised to absolutely not overlook having a stock of toilet paper in a SHTF situation. Which makes more sense to me."

Indeed so. I don't know that cleanliness is next to godliness, as some say, but it surely is next to healthiness. Keeping ourselves as clean as possible will be a BIG help in staying healthy and that will be critical in a SHTF scenario. To stay alive, we MUST be able to function as normally as possible. We will be called upon to exert ourselves physically in many ways, perhaps excessively. A sick person cannot do this as well (or at all) as can a healthy person. Also, being clean is a security issue. Dirty people often can be smelled as they approach and knowing that someone is coming into your location can be vital info. If one has a large supply of TP, it WILL be quite a trade item.

MrOnline says:

May 12, 2013 at 4:20 PM



Interesting read...thank you! I am also from Bosnia but luckily I was only 8 years old when the war started so we fled to Croatia while my father and uncle stayed back to fight and protect the city. I do however remember the war in Croatia...it was pretty bad. We were in east Croatia near Serbia so we were bombarded every single day for 4 years. All I can say is that if there was no Caritas aid (Church organization) we would not have made it. It is also strange how fast humans adapt to extreme situations. I remember I accepted war mentality after only few days.

Hvala na ovom tekstu. Žao mi je za sve poginule iz Vaše obitelji. Neka im Bog da mir i bude milostiv.

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Tiger says:

May 12, 2013 at 4:41 PM



This story sounds eerily familiar to a story published back in Oct of 2011. A few minor changes, but anyone who follows Selco @ shtfschool.com knows his story.

http://www.shtfplan.com/emergency-preparedness/a-survival-q-a-living-through-shtf-in-the-middle-of-a-war-zone_10252011

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Marchas45 says:

May 12, 2013 at 5:06 PM



@Tiger LMAO I believe it is the same story also, so your not eerily going WOOOOOOOOOOOWWWW. I think Doc needed a filler today. Lol

Mammoth says:

May 12, 2013 at 5:02 PM



There is a terrific list of essentials which every prepper should consider having on-hand. I believe this list of '100 items to disappear first in a crisis' was compiled by a survivor of the war in Bosnia. Here is the link:

http://www.thepowerhour.com/news/items_disappearfirst.htm

@MrOnline, that was very kind of you to say that.

("Thanks for this article. I'm sorry for all victims of your family. May God give them peace and mercy.")

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AGXIIK says:

May 12, 2013 at 5:05 PM

When the SHTF I think we would all be amazed at seeing what comes out of the basements, closets and caches. Guns and ammo are maybe the most important of the commodities. From what little I know of the Bosnian conflicts and those in the surrounding areas, these small countries were very well armed. AK 47s and like eastern battle rifles are very commonplace. The ethnic and religious conflicts were brutal with no side showing any leniency. The Mad Max scenario has been seen in many countries from South and Central America, Africa, Russian satellites and the Asian countries. I'd take one of my AK's over any one of my M4s if the doo doo hit the fan.



The US population is fairly peaceful whether by nature or complacency. We try to resolve our difference with a give and take that many people in other countries would consider an act of cowardice and complete failure to protect the tribe. Millions of men and women have seen the gore of battle overseas and would not seek to have it on our shores.

What concerns me is the active and aggressive Balkanization (note the geographical reference) of this country—the haves and have nots—rich and poor—entitled and enfranchised—white, black or brown. What worries me is that these divisions could be explosive. Serious and deepening poverty afflict out land.

We are the most armed nation in the world with a factor of at least 5 to 10 times as many firearms; 300,000,000 by some estimations. The licensed hunters in Wisconsin and two other northern states would collectively comprise the largest army in the world with each hunter capable of surviving comfortably in the woods for days or weeks at a time.

Those who want to bring it on and see some sort of collapse should think twice before they seek this level of societal collapse.

As prepped as my BOB and I am, the actions needed to stay alive would be grisly and then some. And we are not nearly as prepared to face what this author went through.

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Ed_B says:

May 12, 2013 at 5:54 PM



"I'd take one of my AK's over any one of my M4s if the doo doo hit the fan."

RGR that, AG. The AK is not a scalpel by any means but it is a helluva cleaver. It's got two redeeming features that I consider essential in a battle rifle: 1) it goes BANG every time the trigger is pulled; and 2) it easy to maintain. Also like that the ammo is cheap and the AK round is a good penetrator. Topping that off, the AK round is legal for big game hunting in my state while the .223 round is not. The ARs have some nice features too but would not be my 1st choice in a battle rifle. They are still WAY better than any pistol, however.

Ordinary Joe says:

May 12, 2013 at 10:24 PM



How about one of each?

AGXIJK says:

May 12, 2013 at 5:31 PM



PS My prepper guide to the right of these posts is a good start. If you can't do it all, allocate parts of the prepping to members of your family, team, group, squad or BOB (Band of Brothers). Even if you acquire 3 months worth of supplies, it won't fill a small closet. Dump and get rid of superfluous stuff. Sell it at a garage sale and take the cash, buy cheaply at a restaurant supply house—candles and matches are incredibly cheap. One thing I did not notice in Selco's account was communication. Buy yourself some inexpensive CB radios and a half dozen small walkie talkies. Get them with rechargeable batteries or solar chargers so you can move 3-5 miles line of sight and stay in touch. Battle language is good OPSEC. Those codings are available on the web. Morse Code is really old school but good as well. There are hundreds of suggestions but prepper.com. That site is vast in its resources. FYI. Delegate and compartmentalize if you have trusted friends. Use a secure storage facility or rent a nearby garage to store the heavy weight stuffs.

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Ed_B says:

May 12, 2013 at 5:58 PM



Good comments, AG... and THANKS for finally defining WTH a BOB is! lol

Chief says:

May 12, 2013 at 6:20 PM



Communications are very important. Here is a great review of all necessary prepper comms by 'SensiblePrepper' (great guy).



I have since bought all recommended items in this video, and have even managed to learn to use them! .. good to have when the cellphones and email go down. I also got a solar battery pack which can recharge all these items, and charges itself in 8 hours on a sunny day – amazing.

Ranger says:

May 12, 2013 at 8:37 PM



I do so hope that this is a valid Prepper Guide!

[http://kingworldnews.com/kingworldnews/KWN_DailyWeb/Entries/2013/5/10_Turk_-_Incredible_Chart_Look_For_\\$12,000_Gold_%26_\\$600_Silver.html](http://kingworldnews.com/kingworldnews/KWN_DailyWeb/Entries/2013/5/10_Turk_-_Incredible_Chart_Look_For_$12,000_Gold_%26_$600_Silver.html)

andrew james says:

May 12, 2013 at 6:02 PM



I don't think that any MRE's will be falling out of the sky when the shtf here.

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realrepublic says:

May 12, 2013 at 7:40 PM



This is the Very reason that everyone should be trying to wake up the local sheep around you right now. There has Never been such a break down that is coming. If Nuclear plants are not shut down correctly which takes about two years, then we will all be living in radiation as well. I do what I can do, but it is ultimately in God's hands, so I just hope to go in the Rapture! Before all this happens to the complete break down, I believe there will be a Great Revival of the Church, but it will be short and quick.

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MaryB says:

May 12, 2013 at 7:54 PM



I am setup to reload most of the popular cartridges now, some I don't even have but if people can bring me brass and trade goods I can make ammo. Add in my own supply of ammo to protect things and 5 friends who will be moving in.

Know how to do other things, I am setup to grind grain for flour, being a rural farming area we won't starve with all the grain stored in the elevator and on local farms. Some have pigs and cattle also.

City bought a surplus diesel generator for the well, and there is a large tank of fuel to run it. Generator that has no electronics so it should survive any emp attacks. Small towns will band together for defense, mine has. We will barricade the roads in and out to stop easy access.

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Ranger says:

May 12, 2013 at 8:40 PM



Stolen Credit Card Report.

Well, have to tell you all that one of my wife's credit cards was stolen last month.
I didn't bother to report the theft after I received the credit card statement.
Turns out the person who stole the card charges way far less than my wife usually does!
Things are starting to look up!

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Unas says:

May 13, 2013 at 2:54 AM



lololol

undeRGRound says:

May 13, 2013 at 2:49 PM



So you reported it but left it active, HUH? LMAO

TexasStacker says:

May 12, 2013 at 9:05 PM



A person would have to be a complete idiot to wish for such an outcome in the future. I don't care how well protected you are with an adequate number of supplies, you will only become a target for those without. You may feel smug in your fortified bunker with your family members, but gangs will exist, some bigger than others, and they will work to take what they don't have. I for one wouldn't want to see this scenario occur just to prove myself right.

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undeRGRound says:

May 14, 2013 at 7:14 AM



Even a full on BugOut in the wilderness will be rough. Preparedness OK, you can do well with a small group, even thrive, until trouble comes knocking. Same rules apply then, your top ten llist is #1-7 GUNS & AMMO 1. Guns. 2. Ammo. 3. Guns. 4-7. Ammo, Ammo, AMMO! (ammo)
8-10 food, food, supplies.

Ordinary Joe says:

May 12, 2013 at 10:21 PM



For more information from SELCO go to his website <http://shtfschool.com/>
Many of his articles are very informative. I actually stocked alcohol for trade as he suggested.
Better to have it and not need it than need it and not have it.

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AGXIIK says:

May 12, 2013 at 11:03 PM



A lot of people say they don't want to buy gear and food to have a decent stockpile of goods should we have a tough go of things. It would take quite a bit to see the TEOTWAWKI scenario, but we've seen plenty of natural disasters. If a person stocked 3-6 months of goods and nothing happened, what would they have accomplished assuming a happy ending to this gloom and doom scenario building.
They'd have purchased usable items at a lower price today than 5 years. Those items can be consumed. Stocked cheap alcohol would age and be more drinkable. Water is still water. Ammo can stay good for 40 years. Firearms have a lifespan of 50-100 years if cleaned and lubed. Medicines have a 5-10 year shelf life. Precious metals?? Who knows about that but if they are not worth more in 5-10 years than they are now, even with a 10% increase in value, I would be very surprised
Almost every items stocked for prepping can have a shelf life of decades, even freeze dried and dehydrated food. Even MREs can keep for a decade. Rotating perishables like beans and rice can be used within the normal food diet and replaced easily. Salt has an unlimited life span. Those things that do degrade and wear down are rotated into the stockpiles and spend as needed, traded were possible or discarded if they are beyond their useful life span.
I spent 3 hours this evening talking about prepping with a friend of 40 years. He has be well trained in CERT, EMS, FEMA and other mission critical services during his career. The one lesson repeated provide was the SAS Rule of 3 The SAS was and is the British special forces. Tough SOBs. Like the Seals and Delta Force
The Rule of 3 is pretty simple and brings life preservation and prepping skills into sharp focus. A person can plan well with

those time constraint in mind

A person can live 3 minutes without oxygen (think gas masks or breathing gear)

3 hours without shelter can be life threatening (temp extremes)

A person can go 3 days without water

You can survive 3 weeks without food

A person can go 3 months with hope (companionship and a Bible can go a long way)

An important factor in the rule of 3. The body temperature can go up or down 3 degrees before bad things happen. 94 degree and hypothermia sets in . A body temperature of 101 will cause a person to hallucinate. This is the primary reason to seek shelter.

If its good enough for the SAS it's good enough for me

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undeRGRound says:

May 13, 2013 at 2:57 PM



Hey AGXIIK if you give the thumbs up to my "device" I am Sending, I will blow it out there for the peeps. Free plans & technical advice. It can run easily on less than 1 watt

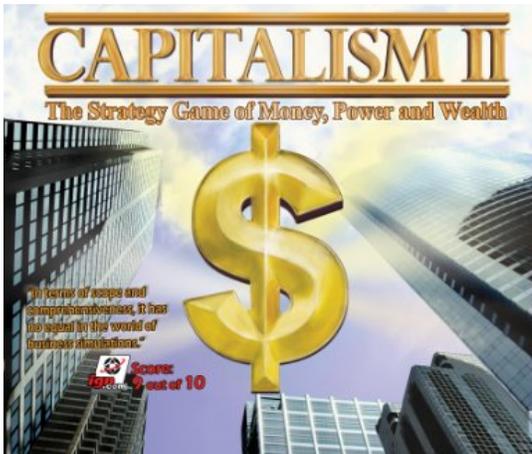
REPUBLIC OF MARS says:

May 13, 2013 at 1:02 AM



Do you remember what happened after the Bosnia event, there was a MELTDOWN. World Exchanges were in a Domino Effect. Remember Shock waves ripple through out the globe. Yet, this will be a drop in the bucket compared of the cresting on the ridge of unbacked fiat paper currency of the world? Would you want to trade your money into a foreign currency called the United States of America knowing there is more than 13 trillion dollars out there (Inflationary money) excluding the shores of the US? I think Ben Bernanke is destroying the paper money & converting it into digital currency?

Back in August 28, 1998, was the Meltdown of Russia. Just a couple of years on September 9, 2001, Rumsfeld lost or we stuffed 2.3 trillion into someones pocket (military) because we were redirected on September 11, 2001 fiasco. We do not know where that money went? On a side note, I read somewhere, Russia had its bonds maturing of a couple billion dollars during this time? I think it was the New York Times. So please call 1(800) 332-1499 to Impeach President Obama for high crimes & misdemeanors. Your great grandchildren will than you. Hit them where it hurts, and to keep this military game called capitalism, False flag is coming out to redirect your thinking.



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Thomas says:

May 13, 2013 at 1:19 AM



What is really sickening is many assume the inevitable. They take it for granted that we citizens are helpless, and "they" will do what "they" want, when "they" want. This has to be the most sickening aspect of the SHTF scenarios. In America, I doubt SD Bullion would survive an Ohio winter. Ditto for Maine Marchas in Maine. Nevadans would not survive the first 100 degree week. Single occupantd with guns and solar panels? Toast. Then race becomes the uniter/divider. That is far as I will delve into it. With any luck, I will be murdered in the first week. If not, then I have a real dilemma, being a practicing Catholic. One thing is for sure, and the entire world is watching American citizens to do something, if we do not unite to take back our government through the rights and freedoms of our founding documentd, non-violently, bought for in blood, no amount of violence will get them back. One example, organize 50,000 out of work Californians to move to San Francisco and vote out Pelosi. Every out of work Floridian should vote out Rubio. Ditto for every politician in office longer than two terms. Next up, local statewide elections, Sheriff elections, mayors, county council. Vote out the incumbents. Vote to not renew the Patriot Act. Vote to restore Glass-Steagal. Vote to have hearings on JPM. Other than that, the farmer in Micronesia holding dollars will be better off than we big, free, AC cooled, SUV driven Americans ignorant of our freedoms

and frozen into inaction.

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andrew james says:

May 14, 2013 at 1:37 PM



Some of our politicians think that China has a good way of running things. So it wouldn't surprise me to see MRE's falling out of the sky from as Uncle George used to say "our friends in China". Imagine you've got the military laying siege to all urban areas coast to coast. Everybody is hungry and food marked "made in the PRC" is dropped on to the impacted areas. That would make all of the sheeple run towards the loving arms of Uncle Xi Jinping and his commie doctrine. The public could be tricked into believing anything practically.

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Sheep Dog says:

May 14, 2013 at 5:46 PM



Hot Topic! Good posts! Sterling to Ed B and AG!
Ammo, check; think I have everything....I forgot a box of buttons. I will not forget TP equivalent, the flushable moist wipes. The women folk do not like them as much, but for function, storage and value.....I may need more. After a hard days work I do not want to smell myself or anyone else. Probably need another half case of deodorant. Don't think this will be a bartering item?
Good article.
Thomas says, 'organize 50,000 out of work Californians to move to San Francisco and vote out Pelosi'.
That is one way to organize! Do it in all 50 states! Want Change?

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AGXIJK says:

May 14, 2013 at 7:43 PM



Sheep Dog Copy on the wipes. Costco has the best. 10 boxes per case. 90-100 wipes per. I case will last 2-3 months.
Moistened
can be used for most anything including facial cleaning, wound prep and other things.
If someone comes to take my stuff, they will find I'll fight to the end for my Costco wipes

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