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# Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere

## Tuesday 2nd January 2024



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(adjective) MIN-na-tur-ee OR MIN-na-TOR-ee

Menacing, threatening.

On the roof beam, stretching above him across the whole width of the room, was carved and gilded the **minatory** text, 'God's eye seeth all'.

D.M. Greenwood, *Unholy Ghosts*.

Taibo comes up with surreal conceits including the idea that the Osama bin Laden familiar to us from his **minatory** videos is really a Mexican who is moonlighting from the set of porn flicks in Burbank.

Stephen Smith, *The Observer*, 29 April 2007, The Observer reviewing Subcomandante Marcos and Paco Ignacio Taibo II's *The Uncomfortable Dead*.

What makes his novel exhilarating instead of depressing is the conviction and control he brings to his material -- which, as the last few pages make clear, is intended as cautionary rather than **minatory**.

Gerald Jonas, *The New York Times*, 13 January 2002, New York Times reviewing Peter Watts' *Maelstrom*.

There is a **minatory** sentence toward the end of the book that may be read with profit by NATO military men:

"For an example to follow in a future European battle, it will be necessary to look to the German Army; and to the extraordinary defense that its men conducted in Europe in the face of all the odds against them and in spite of their own demented FÃ¼hrer."

Drew Middleton, *The New York Times*, 18 May 1984, New York Times reviewing Max Hastings' *Overlord: D-Day and the Battle for Normandy*.