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The secret behind the Ayatollah Khomeini



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The events that shocked the world in Teheran, Iran last week were not the doing of an uncontrollable band of mullahs and their mob followers. The *Executive Intelligence Review* is in possession of indisputable evidence that the Muslim Brotherhood clique that controls Iran and runs the Ayatollah Khomeini and his Islamic Revolutionary Council, is a puppet of British, Israeli, and U.S. secret services. The eruption of mass violence outside the American Embassy in Teheran was ordered—and controlled down to the minutest detail—by Zbigniew Brzezinski's National Security Council and Cyrus Vance's State Department!

In previous months, the *Executive Intelligence Review* has printed detailed exposés of the nature of the

Muslim Brotherhood network. We have documented both the current command structure of the Brotherhood apparatus and its ideological roots in the antiscientific, mystical-cultist tradition that has plagued Islam since the rise of Asharism and Al-Ghazali and, more recently, since the deployment of Al-Afghani and Mohammed Abdu as British Secret Intelligence Service agents in the 19th century. We have traced the origins of the Brotherhood in the British Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and the Bahai, and we have identified its historic connection to the rise of Zionism.

Under Ayatollah Khomeini Iran does not have a government. Since the beginning of the post-Revolutionary Iranian period, Iran has been ruled as an outlaw entity by the apparatus of the Muslim Brotherhood. That, in turn, means that the real rulers of Iran are the British aristocratic controllers of the Muslim Brotherhood—men such as Lord Caradon, Sir John Bagot Glubb Pasha, Sir Albert Beeley, and the Royal Institute

of International Affairs (RIIA) along with the Middle East and Islamic departments of Oxford and Cambridge universities.

Together with Henry Kissinger, Cyrus Vance, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and Ramsey Clark, it is that oligarchical faction that created, and now deploys, the Muslim Brotherhood.

That is the "secret" behind the Ayatollah Khomeini.

Controlled disintegration

The deliberate engineering of the crisis in Iran that began with the Nov. 4 seizure of 60 American hostages at the U.S. Embassy in Teheran—and, in a larger sense, the entire history of the Anglo-American operation that installed Khomeini—can only be understood in the context of the battle being waged at the highest level of world finance and geopolitics.

Why would the United States and Great Britain consciously set into motion what could become an uncontrollable crisis leading to world economic breakdown and even World War III?

Let us consider that question on two levels.

First, in the short term, the Anglo-American faction of London and New York is fully committed to the destruction of the European Monetary System (EMS). The EMS was assembled in 1978 by the continental European powers, especially France and West Germany. In the view of its authors, the EMS is meant to become a replacement system that will eventually push aside the bankrupt International Monetary Fund. Such a fundamental transformation in the world financial balance, which would shift the post-World War II center of gravity from London and New York to Paris and Bonn, is a clear and present danger to the Anglo-Americans. For that reason, they believe that an oil crisis, a new shortage of supply and a hike in the price of oil to over \$30 per barrel, would weaken the industrial economies of France and Germany. It would also wreak havoc in the Third World, politically a key partner of the EMS bloc, and would disrupt the negotiations between the EMS and the Arabs concerning an integration of Arab financial power with the EMS. The intended crisis in the strategic keystone nation of Iran is designed to accomplish exactly that.

Second, in the somewhat longer run, the destruction of the Iranian nation is meant to contribute to the worldwide strategy identified in the Council on Foreign Relations "1980s Project" report, which was coordinated by Vance, Brzezinski, and Harold Brown. One of the leading contributors to that report, Princeton University's Richard Falk, was also one of the architects of the Khomeini regime. According to Brzezinski and Vance, the destruction of Iran will accelerate the world slowdown in industrial growth and hasten the tendency toward the creation of regional currency blocs and general fragmentation of world trade.

The regime of the Shah, despite its willingness to do what any American government would have told it, was constitutionally incapable of implementing a policy of self-destruction. Only a nation where a psychotic mob force can be manipulated at will is able to put itself through that process.

The Teheran hoax

Even cursory examination of the evidence reveals that the events that began in Iran on Nov. 4 were stage-managed:

1. The American charge d'affaires Bruce Laingen was conveniently not in the U.S. Embassy when it was seized, but instead ended up in the offices of Foreign Minister Ibrahim Yazdi.

2. The events followed immediately upon a meeting in Algiers between Brzezinski and Yazdi.

3. The State Department had already prepared two weeks in advance a special interagency task force with the Department of Energy to coordinate national security matters in the event of the loss of supply of foreign oil in a crisis! Then, the day after the Iran crisis erupted, the State Department advised Iran, according to the *New York Times*, that "to make an oil embargo credible" Iran would have to "also cut production, or else the world oil market would adjust to an embargo."

4. When the student mob entered by mistake the British Embassy, located near the U.S. Embassy, they suddenly decided to abandon the occupation on orders from the Ayatollah's secret police, and they filed out and closed the door! Even the *Washington Post* was forced to comment: "This is no mob on the loose. It is a force under tight control."

The *EIR* has also determined that the actual scenario that led to the terrorist action against the embassy was planned in detail in late September and early October:

1. The supposed pretext for the attack on the embassy—namely, to demand the return of the Shah to Iran from his hospital bed in New York—was, from the beginning, a hoax. Mexican sources report that according to Mexican doctors, the Shah could have been treated for his illness in Mexico, and that, furthermore, it was Henry Kissinger and David Rockefeller who insisted that the Carter administration give the Shah a visa for New York.

2. Immediately following the meeting of the IMF and World Bank in Belgrade, the Muslim Brotherhood carried out a virtual cold coup d'état against the Bazargan government by forcing the appointment of Mustafa Chamran as defense minister, who is the coordinator of Iranian intelligence services.

3. Several days later, the United States and Iran agreed on the appointment of Bruce Laingen, sent specially to Teheran as U.S. envoy on Oct. 3.

4. The following day, Oct. 4, Cyrus Vance met with Yazdi at the United Nations in New York.

That week Yazdi also addressed a closed meeting of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, and he had private meetings with the inner circle of the CFR.

While such facts should shock Americans, who generally do not think that their government would involve itself with such fanatics as Yazdi and Chamran, the above information should convince most people of the "secret" behind the Ayatollah Khomeini. In the following, we have assembled more detailed and systematic evidence, and we present some of the latest news about the collapse of Iran and the strategic stakes presently in the Persian Gulf.

How Khomeini destroyed the government

The Iranians who made the revolution against the absolute rule of the Pahlavi monarchy earlier this year have found themselves under the Muslim Brotherhood forces standing behind a leader the world considers a madman, who is enforcing repressive measures as bad or worse than the Pahlavi dynasty.

Since Khomeini established his provisional government in February, a slow motion coup has unfolded in which the secular republican forces associated with the National Front that opportunistically backed Khomeini, have been eliminated by the secretive Revolutionary Council of fundamentalist Islamic mullahs.

The council is comprised of the corps of advisers that surrounded Khomeini during his exile in France, all of whom are members of the Muslim Brotherhood. As this publication has documented, the inner elite within the Council, notably, Ibrahim Yazdi, Said Ghotbzadeh, Abolhassan Banisadr, and Mustaffa Chamran are all associates of the Brotherhood.

NATO involvement

A prime target of Khomeini's purge of all secular forces has been the military apparatus built up by the Shah. The aim of the Revolutionary Council has been to destroy the top ranking officers which would be in any way sympathetic to the republican opposition to Khomeini's regime.

However, recently revealed information indicates that a clique of generals in the Shah's military was complicit in the conspiracy to install Khomeini and is

still operating to back him. The *Financial Times* reports that the Shah's chief of staff General Gharabaghi, along with the deputy director of the Iranian Secret Police, SAVAK, were on the inside of the Khomeini takeover, and to this day remain close advisers to the Ayatollah.

Exiled Iranian military figures confirm that NATO had a direct hand in ensuring the Khomeini takeover. These sources state that the special military emissary General Robert Huyser, NATO's deputy commander, was sent to Iran by the Carter administration to guarantee that Iran's military did not block the revolution. To this end Huyser worked closely with General Gharabaghi.

According to a prominent Washington-based journalist, Huyser duped many Iranian generals into backing Khomeini, notably the commander of the Iranian Air Force, General Rabii. Many of these generals were then later double-crossed, when the marauding gangs of the Islamic Guard rounded up civilian and military officials from the Pahlavi regime and executed them by firing squad.

According to a former Iranian diplomat, over 130 generals have been executed, over 200 retired and 100 exiled, leaving no command structure for the Iranian army.

Gharabaghi and Huyser also worked to block an alliance in early February between former premier Shahpour Bakhtiar and Khomeini's newly named provisional prime minister Bazargan. General Gharabaghi, who sat in on the series of negotiations between Bakhtiar and Bazargan—upon realizing that an agreement could be reached between the two National Front leaders—set into motion with General Rabii an insurrection at the Qasr-e Firuzeh Air Force base south of Teheran which triggered mass violence in Teheran, and the ousting of Bakhtiar.

As the pro-Khomeini armed youth began to take over the capital city, Gharabaghi in close consultation with Huyser, ordered the Iranian army back to the barracks—and the Khomeini takeover was complete. Iranian sources report that the moment the army's neutrality was announced by Gharabaghi, Huyser quietly left Iran for NATO headquarters in Brussels.

According to *Le Figaro*, March 5, Ibrahim Yazdi and the head of the Islamic Guard, Laghouthi, began to integrate the Guard into a new intelligence and secret police agency, utilizing intact departments of the Shah's SAVAK apparatus. Yazdi himself occupied the SAVAK headquarters in Teheran along with Laghouthi.

Throughout the last nine months, there have been numerous purges within the Khomeini-appointed command of the army and the air force, each time the purge has resulted from a fight on the part of nationalist military leaders to rebuild the powerful military along secular lines.

In late February, a military adviser to Khomeini,