

The U.S. backers of the Muslim Brotherhood's killers

by Nancy Coker

Specially trained assassination squads of Iran's intelligence service SAVAMA have over the past days entered United States territory to carry out "hits" like the Dec. 7 murder in Paris of the Shah of Iran's nephew, Shariar Mustapha Shafik.

Estimates, confirmed privately by U.S. law enforcement and immigration service officials, are that the trained assassins number between 50 and 300 and that they entered the United States using passport visas forged by the students that occupied the U.S. embassy in Teheran. Several of these would-be assassins have already been apprehended and other suspects are now being tracked down—despite the fact that the White House and the State Department are trying to clamp down on effective enforcement measures in order to "placate" and "humor" the Iranian regime led by the Ayatollah Khomeini.

There is no doubt that these assassination deployments are being coordinated by the Muslim Brotherhood, the international intelligence conspiracy that is shaping the policies of the Khomeini regime. When Shafik was killed, Ayatollah Khalkhali, the head of the Fedayeen-i Islam, the Iranian branch of the Brotherhood, immediately claimed responsibility for having ordered the hit. By Dec. 10, only three days after the murder, the *Christian Science Monitor* reported from Paris that French police had the necessary evidence to prove that Khalkhali was indeed behind the murder.

Khalkhali has indicated that the Shafik murder is only one in a series of planned assassinations. "The Islamic fedayeen are continuing their activities in Europe and the U.S. to identify wrongdoers and punish them for

their actions," he told France's *Le Figaro*. "Wrongdoers," he noted, could include "even the people who inhabit the White House"—a direct threat to assassinate President Carter that should be taken seriously given Khomeini's Dec. 17 characterization of the President as "worse than Hitler."

Khalkhali later told the Paris-based *Liberation* magazine, "I follow my own rules, according to the principles of Islam. In this domain I don't have to consult anyone, not even the Imam Khomeini."

Terrorist capability

According to reliable sources in Washington, the Iranian assassins, posing as students, are receiving aid from the Iranian embassy, with cash reimbursements for their activities reportedly being funneled through Brotherhood-front businesses owned by such pro-Khomeini businessmen, as Nahidian, a rug merchant who subsidizes Khomeini followers among student groups in the Washington, D.C. area.

This interplay between the Embassy and the Iranian "student" assassins is only one among many indications of the enormous terrorist capability that Khalkhali and SAVAMA can employ.

For one thing, much of the massive funds that come into Iran from oil revenues are being earmarked for SAVAMA.

Secondly, Khalkhali—and his partners, the U.S.-trained Defense Minister and SAVAMA head Mustapha Chamran and the former "VISTA volunteer" now Interior Minister Sadegh—have at their disposal the highest technology and the most expert political intelligence

coordinators: a clique of generals who ran the old SAVAK agency of the shah are now the heads of SAVAMA. These generals—Farouziyan, Fardoust, and Kaveh—were trained under the British, NATO, and Israel. They applied their skills for Khomeini when they aided the overthrow of the shah in February of this year, in collusion with NATO General Robert Huyser, an emissary for NATO Commander Alexander Haig.

These three generals were present in Paris and London in the days and hours preceding the Shafik murder.

Aside from money and intelligence expertise, the SAVAMA has a large pool of potential agents among Iranian students abroad. For example, several thousands of the 50,000 or so Iranian students in the United States belong to groups under the control of the Muslim Student Association, headquartered in Plainsfield, Indiana. As *EIR* has documented, and as independent American and Pakistani investigators have corroborated, the MSA is controlled at the top by individuals, such as Mahmoud Abu Saud of Southwestern Missouri University, who are self-professed founders and members of the original Muslim Brotherhood created in Egypt in the late 1920s. They were jailed and expelled from Egypt and other Arab countries in the 1950s, and are now using the U.S.—and Europe—as the base for Islamic fundamentalist terrorism internationally.

In the U.S., the MSA apparatus harbors trained assassins posing as students. The “safehouse” infrastructure is supplemented by the fact that certain well-connected Americans are committed to more Khomeini-type destabilizations.

Take, for example, Princeton University Professor Richard Falk—now under fire by an Alumni Ad Hoc Committee for his pro-Khomeini sentiments. He told a Dec. 14 Boston conference of 200 students (120 of them Iranians) that “the real issue in Iran is the struggle for national self-determination against economic, cultural, and political burdens imposed by Western civilization. ... The shah had embarked on an ambitious nuclear technology program,” the antinuclear activist Falk continued. “It was this development pattern, oriented to the needs of the international capitalist order, which formed the basis of the shah’s rule. It was this development pattern, which, necessarily, inevitably required as integral to it a system of torture and political repression.”

Coming full circle, many of those who now rule Iran were tutored in the MSA apparatus in the United States. Former Foreign Minister Ibrahim Yazdi, the current Foreign Minister Sadegh Gotbzadeh (who spent five years at Georgetown University) and Defense Minister and SAVAMA head Mustapha Chamran (who did his postgraduate work at the University of California at Berkeley) were all members and leaders of the MSA or the so-called MSA-Persian-Speaking Group.

Congressman speaks out

Idaho’s Hansen demands Iran probe

Representative George Hansen (R-Id.) told the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 13 that he had sent letters to House Banking Committee Chairman Henry Reuss and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Clement Zablocki demanding an immediate congressional investigation and hearings on the “serious issues raised by the Iran crisis.”

Hansen also warned of the danger of imminent Muslim Brotherhood terrorism in the United States.

The Idaho Congressman, who recently returned from a fact-finding mission to Iran where he met with the American hostages and with Iranian government officials, decried the State Department’s complicity in the Iran crisis. The State Department had refused to debrief Hansen, the only American who has visited the hostages being held in Teheran. In addition, no national network or major newspaper has yet covered his initiative, despite the fact that the Congressman released his letter and related findings to a large array of media.

What follows is an “Outline of Serious Issues Raised by the Iranian Crisis,” prepared by Representative Hansen.

The people of the United States demand to know and need to know how and why the Iranian captivity developed. There is no excusing the violation of international law and human rights by the government and people of Iran. However, explanations by our own government regarding arbitrary decisions causing great risk to American lives and property have been contradictory and confusing, causing a serious need for hard facts and basic truth.

For example, there is now no doubt, both through admissions by government officials and by disclosures made by myself, and others that our State Department precipitated the invasion of the United States Embassy in Iran. Without any other fact, the serious consequences for the personnel now held hostage in the Teheran embassy and for our nation itself warrant a full and immediate investigation to determine responsibility for the disaster and to insure that failure both of intelligence and of the response to available intelligence shall not recur. And there are many other issues of similar grave concern.