

# International Intelligence

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## ***Iraq proposes 'Development Decade'***

The Iraqi government presented a proposal for Arab economic development at this week's meeting in Amman, Jordan of the ministers of foreign affairs, economics and finance from 20 Arab nations. According to Iraqi foreign minister Saddun Hammadi, Iraq foresees a multibillion dollar fund for industrializing the Arab world, including those countries that do not have oil. According to reports, Saudi Arabia supports the plan. The meeting, called by the Arab Economic Unity Council of the Arab League, included all Arab countries except Egypt, which has been expelled.

Hammadi called his plan the "Arab Development Decade." The meeting approved a pan-Arab economic blueprint for the next two decades, whose details are not yet known.

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## ***Israel threatens nuclear blitzkrieg***

According to the pro-Israeli West German newspaper *Die Welt*, a "significant shift" is occurring in the Israeli armed forces' strategic doctrine. The key spokesman for this shift, the paper reports, is Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, a top backer of the ultranationalist Gush Emunim "settlement" movement. Sharon recently declared that "Israel is a small country which can only afford a small amount of military forces, tanks, infantry, air force, etc.," and therefore must rely on quick-strike nuclear capability.

Sharon has been leading the fight in the Cabinet to trim the military budget, to undermine Israel's in-depth conventional ability to achieve military security and to force reliance on a nuclear option that Israeli governments until now have always officially renounced.

Among the Begin-linked military strategists and propagandists, the "nu-

clear blitzkrieg doctrine" is being justified through a massive scare campaign about the imminent deployment of an "Islamic atomic bomb" by Libya, Iraq, or Pakistan.

Last week, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir threatened that the flow of advanced weaponry to the Arab states could lead Israel to "ignite a local war or even World War III." Shamir was echoed by the New York *Jewish Press*, which singled out France for its relations with the Arabs and threatened that country "along with every other nation in this world [with] the possibility of losing their entire oil supply from the Arab nations."

In a recent speech in Tel Aviv, Yuval Neeman, father of Israel's nuclear bomb, declared that Israel has in its arsenal 12 bombs ready for use.

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## ***Suzuki chosen as compromise premier***

Rather than face an open fight among the leading contenders, the ruling Liberal Democratic Party of Japan (LDP) chose the relatively unknown Zenko Suzuki as the "compromise" choice for Prime Minister to succeed the late Masayoshi Ohira. Despite Suzuki's succession to leadership of the Ohira faction, the consensus character of his government is likely to hinder his administration from proceeding headlong into the policies of fullscale remilitarization, unqualified alignment with Washington and Peking, and support of international austerity that characterized the Ohira administration.

Ohira had soundly defeated his policy opponents, former Premiers Takeo Fukuda and Takeo Miki, in open battle and thus could ignore their objections to his subservience to the Carter administration. Suzuki, on the other hand, came to power through a compromise arrangement with Fukuda, in addition to support from the Ohira and Tanaka factions. Suzuki's cabinet will include high posts for Fukuda's heir, Shinaro Abe, as well as Prime Ministerial contenders Toshio

Komoto, the heir of Miki, and Yasuhiro Nakasone. It will resemble a traditional all-faction consensus cabinet rather than the lopsided affair under Ohira.

Suzuki himself has been portrayed by Japanese sources as a party machine fixer and mediator with few known policy stands of his own. He was never expected to become Prime Minister; his major trait is that he had made few enemies. The business community, rather than risk continued divisiveness in the LDP through trying to force a Komoto premiership, hopes to restabilize the party through Suzuki, who has held few major cabinet portfolios but has served as Japan's Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund and has held many party executive posts. Perhaps the decisive factor in bringing him the premiership was his close friendship with former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, still on trial for the Lockheed bribery scandal.

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## ***Soviets blow whistle on Iran terrorism***

The Soviet Union issued an official warning last week to the Khomeini government in Iran against a planned seizure of the Soviet embassy in Teheran. "There is information to the effect that elements hostile to the Soviet Union intend to carry out provocations against the U.S.S.R. embassy in the Islamic Republic of Iran, up to its seizure," the Soviet statement read. It came in response to increasing signs that the Muslim Brotherhood has begun to zero in on the U.S.S.R. to try to stir up insurrection among its large Muslim population.

Last week, Iranian Foreign Minister Ghotbzadeh charged the Soviets with spying in Iran and told the Soviets that they had to pull out 75 percent of their embassy staff from Teheran. Although Ghotbzadeh has given his "assurances" that "all necessary steps had been taken" to secure the Soviet embassy in Teheran and prevent its occupation, *EIR's* sources

have presented evidence that the Soviet Union is being targeted for a wave of Muslim Brotherhood-sponsored terrorism, kidnapping, and assaults against Soviet installations.

### **Fujitsu announces semiconductor 'superchip'**

Japan's largest computer manufacturer, Fujitsu, announced at a U.S. press conference two weeks ago its introduction of a new electronic semiconductor chip, made from gallium arsenide. The invention could revolutionize the electronic chip industry and give Japan a crucial lead in markets for this product.

Fujitsu's chip, the company claims, solves previous problems of gallium arsenide chips by mixing aluminum into the gallium arsenide base and then bringing the chip crystal's temperature down to -196 degrees centigrade, the temperature of liquid nitrogen. At this temperature, the new chip is six times faster than a normal gallium arsenide chip—which is itself four times the speed of a normal silicon semiconductor, the standard in the field.

### **Soviet specialist wants Saudi tie**

In the current issue of the weekly newspaper *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, Soviet journalist Igor Belyayev writes that the time may have come for the reestablishment of diplomatic ties between the U.S.S.R. and Saudi Arabia. Belyayev, a Middle East specialist, has written in the past about the cordial relations that existed between the Soviet Union and the Saudi king during the 1930s. Belyayev pointedly noted that the Saudis have exhibited "disillusionment" with American policy toward them.

G.A. Trofimenko, an analyst at the Institute of U.S.A. and Canada Studies in Moscow, makes the same point in a current article on American foreign policy. Writing in the East German monthly *Deutsche Aussenpolitik*, Trofimenko cites the Saudis' "distancing" from the United States as an instance of the failure of National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski's plan to tie the entire developing sector and Europe to the American camp and use the increased leverage so gained for confronting the U.S.S.R.

In Trofimenko's view, today's international crises result directly from the failure of Brzezinski's efforts. Where Brzezinski sought points of influence, he has created his "arc of crisis" instead, concludes the Soviet thinktank.

### **Terrorist Piperno attacks PCI**

Celebrating his release from jail at a "freedom party" thrown by Giacomo Mancini, the Italian Socialist Party "godfather" from the Calabria region, suspected Red Brigades terrorist Franco Piperno warned that those responsible for his arrest "must pay. . . . They have let me out of jail but they must pay." "They," he specified, include judges and journalists, but most of all "the Italian Communist Party [PCI]," which he termed "responsible for the campaign of repression from the beginning."

While Piperno was singling out the PCI, the PCI was busy launching an investigation into the notorious mafia connections of Mancini. PCI official Ugo Pecchioli told the Rome daily *La Repubblica*: "There is a strong political criminality" in Calabria, "no matter what Mancini says. Don't forget that a terrorist hideout was found in the province of Casenzo." Observers report that this is the beginning of a major PCI campaign to expose the connections between the Socialist Party and organized crime.

## Briefly

● **WORLD ZIONIST** leader Nahum Goldmann granted an interview to the Dutch paper *Allgemeine Dagblatt* in which he charged Israeli Prime Minister Begin with living "in an illusion" and attacked him for pursuing "a fanatical line . . . just like the policy of Khomeini of Iran." Goldmann stressed that peace is "impossible" as long as Begin remains in power in Israel and praised the European Middle East peace initiative at Venice. Camp David, he declared, is blocking the road to peace.

● **IENG SARY**, the "Deputy Premier" of the mythical Pol Pot regime, appeared in Tokyo for the funeral of the late Japanese Premier Ohira. The convergence of Chinese Premier Hua, their puppet Sary, the Thai Premier Prem and Carter at the Tokyo funeral was clearly intended to lend weight to reports of a Southeast Asia strategy session there.

● **ALVARO GOMEZ** Hurtado, a leading advocate of drug legalization and ally of Europe's black nobility, recently traveled to Paris to meet with terrorist controller and anthropologist Jacques Soustelle, according to Colombian sources. The outcome of the meeting, also attended by economists from Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Argentina, was the formation of a Latin American Organization for Economic Cooperation (OLCE), whose French president is Soustelle.

● **INDIA'S RECOGNITION** of the Heng Samrin government in Kampuchea apparently shocked some circles in Washington who question why the Indians did it so soon after the ASEAN meeting which condemned the Vietnamese. Delhi sources say the Indians were angry over the way the Thai border incidents were blown up at the summit, viewing this as sheer "provocation" from the Thai side.