

# U.S. in security alert against Soviet global 'pin-prick warfare'

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Well-placed sources in Western Europe are reporting that members of the Islamic Jihad (Islamic Holy War) terrorist group have infiltrated the United States and have activated plans for kamikazi assaults against Washington, D.C. locations, including embassies of moderate Arab countries. The sources report that a recent upgrading of physical security procedures at the Pentagon may also be in response to the overall heightened terrorist threat. High-level military and political targets *inside* the United States are once again being placed on a continuous alert, according to the report.

This alert, coming on the heels of the Dec. 4 Kuwaiti Airlines hijacking and the Nov. 27 aborted car-bomb attack against the U.S. embassy in Rome, is a response to indications that the Soviet command is now committed to an explosion of "pin-prick warfare" against the West, the first phase of the "Ogarkov Doctrine" for nuclear war-fighting.

Among the primary targets of this terrorist wave are:

- **High-ranking U.S. and NATO officials:** While the assassination target list revealed by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Nov. 17 in the wake of the aborted assassination attempt against former Libyan Prime Minister Abdul Hamid el-Bakoush contained a mixture of real and "false trail" targets of Libyan assassination, it is believed that several key figures on that list are in genuine jeopardy. This actual target list is headed by President Ronald Reagan. The first 100 days of the second Reagan administration represent a particular danger point for the chief executive, according to several specialists. Other leading names on the list include NATO Supreme Commander Bernard Rogers, U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, and Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. Sources have emphasized to *EIR* that this targeting is of Soviet design, with the Libyans following KGB orders and providing logistical and financial support to "derivative networks" that would deploy for the actual hits.

- **Families of U.S. military, diplomatic and corporate personnel abroad, particularly in Western Europe:** Given the increased level of security around top U.S. officials abroad, beginning with General Rogers, European anti-terror spe-

cialists are concerned about potential "blind terrorist" attacks, including car bombings, raids by suicide squads, and similar attacks against military barracks, residential areas, and other "targets of opportunity." Several sources voiced fear that a Christmas season massacre of several hundred wives and children of U.S. GIs could trigger an extraordinary backlash in the United States, fueling the calls for a U.S. troop withdrawal from Europe that are coming from Henry Kissinger and Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.).

- **U.S. multinational corporations, particularly production facilities in the Third World:** Since the Mexico City gas explosion that claimed several hundred lives in November and the more recent tragedy at the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India, that has claimed several thousand lives to date, the United States has activated a "quiet but emphatic" global intelligence alert for the Soviet Union's elite spetsnaz units. These super-sophisticated sabotage and assassination teams, penetrated on a long-term basis into most nations of the world, are activated within the buildup phase of a Soviet war mobilization. Security specialists have pointed to two features of the Bhopal tragedy that most directly suggest spetsnaz sabotage: 1) the probability of the plant's two safety backup systems being simultaneously and *accidentally* manually deactivated, of the cyanide levels in the gas being far in excess of acceptable levels, and of other "unique" changes in procedure, is estimated to be in the order of 400 million to one; and 2) Soviet propaganda channels within India and throughout the Third World instantly cranked up what one ranking U.S. military official has characterized as a new wave of anti-Americanism that is the "best thing the Soviets have going." The source predicted a wave of "mini-disasters" throughout the Third World—all fueling this Moscow propaganda drive to equate U.S. technological assistance with genocide. Already, members of the West German "peace" movement have carried out molotov cocktail attacks against a Union Carbide plant in northern West Germany.

- **Western Europe, particularly West Germany and Italy:** The recent dramatic pro-Moscow turn of the French

government of President François Mitterrand has greatly facilitated the re-emergence of a Europeanwide terrorist infrastructure that will particularly target West Germany, Italy, and Britain, according to several European security experts polled. In the coming six-month period, security forces will be on a Europeanwide alert for the expected resurfacing of the Baader-Meinhof Gang (RAF) and Red Cells (RZ). This terrorist apparatus has reportedly been rebuilt under the political umbrella of the increasingly powerful Social Democratic-Green Party parliamentary and state government alliance. Meanwhile, a fraction of the Italian Red Brigades linked to criminologist-turned-terrorist Giovanni Senzani of the University of California at Berkeley, has taken temporary refuge in Nicaragua for the past year, and is now reportedly again prepared to launch a campaign of violence in Italy against the Craxi government and the U.S. military presence in the country.

Middle Eastern sources report that in early January a meeting will occur in Tripoli, Libya involving representatives of the RAF, Red Brigades, the French-based Action Directe, and the Corsican separatist FNLC. That meeting is being viewed as the activation point for a terrorist assault on Europe.

● **The Pacific Basin, especially South Korea and the Philippines:** Increasing fears are being reported that the recently reinstated North Korean-South Korean "negotiations" are a cover for a major action coming out of the same North Korean intelligence networks that carried out the assassination bombing of the South Korean cabinet in Rangoon last year. In the Philippines, Libyan- and Nazi International-linked separatist networks tied to the same international command that installed Khomeini in power in Iran are maintaining an uninterrupted war against the Marcos government and the U.S. Air Force and Naval presence.

● **Pope John Paul II:** Since the Pope's intervention early this autumn to shut down advanced "back-channel" negotiations between a Benedictine-led faction of the Roman Catholic Church and representatives of the Russian Orthodox Moscow Patriarchate, Vatican security officials have reportedly been bracing for a new attempt on the pontiff's life. Concern has particularly focused on John Paul II's late January trip to Ibero-America, including stops in Venezuela and Peru, where the governments are embroiled in a life and death war with narco-terrorists. In Venezuela, the government last month banned the fundamentalist Catholic sect Tradition, Family, and Property, linked to the European black oligarchical families including Thurn und Taxis and Braganza, as well as to Bulgarian-linked Gnostic Church networks. TFP terrorist training camps in eastern Venezuela were using photos of the Pope for target practice. A TFP assassin, Father Juan Fernandez Krohn, attempted to kill the Pope in Fatima, Portugal in May 1982, one year to the day after the Bulgarian-inspired shooting by Mehmet Ali Agca.

● **All U.S. and U.S.-linked drug eradication personnel throughout Ibero-America:** According to U.S. intelligence, a group of a dozen top narco-traffickers from Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, and the Caribbean has activated fullscale terrorist warfare against the anti-drug efforts on the continent. Primary targets include heads of state, ministers, and anti-drug officials of both the host countries and the United States. The chief "blind spot" to this threat is the Bulgarian-tied Gnostic Church, which has been discovered to be a common controller of most of the leading narco-terrorist groups active in this war, including M-19.

### **New bases, new capabilities**

While very little public information has been revealed linking Moscow directly to the recent Kuwaiti Airlines hijacking and other Iranian-sponsored Islamic fundamentalist violence, privately the Soviet hand behind all of these actions is being viewed as critical. Defense Secretary Weinberger is reportedly "focused almost exclusively" on the Ogarkov Doctrine and its current phase of implementation, including terrorist "proxy warfare."

It is in this context that the recent strategic maneuvers by both Moscow and Washington have fostered a reorganization of the major bases of terrorist capabilities in the Mediterranean theater in particular. In the wake of the recent meeting in Crete of Mitterrand, Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, Qaddafi, a string of Mediterranean islands—Malta, Cyprus, and Rhodes—has been constituted as safe havens for KGB operations including deployment of terrorist groups.

Since the recent thaw in U.S.-Iraqi relations engineered by President Reagan and Defense Secretary Weinberger, a reported 350 members of the Palestinian terrorist Black September group of Abu Nidal have been expelled from Iraq. Many are believed to be enjoying the safe haven of the Mediterranean islands, Greece, and Libya. Unconfirmed reports placed several members of Black September in the aborted bomb plot against the Rome U.S. embassy.

Underscoring the importance of this Mediterranean terrorist base is the presence in Athens since April of Igor Andropov, son of the late Soviet President and patron of Marshal Ogarkov. The younger Andropov, who has been parading around Athens in the role of Russian Imperial Pro-Consul, is believed to be chief executive of Soviet terror operations stretching from Libya through the Soviet embassy in Kuwait, which is notorious as a command center for KGB links to Middle East terrorist groups. It was the Soviet embassy in Kuwait that was widely cited as the control point for last year's Islamic Holy War bombing of the U.S. embassy, an action linked to last week's Teheran hijacking siege. Increasingly over the last month, *EIR* has been accumulating evidence that the Soviets have built up a penetration in depth in Khomeini's Iran, including the hardcore terrorist apparatus within the Pasdaran (Revolutionary Guard).