

East bloc-run camps in Syria and in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon. Following Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, Mohtashemi oversaw the founding of Hezbollah and Jihad, the two groups responsible for the majority of kidnappings in Lebanon over the past seven years.

Throughout this period, Mohtashemi served as the liaison between the Iranian regime and such leading Syrian and Soviet-backed terrorists as Dr. George Habash and Nawaf Hawatmeh. After escaping an attempt on his own life in 1983, Mohtashemi returned to Teheran where he was named interior minister two years later.

According to reports in both American and British newspapers, the bombing of Pan Am 103 was contracted by Mohtashemi in retaliation for the accidental American shooting down of an Iranian civilian airliner over the Persian Gulf last July 3. In February, the captain of the *U.S.S. Vincennes*, the U.S. naval vessel that was responsible for that incident, was the target of a pipe bomb attack in San Diego. Captain Will Rogers's wife narrowly escaped when a pipe bomb blew up her van as she was driving near the U.S. naval base.

Reportedly, in the past year, increased Western security attention to Iranian activists and known Pasdaran operatives has undermined Iran's ability to deploy its own international terror army. Mohtashemi subcontracted Soviet-Syrian asset Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) to carry out the Pan Am bombing, for a reported \$10 million payment.

Mohtashemi's itinerary during the mid-February period of Khomeini's death sentence against Rushdie, according to Arab sources, suggests that he was the architect of Khomeini's action. On Feb. 9-10, Mohtashemi was in Pakistan negotiating an "anti-drug" pact with the new Bhutto government. Two days later, anti-American riots broke out in Karachi in protest over the Rushdie book. On Feb. 14, Mohtashemi reportedly personally briefed Khomeini on the anti-Muslim passages of the Rushdie book, prompting the death sentence against Rushdie—six months after the book had been released.

A variety of intelligence sources have told *EIR* that Mohtashemi's faction inside Iran is notorious for being penetrated by KGB agents. They say that he has been in a factional brawl with nominally "pro-Western pragmatists" in the Khomeini government, who had been negotiating with British and American intermediaries at the time the Rushdie affair broke, over freeing the remaining hostages in exchange for Western economic aid.

With the recent resignation of Ayatollah Montazeri, one of the principal so-called moderates around Khomeini, Iran is at least temporarily on a radicalized path—with a new-found intimate relationship to the Gorbachov gang in Moscow. All told, it makes for a dangerous new climate, ripe for international terrorism. This is especially the case if Western blinders to the increasingly sophisticated Soviet playing of the terror-at-a-distance continue to remain in place.

## Defend Iceland from green terrorism

by Poul Rasmussen

The international green terror organization, Greenpeace, has declared war on the nation of Iceland, a member country of the Atlantic Alliance. In recent months, Greenpeace has been responsible for an international campaign to boycott all Icelandic fish exports, with the open aim of destroying the entire economy of the nation.

So far, Greenpeace has succeeded in threatening and pressuring restaurants and supermarkets in the United States and Germany into stopping purchases of Icelandic fish. If this campaign is allowed to continue, it will actually break the back of Iceland's economy. The export of fish products represents 76% of Icelandic exports, and a full 45% of the GNP.

### NATO's northern flank at risk

The official reason for the Greenpeace campaign against Iceland is a total hoax. In a typically manipulative campaign, Greenpeace is ostensibly protesting against the Icelanders hunting of whales. There is no reason for that, since Iceland is carefully following all international regulations on whale hunting. When the International Whaling Commission in 1982, under pressure from environmentalist groups, decided to declare a four-year moratorium on all whale hunting from 1986 to 1990, Iceland accepted their decision. The whaling commission granted Iceland a yearly catch of 80 fin, 40 sei, and 80 minke whales for scientific purposes. This is what Iceland catches, nothing more.

The real reason for the Greenpeace campaign has nothing to do with whales. Given the open anti-NATO attitude of Greenpeace, it is hardly an accident that the Greenpeace campaign coincides with the Soviet propaganda proposals for a "denuclearization of the seas," which is aimed at kicking NATO out of the North Atlantic.

Situated strategically in the so-called GIUK Gap (the waters between Greenland, Iceland, and the United Kingdom), Iceland plays an important role in the defense of Western Europe. In case of war, U.S. reinforcement of Europe is only possible if the GIUK Gap can remain closed to Soviet naval activity. In recent years, Soviet naval activities in the waters around Iceland have increased significantly, and Iceland has responded by demonstrably increasing its participation in NATO activities. Now, they are hit by economic warfare.



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*Greenpeaceniks picket a Burger King franchise in Washington, D.C. The pretext of saving whales is a total hoax, since Iceland has fully complied with whaling limits.*

If people are forced to move away because the main economic activity is crushed, it will be very hard to maintain military installations in the region—a fact of which the government of Norway, which has fostered programs to protect the fishing industry in its own militarily crucial northern region, is keenly aware.

### **Iceland fights back**

Surviving in the harsh climate of the high north is not an easy matter, and the Icelanders are used to fighting. They are fighting back against the Greenpeace campaign. On Danish television, March 16, the Icelandic foreign minister, Jon Baldvin Hanibalsson, compared the Greenpeace campaign to “the Nazi campaign against Jewish shops in the 1930s.”

The Icelandic journalist, Magnus Gudmundsson, has produced a television program called “Survival in the High North,” which gives a graphic description of the devastating effects on the lives of the peoples of Greenland, Iceland, and the Faroe Islands resulting from the Greenpeace campaigns against seal and whale hunting. Gudmundsson also documents how Greenpeace uses fraudulent films, including staged “seal huntings,” to promote their ugly campaign.

Gudmundsson’s television program has already been broadcast on both Icelandic and Danish television, causing considerable uproar against the Goebbels methods of Greenpeace. Greenpeace has reacted in a manner that reminds one of the Ayatollah Khomeini in his outrage against Salman

Rushdie over *The Satanic Verses* book. In full-page ads in the British press, Greenpeace has called for a total boycott of Iceland, and in an official message to Iceland, transmitted through Icelandic TV, Greenpeace promised to “punish Iceland for the actions of Gudmundsson.” Gudmundsson himself, says Greenpeace, “will pay dearly for his lies.”

It is clear that the people of the free nations of the Western alliance must come to the defense of this small country. We cannot accept that an organization like Greenpeace, with multiple Soviet ties, can run a campaign to destroy a sovereign nation, let alone a sovereign nation that is an important member of the NATO alliance. With 3 million (many unwitting) members worldwide, Greenpeace, one could say, has a greater “population” than Iceland, with only 250,000 inhabitants.

But Iceland is a proud nation. The country was colonized by Norse sailors in the year 874, and in A.D. 930, they formed the first republic with a parliamentary democracy in the world. We cannot allow green fanatics to destroy this nation, and to destabilize the Western alliance.

In West Germany, the Tengelmann and ALDI supermarkets have bowed to the terror campaign of Greenpeace, and taken Icelandic fish off the shelves. In the United States, the Red Lobster restaurant chain and the Long John Silver and Burger King fast food chains are playing a similar cowardly role by refusing to serve Icelandic fish. This must be reversed.