

# U.S. widens the Gulf war, as further genocide is planned

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In the first week of February, the Bush administration began to take several steps to widen its war against Iraq to include also Jordan, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), and the Palestinians in the Israeli Occupied Territories. This new phase proves that the war has nothing to do with the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait, and everything to do with an Anglo-American war against the Arab world and the entire Third World. Because we knew that the Anglo-Americans were intent on a new division of the Middle East and the world, we forecast a new Middle East war as early as July (see *EIR*, July 20, 1990), weeks before Great Britain and the United States seized upon the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait as a pretext for the already planned war.

Addressing this policy on Feb. 5, U.S. presidential candidate and political prisoner Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. stated, "What the Bush-Quayle administration is doing is in every way comparable only to the worst war crimes of the Nazi machine under Hitler, and perhaps it will become worse." LaRouche added, "If the United States continues this war for Bush's fascist New World Order—and I do not use the word *fascist* lightly—then the United States will become, in effect, the enemy of all humanity." LaRouche had remarked on Feb. 1 that, "knowing the details of Mr. Bush's plan, the New World Order, as laid out by many of his advisers, including Henry Kissinger and so forth, this New World Order is indeed a combination of old British colonialism and Nazi austerity methods against darker-skinned populations, but extended to a global scale."

To facilitate the imposition of its new order, the Bush administration—through the person of Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, who as of Feb. 7 is still in Israel—gave the go-ahead to Israel to begin its long-planned "final solution" to the "Palestinian problem," through the systematic extermination of Palestinians and PLO military cadres in Lebanon and the Occupied Territories. The worst shelling since the Israeli 1982 invasion of Lebanon began on Feb. 5, with at least seven Palestinian refugee camps directly and intentionally hit. Israel continues to starve the Palestinians of the Occupied Territories (see article, page 44), in part

to drive them into desperation.

Meanwhile, the U.S. began overt military actions against Jordan on Jan. 29-30, when U.S. war planes strafed a Jordanian truck column in Iraq in two separate incidents. A full-scale U.S.-Israeli assault against Jordan may begin by mid-February.

## King Hussein exposes U.S. lies

In a 30-minute televised address to the Jordanian people on Feb. 6, King Hussein of Jordan, who had declared in September that the Bush administration's planned war could set the stage for World War III, stated that the true intent of the Western alliance, as opposed to what it has claimed, is "to destroy Iraq and reorganize the area in a manner far more dangerous to our people than the Sykes-Picot agreement"—referring to the Anglo-French World War I deal on the post-war division of the Middle East. The Euro-American war, he specified, is "against all Arabs and all Muslims, and not against Iraq alone," and part of a broader effort to reassert "foreign hegemony" over the Middle East.

Ridiculing Bush's claim that the war is a "just war," the King stressed that "the talk about a new world order, whose early feature is the destruction of Iraq . . . leads us to wonder about the identity of this order, and instills in us doubts about its nature."

"Fire rains down upon Iraq from airplanes, from battleships, submarines, and rockets, destroying mosques, churches, schools, museums, hospitals, powdered milk factories, residential areas, Bedouin tents, electricity-generating stations, and water networks," the King charged. This "aims to destroy all the achievements of Iraq and return it to primitive life." King Hussein concluded his speech with a call for an immediate cease-fire.

Within hours of the King's address, Bush dismissed the proposed cease-fire with the words, "There will be nothing of that nature." Bush also directly threatened the King and Jordan. "I think they made a mistake to align themselves so closely to Saddam Hussein against the rest of the world," he said, while lying that "We've tried to make clear with Jordan

that we have no argument with Jordan.” On cue, U.S. and British media outlets labeled the King’s speech as a virtual act of war. Israeli media and government spokesmen have continued their threats to invade Jordan if it dares to interfere in a planned Israeli air strike against Iraq, which necessitates the violation of Jordanian air space.

### **New phase of the war has begun**

The spreading of the war that Bush and the Israelis have threatened began on Jan. 29-30, when U.S. Air Force jets strafed a column of Jordanian trucks on the Baghdad-Amman highway within Iraq, 75 kilometers from the Jordanian border at Al Ruweished. At least 8 Jordanian and Egyptian civilians were killed, 20 wounded, and 35 vehicles destroyed in the two attacks.

The truck convoy was carrying Iraqi petroleum and chlorine—needed for water purification—under an arrangement agreed to by the United Nations, and fully known about by the U.S. government. Last fall, Saudi Arabia punitively cut off oil deliveries to Jordan, because of the Jordanian government’s opposition to the planned war. The Jordanian port of Aqaba on the Red Sea remains effectively closed due to U.S. Navy interference in shipments to Jordan, under the pretext of enforcing the blockade against Iraq. Jordan was left with no source of oil except Iraq, which, prior to the Anglo-American deployment into the Persian Gulf, had been Jordan’s largest trading partner.

Faced with this punitive blockade, the Jordanian government wrote a memorandum to the U.N. Security Council reporting that only Iraq was able and willing to supply it with fuel and chlorine. Even the Security Council agreed to the trade, until such time as alternative arrangements could be secured.

In attempting to justify the massacre, while making sure Jordan “got the message,” State Department spokesman Margaret Tutwiler claimed that the truck column might have been hiding Iraqi Scud missiles, while flatly lying that Jordan had no U.N. authorization to receive Iraqi oil.

Amman-based sources reported on Feb. 7 that the U.S.-imposed, unofficial blockade of Jordan is tightening and that Jordan is under a military, economic, and political siege, with the cutoff of fuel deliveries from Iraq necessitating fuel rationing. These sources suspect that U.S. military forces might soon move to totally cut the Baghdad-Amman highway, to complete the isolation of Jordan—not simply of Iraq.

Sources on the Israeli-occupied West Bank add that the move against Jordan—which has a high Palestinian population—is fully coordinated with U.S.-approved efforts to crush the three-year *Intifada* (uprising). To this end, Palestinian leader Prof. Sari Nusseibeh was arrested on Jan. 29 on frameup charges of spying for Iraq. Juridical assassinations as well as military massacres are expected, these sources add.

### **The postwar plan**

Addressing the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Feb. 6, U.S. Secretary of State James Baker referenced in general terms the kind of “Sykes-Picot” imperial division of the Middle East that King Hussein had accused the West of plotting in his own address that same day. In Baker’s postwar vision, the Middle East would rest on “five pillars.” These so-called pillars include:

- “A new security arrangement among the Gulf powers.” In an earlier testimony to the same body in September, Baker specified that this new arrangement would be modeled on NATO and would include the permanent presence of American forces in the region. According to Baker’s previous remarks, the countries proposed as military satraps in this arrangement would be Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Syria, and Pakistan. Israel would also be part of the arrangement, although with a special status.

This plan to extend NATO into the Middle East had first been floated as far back as Feb. 1, 1990 at a Washington gathering of the American Friends of Turkey, by Gen. James Vaught (ret). Vaught is an important spokesman of the CIA-Pentagon faction that has been aligned with Bush since even before the 1980 Reagan-Bush election. More recently—three days prior to Baker’s address—Vaught elaborated his February 1990 plan in an article in *Defense News*. The success of the new arrangement, Vaught implied, would be predicated on the elimination of the PLO and crushing of a “Jordan . . . tilting toward Iraq.”

- “An arms-control agreement to stop the spread of weapons of mass-destruction.” Once Iraq is destroyed, Israel would be the region’s unchallengeable major power. Some idea of the fairness that one can expect from this externally-imposed treaty can be seen by the fact that while the United States and France gave Israel its nuclear weapons, both states are now bombing Iraq supposedly to prevent that Arab nation from developing such weapons. “Arms control,” and the imposition of what the French shamelessly term “technological apartheid,” will ensure that the Arabs will be forever blocked from any military capacity to defend themselves, and even from the possibility of economic development.

- “A renewed effort to settle the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.” By this phrase, the hypocritical Baker means the total elimination of the PLO, which the Bush administration committed itself to even before it broke off contact with the PLO last spring. In one scenario, the Anglo-Americans and Israelis will attempt to overthrow or assassinate King Hussein, and replace the Jordanian kingdom with a puppet state jointly overseen by Israel and Syria. Once that is accomplished, Jordan will be declared “Palestine,” and the 1.7 million Palestinians of the Israeli Occupied Territories expelled into Jordan.

Two days before the war began, Israeli intelligence assassinated the number-two man in the PLO, Abu Iyad, at his home in Tunisia. The United States and Israel are already

## Israel prepares 'final solution' for Palestinians

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's appointment of Gen. Rehavam Ze'evi to his cabinet on Feb. 3 is one of many indications that Israel has decided on the near-term implementation of its long-planned genocidal "solution" to its "Palestinian problem." Ze'evi is the leader of the Moledet ("Homeland") party, which explicitly calls for expelling all Palestinians from Israel's Occupied Territories. He will be a Minister without Portfolio, and more importantly, a member of the cabinet's crucial Ministerial Committee on Defense and Security, where he will form a special subcommittee on "security matters" at Shamir's personal request.

In explaining the motive for his appointment, Ze'evi stated on Feb. 4 that he would be a "partner in the struggle for operations" outside of those simply conducted at "the Iraq-Kuwaiti border," since Iraq's attack on Israel will "not be limited to missile attacks." Detailing this "other area of operations," Ze'evi announced an upcoming struggle for the future of Israel with the Palestinians who support Iraq. The general's professional expertise is "counter-insurgency."

Ze'evi's ravings against Arabs are so murderous—even by Zionist standards—that even Benni Begin, the son of former Prime Minister Menachem Begin, denounced the appointment as a "deep moral contamination" which would only confirm the United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Ze'evi's credentials for implementing aspects of this plan are impeccable, not only because of his "counterinsurgency" past, but also because of his ties to U.S. intelligence agencies.

A career military officer, Ze'evi was the adviser to the prime minister on the Warfare against Terrorism in 1974-76. That advisory office had been formed to oversee the "preventive" assassination of Arabs, especially within the Occupied Territories. In that capacity, Ze'evi also deployed various Jewish terror squads led by former CIA and FBI informant Rabbi Meir Kahane, among others.

In 1977, Ze'evi officially left the government and moved to Ecuador, where he established the Consultative Agency for the Fight Against Terrorism to advise the Ecuadorian government. The Israeli intelligence front helped promote the cancerous growth of the region's narcotics cartels, in partnership with the CIA. Ze'evi also helped set up arms deals between Israel and several Central and South American states, including with the "cocaine colonels" who seized control of Bolivia in August 1980.

It is significant that one of Ze'evi's successors at his job as Israel's "Warfare Against Terror" adviser was Amiram Nir. Nir became the Israeli government's liaison to Vice President George Bush in arming the cocaine-trafficking Nicaraguan Contras, using the same networks that Ze'evi had helped establish.

Ze'evi returned to Israel in 1980, where he became a consultant to the Justice Ministry and the Police Department. Many Israelis objected to that appointment, since Ze'evi had been identified by Israeli police-linked journalists as a "godfather" of the Israeli mafia. Other identified leaders of that mafia include current Housing Minister Ariel Sharon, who is also chomping at the bit to implement the "final solution."

hard at work building a "new PLO" directed by the Anglo-American puppet states of Egypt, Syria, and Saudi Arabia.

- "Economic reconstruction of the region." Since Baker has specified that this supposed "reconstruction" is only possible through "free trade," it is clear that the secretary means the continuation of the Anglo-American policy of preventing economic development and enforcing usurious austerity. In the Vaught *Defense News* proposal, this supposed reconstruction would be accomplished through looting Japan, which, after all, is dependent on oil produced in countries now under U.S. occupation.

- A "comprehensive strategy to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil."

As is to be expected, Baker's comments reflect formula-

tions made earlier by British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, in a Feb. 2 radio address. In addition to emphasizing what Baker adopted as his first four points, with sanctimonious references to the "urgency" of the Israeli-Palestinian problem (which Britain created), Hurd also threatened to use nuclear weapons against Iraq. The foreign secretary said that there is a 50% chance that Iraq will use chemical weapons, and that such a step would provoke a "massive response" from the coalition, a response which he previously identified as nuclear bombardment. The nuclear incineration of Iraq will go a long way toward accomplishing the most obvious objective of the war: the extermination of the Iraqi people, as an object lesson to any Third World nation that would defy Anglo-American imperial dictates.