

# International Intelligence

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## ***Pope appeals for action to stop Bosnia genocide***

"How can we keep silent today, the day of peace . . . before the atrocious drama being relentlessly played out in Bosnia-Herzegovina?" Pope John Paul II asked more than 150,000 people in St. Peter's Square on Easter Sunday, April 11.

He devoted the strongest words of his twice-yearly "Urbi et Orbi" message to the war in Bosnia, according to Reuters. "Who will be able to say 'I did not know?'" he asked. "No one can consider that this tragic situation is not their affair, a situation which humiliates Europe and threatens the future of peace. Leaders of nations, men and women of good will, with my heart overflowing with pain, I appeal once more to each one of you: stop this war. . . . Put an end, I beg you, to the unspeakable cruelties whereby human dignity is being violated and God, our just and merciful Father, is being offended."

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## ***Battle in Argentina over TV pornography***

Argentine attorney Carlos Galindo has set off an uproar in Argentina by accusing authorities of neglecting their duty to enforce the law against pornography, particularly in the case of TV personality Mario Pergolini, producer of "La TV ataca," which is aimed at a youthful audience.

According to an article on April 3 in the daily *Cronica*, Galindo cites Argentine law, which demands that all broadcasts be aimed at the cultural improvement and "the moral uplifting of the population, exalting the dignity of the human person."

Galindo's attack is a response to Pergolini, who accused Antonio Cardinal Quarrancino of being "a fascist" and "an animal" when the cardinal took him to task for airing explicit homosexual and lesbian acts on his show. In his diatribe against the cardinal, published by the leftist daily *Pagina 12*, Pergolini defended his right to show pornography over the public airwaves: "I don't think

it is immoral to show women or men in suggestive poses . . . nor are we opening the floodgates to anything when we televise a slightly lesbian scene. I think that sort of eroticism is pleasant."

In the same issue of *Pagina 12*, homosexual activist Roberto Jauregui attacks Cardinal Quarrancino for being "authoritarian," and says that the media should be free to air whatever it wants.

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## ***Don Cossacks volunteer to help Serbia's war***

Serbian "Slavic brethren" in Bosnia can count on the support of the Don Cossacks, a spokesman of the organization declared in Moscow on April 6. The Cossacks will put together a truck convoy with relief goods for the Serbs in Bosnia, and mobilize other forms of support, the spokesman said, criticizing the present Moscow government for its alleged "betrayal of Russian sympathies with Serbia."

"We are living in poverty ourselves, in Russia," the Cossack spokesman said, "but we will demonstrate our solidarity to the Serbian slavs that are living in misery, too."

These statements can be seen in the context of a surprise trip of Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, to Moscow on April 6, when he met with political figures opposed to the present Russian government. Serbian media emphasized the need of Serbs and Russians to stand together against "the aggressors from Germany," in statements commemorating the beginning of the World War II German attack on Belgrade on April 6, 1941.

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## ***ANC leader murdered in South Africa***

Chris Hani, a top leader of the South African Communist Party and the African National Congress (ANC), was assassinated at his home in Johannesburg on April 10 by a Polish-born individual said to be linked to the white chauvinist Afrikaner Resistance Movement. In 1991, Hani was elected gen-

eral secretary of the Communist Party.

While in exile for the previous 30 years, he was a guerrilla fighter and leader of the ANC's military wing, Spear of the Nation. More recently, he had urged the ANC to become "combatants for peace" and had attempted to assert control over the so-called self-defense units, which unleash violence in the townships under the ANC banner. He had proposed the creation of "peace corps" in the townships to curb violence.

According to U.S. media reports, after Nelson Mandela, Hani was the most popular leader of the ANC, and was seen as Mandela's possible successor. His death was condemned by President Willem De Klerk, who said that "he and I were at opposite poles of the political debate, but we were both prepared to resolve the problems of our country through the process of peaceful negotiations." Mandela issued a statement saying that "with all the authority at my command, I appeal to all our people to honor the memory of Chris Hani by remaining a disciplined force for peace."

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## ***Russian finding revives controversy over POWs***

Russian military officials have authenticated a 1972 document found by a Harvard researcher which shows that the North Vietnamese knew of over 1,200 prisoners of war being held or accounted for at the time of the peace settlement, not the 591 eventually returned. The document was discovered in the archives of Soviet military intelligence, the GRU, by Stephen J. Morris of Harvard's Center for International Affairs, and Russian officials certify that the translation of the 30-page report by Gen. Tran Van Quang to the North Vietnamese Communist Party's Politburo, is legitimate.

General Quang writes that "we have not told the world the truth about the number of prisoners." The report adds fuel to the belief that the North Vietnamese withheld POW information, and possibly POWs as well, as part of the postwar bargaining with Henry Kissinger and his colleagues, and further undermines Pentagon and official govern-

ment claims that no such prisoners could have existed. POW-MIA (missing in action) organizations have long insisted that the U.S. government wittingly participated in this duplicity.

The *Washington Times* on April 12 reported that General Quang is a key figure in the talks in Hanoi in mid-April between U.S. and Vietnamese officials—part of the effort to normalize U.S.-Vietnamese relations.

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### **Mexican governor puts mysticism in schools**

Manuel Cavazos Lerma, the new governor of the Mexican state of Tamaulipas, has ordered all the state's schools, from grade schools to universities, to brainwash their students with mandatory classes in transcendental meditation. The governor, who practices transcendental meditation, mind control, and yoga himself, has said that he will bring disciples of Hindu guru Maharishi Mahesh Yogi (former guru to the Beatles) to teach 320 state school employees the "art" of meditation.

Cavazos Lerma, who is an economist by profession, said, "We are a pioneer state in the world, which will plant the seed of a new society, with a new Tamaulipan who will shed his mental spider webs."

Some Mexican state prisons are teaching transcendental meditation to inmates, *El Norte* newspaper reports.

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### **Mahathir tells Iran Muslims must unify**

While India is increasingly opting out of the volatile Middle East and instead engaging in economic diplomacy with the more stable nations of Southeast Asia, Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad is trying his hand at establishing an alliance with Iran. Dr. Mahathir visited Teheran in the first week in April, accompanied by 56 Malaysian industrialists and businessmen.

He held extensive talks with supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. It was the

first high-level visit by a Malaysian leader since the overthrow of the Shah of Iran.

In a speech, Mahathir addressed the fragmented state of the Muslim world and said: "Muslim countries must cooperate so that their people could become knowledgeable, prosperous, and strong. It is only when the Muslim nations are economically strong and politically united that they will gain the respect of others and be able to influence world events. Muslim countries should ask themselves whether they are totally without blame for what is now happening to them." Noting that Iran is a long-established civilization, Mahathir insisted that Iran "could do much more" to address the challenges facing the world, and could be instrumental in bringing about regional stability.

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### **India, North Korea have different views of NPT**

An Indian professor insists in a commentary in India's *Economic Times* on April 8 that there is a substantial difference between the Indian and North Korean stands on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). M.L. Sondhi, a professor at the School of International Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi insisted that India must be very careful about demonstrating support for the North Korean position, even though it might seem to cohere with India's own.

Sondhi maintains that North Korean "political adventurism" is not conducive to the development of stable and rational bilateral and multilateral actions, and that in spite of the earlier Cold War relations, Japan and South Korea are now the most important economic partners for India. While making no attempt to refute the long-held Indian position that the NPT framework simply is not fair, Sondhi argues that India must show leadership by putting its problem-solving capacity to good use; for example, it must see danger signals ahead of time. He notes that the crisis in former Yugoslavia surely has shown that aggressive groups can create situations that lead to catastrophic destruction of life and property.

## Briefly

● **PERU'S** Supreme Court handed a setback to the puppet government of Panama and its U.S. backers, when it turned down a request to extradite Carlos Wittgreen, a friend of Gen. Manuel Noriega. The court said that the Panamanian government had not presented any evidence for its charges that Wittgreen was responsible for burning a yacht belonging to Gabriel Lewis Galindo, the drug-money-laundering banker who ran the "Civic Crusade" against Noriega from Washington.

● **MAHMUD ABOUHALIMA**, the alleged "mastermind" of the Feb. 26 New York World Trade Center bombing, was tortured by the Egyptian government before being turned over to U.S. authorities, in an effort to extract a confession from him, his brother Mohamed told Reuters. "Mahmud said that there were times during the intense torture that he doesn't know what he said or did," his brother said.

● **THE FIRST** major conference dealing with antiballistic-missile technologies since the mid-1980s is to be held by the Western European Union in Rome on April 20-21, and high-ranking representatives of the United States and Russia are expected to be in attendance.

● **ISRAELI** Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak held a summit meeting in Cairo on April 14, which reportedly focused on bringing Palestinians back into the Mideast peace talks.

● **CAMBODIAN** Prime Minister Hun Sen said on April 5 that Khmer Rouge political leader Khieu Samphan should be tried for genocide, for ordering massacres of ethnic Vietnamese civilians in Cambodia. On April 3, Khmer Rouge guerrillas carried out what a U.N. spokesman called a "cold-blooded execution," killing three unarmed U.N. soldiers and wounding three others.