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Boutros-Ghali orders U.N. silence on Rwanda

U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali has imposed a total silence on U.N. agencies' discussions about Rwanda, following a declaration by the U.N. High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) that it would stop all work in Rwanda because it had evidence that the Rwandan Popular Front (RPF) government was slaughtering Hutus. Boutros-Ghali said that these charges were "unjustified" and that the inquiry into the reported slaughter has not been finished. Only he would be allowed to comment on the matter. His own appointed U.N. mission to Rwanda said that the UNHCR statements were "without foundation."

This affair could blow apart the British operation in Rwanda, since the British, out of Uganda, have been controlling the RPF from the outset, as *EIR* reported in a cover story on Aug. 19. In what may be a counter-operation from the U.N.-British forces, the London-based Africa Rights Watch group has demanded a full inquiry into massacres by "Hutu extremists" in Rwanda. The international media, in its majority, have been fast to jump on the issue of "Hutu extremist" killings, but has backed away from identifying the RPF genocide.

Delay in lifting Bosnian arms embargo

The Clinton administration on Sept. 29 decided not to press for a binding U.N. Security Council resolution to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia. This followed consultations by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher with the British and French, who oppose lifting the embargo. Bosnia wants a guarantee that the embargo will eventually be lifted, but in a compromise gesture on Sept. 27, Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic had said he would be willing to accept a Security Council resolution to lift the arms embargo, but delay doing so for six months.

"We want a resolution that accomplish-

es our objective—to reflect some of the concerns of the Bosnian government," he said. "The goal is to get a resolution that would be supported in the Security Council. We are looking for a consensus."

The first sign that a deal was in the works to postpone the lifting of the arms embargo came at the Sept. 28 joint press conference in Washington by Presidents Boris Yeltsin and Bill Clinton, in answer to a reporter's question, Yeltsin said: "Our solution of this task is made easier by the fact that the Bosnians themselves have now asked that the discussion of this issue be postponed in general for four to six months. We shall see what happens in that time."

Bosnia's Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic said he was outraged by comments by British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, who said that the Bosnians wanted to delay lifting the embargo. "That is a deliberate misinterpretation of our position, and we find that unfortunate," Silajdzic said. "Mr. Hurd is commending the Bosnian government for fulfilling his wishful thinking." Hurd repeated the formula in a press conference with Warren Christopher.

Vatican calls for new conference on population

The Vatican wants to hold a population conference in Taiwan next year, while the U.N. holds a Women's Conference in Beijing. Cardinal Alfonso López Trujillo, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family, visited Taipei, Taiwan on Sept. 13-19, and met with President Lee Teng-hui.

The news agency CNA reported that President Lee "stressed that the Chinese in Taiwan attach great importance to traditional family ethics and natural birth control," and supported Pope John Paul II's anti-abortion and family ethics policies. Cardinal López Trujillo told President Lee that a population meeting in Taiwan would make it possible for Taiwan to "provide its experiences in family planning programs and emphasis on family morality to other countries in the world." U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali wants the September 1995 Women's Conference to serve as a

forum for extending the P.R.C.'s brutal population control policies to the whole world.

Israel to build new settlements on West Bank

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who curbed Israeli construction in the Occupied Territories two years ago, has approved new housing for a Jewish settlement just inside the West Bank, officials said on Sept. 26.

The Palestine Liberation Organization reacted angrily to the decision. "It is very regrettable that Prime Minister Rabin has authorized such an expansion of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories," said Marwan Kanafani, an aide to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"This violates in letter and spirit all the agreements that the [Palestinian] National Authority signed with the Israeli government," he told Reuters. He said that the PLO would raise the issue with Israel.

The building of new settlements also coincided with the release of the leader of the fascist Kach movement, Baruch Marzel, who is to stay under house arrest for three months in the Jewish Tel Romeida enclave of Hebron.

PRI officials defend Mexico's Bishop Ruiz

Officials of Mexico's ruling party, the Revolutionary Institutional Party (PRI), allied to "Red Bishop" Samuel Ruiz of San Cristóbal de las Casas, in the state of Chiapas, have demanded an "investigation" of those who participated in a peaceful protest demonstration against Bishop Ruiz on Sept. 21 in San Cristóbal de las Casas. Ruiz is a founder of the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN), which launched a violent insurrection in Chiapas on Jan. 1, 1994.

At the Sept. 21 demonstration, hundreds of Chiapas citizens gathered to protest efforts by elements of the Mexican Roman Catholic Church and others to reinstate Ruiz as a mediator with the EZLN and to protect him against Vatican wrath. Many demon-

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strators carried the posters published by the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA), showing Ruiz as a snake and a "wanted" criminal.

Interim PRI governor of Chiapas Javier López Moreno, a supporter of Ruiz, announced that he would be investigating the protesters, and government-appointed peace commissioner Jorge Madrazo Cuellar, who has publicly declared himself a follower of Ruiz's "pastoral work" and of the Marxist "theology of liberation," threatened that the National Human Rights Commission would be investigating municipal officials who had allegedly participated in the Chiapas demonstration.

The MSIA issued a statement denouncing this "political persecution" of Ruiz's opponents, and warning that these actions are inspired by a political faction inside the PRI which wants the PRI's governor-elect for Chiapas, Eduardo Robledo, to step down in favor of Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas's PRD party, which is allied to Ruiz and to the Zapatista insurgency.

Bangladesh is 'no model for population control'

Betsy Hartmann, author of a forthcoming book titled *Reproductive Rights and Wrongs*, wrote in a comment in the *International Herald Tribune* on Sept. 30 that "a sobering reality has largely been overlooked" by population control advocates. Bangladesh, so often praised for lowering its fertility rate despite its poverty, is one such reality. Its very aggressive population control program has been carried out at the cost of any primary health services, she wrote.

"Bangladesh gives the lie to the claim that family planning is the best way to improve women's and children's lives. Maternal death rates are still extremely high because there is little decent pregnancy care, and the small improvement in infant mortality is largely due to a childhood immunization drive in the late 1980s and better control of dysentery."

Hartmann, who did research in rural Bangladesh in 1975, found then that what-

ever birth control was available, was also provided without proper medical care, because there was virtually no primary health care system outside the big cities. This is still true today.

For the last 20 years, Bangladesh, "encouraged by international development agencies, has embarked on an ill-conceived crusade for population control that has worked against establishing a primary health-care system." Health workers receive a fee for sterilizing women. A 1983 World Bank investigation found that filthy government clinics were often sterilizing women without their knowledge, and in 1984, officials withheld emergency food supplies to women flood victims unless they agreed to be sterilized.

Health workers neglected all other duties except sterilization, in order to get the fees. Since the mid-1980s, population control has absorbed one-third of Bangladesh's entire health budget.

Mossad role charged in murder of Uwe Barschel

A new book claiming that the late prime minister of the German state of Schleswig-Holstein, Uwe Barschel, was murdered by an Israeli Mossad assassination squad, is drawing a great deal of attention in Germany. Entitled *Secret Operation: Mossad*, the book is by Victor Ostrovsky, a former Mossad agent. It was released in Germany at the end of September and in English by HarperCollins on Oct. 6.

Whether Ostrovsky's account is true or not, it certainly reopens the controversial Barschel dossier. The absurd official verdict was that Barschel committed suicide in a bathtub in a Geneva hotel in October 1987. Independent *EIR* investigations have shown that the murder was only a string of such "hits" aimed at clamping the lid on the Iran-Contra arms deals.

Ostrovsky asserts that the Mossad had a special "Operation Hannibal" to eliminate Barschel. Barschel was to have testified before a parliamentary commission in Bonn in mid-October, and would have exposed some secret deals between Israel and Iran.

● **SHINING PATH** terrorists bombed the home of Peruvian President Fujimori's most trusted intelligence agent, Segifredo Luza, on Sept. 23, the second anniversary of the capture of guerrilla chieftain Abimael Guzmán. Luza is an expert in psychological warfare. No one was hurt in the bombing, which was one of 10 terrorist attacks in Lima that day.

● **FIDEL CASTRO** expressed his existentialist view of history in an interview with the Venezuelan daily *El Nacional* of Sept. 25. "I believe that man cannot and should not be guided by ambition to occupy a place in history," he said. "I believe that man should guide himself by certain ideas . . . and to fight for them. All the rest will disappear. Why should we concern ourselves over an ephemeral history?"

● **THE CHINESE** Communist Party's Central Committee completed a meeting in Beijing on Sept. 29. Its final statement emphasized that "our country is currently undergoing extensive and profound social changes, and this requires our party to do better in upholding and improving democratic centralism" and "safeguarding central authority."

● **VENEZUELAN** President Rafael Caldera, speaking to the United Nations General Assembly on Oct. 3, supported Brazil's bid for permanent membership on the Security Council.

● **RUSSIAN** novelist Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn denied that technological development is a positive goal, in an interview published in the daily *Pravda* on Sept. 20. "The fact that we had metallurgy, the fact that we constructed blast furnaces and whole cities like Magnitogorsk, that people flew in space, and that nature was spoiled—you know, this does not constitute progress," he said.