

Infrastructure a target

As indicated on the map, the other feature of the trinational region is the existence of several crucial infrastructure projects, most of them multinational dams. Among the major existing projects are:

- Itaipú Dam, built by Paraguay and Brazil on the border between them on the Paraná River, the largest hydroelectric dam in the world;
- Corpus Dam, also on the Paraná where it divides Argentina and Paraguay;
- Yacyretá Dam, downriver from Corpus, also on the Argentine-Paraguayan border; and
- Garabí and Roncador dams on the Uruguay River on the Argentine-Brazilian border.

These projects are prime targets for sabotage by terrorists. The Buenos Aires daily *Clarín* on Nov. 21 reported that the Argentine government had recommended to the Paraguayan government that the two sign an agreement to prevent sabotage or terrorist attacks on the Yacyretá hydroelectric project. Within two years, the 20 turbines of the project will be fully operational, and it will generate over 40% of Argentina's electricity. A high-level official of the Argentine Foreign Ministry told *Clarín* that since there are Hezbollah forces reportedly in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay and Foz do Iguazú, Brazil, "without stationing troops or affecting sovereignty, we seek greater guarantees," as both cities are close to Yacyretá. In response to this report, the Lebanese ambassador in Asunción, Nazir Ahmad Chamass, denied that any Lebanese group was planning terrorist attacks on the hydroelectric dam.

Given the character of the trinational region, the WWF's efforts to transform the entire Paraná jungle into a protected area, as outlined in the 1993 report by the WWF's Argentine branch, Fundación Vida Silvestre, should be a red flag for serious investigators. Under the guise of promoting "integrationist policies" to protect flora and fauna, the WWF's designation of several potential multinational protected zones is minimally a pretext for chopping up existing nation-states and eliminating sovereignty.

That same point was made by Juan Carlos Chebes, formerly an adviser to the Argentine presidency from the National System of Protected Areas. In an interview published in the December 1993 supplement of *Sos Vida* magazine, Chebes explained that the creation of Argentina's national parks in the last century "was seen as a means of defending sovereignty in remote areas of our national territory." However, today, he said, the opportunity exists to create "a network of twin reserves which integrate different nations on behalf of a single conservationist objective." Chebes recommended that the Argentine Armed Forces, which now control several of the country's parks, hand the parks over to the National Park Service and function only as environmental custodians of the parks. This would suit any terrorists just fine.

Britain's 'Islamic' wave of terrorism

by Joseph Brewda

The British government is dead-set against the peace process unleashed by the September 1993 signing of the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organization peace accords. Britain has blocked economic development credits to the Occupied Territories, and is trying to provoke a civil war between the PLO and Hamas. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres are currently high on a British hit-list.

This is the context in which to situate Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur's remarks on the Hezbollah (Party of God) base in the tri-border Iguazú park region in South America. Although it might also be used to destabilize the region itself, the base is part of a British-directed international capability.

Who runs Mideast terrorism?

In early 1982, the British government and its collaborators within the Reagan administration had decided that a new Mideast war was necessary. Then-Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon was detailed to Washington at that time to meet with Secretary of State Alexander Haig, to finalize plans for an Israeli invasion of Lebanon. But a pretext had to be found.

On June 3, assassins of Abu Nidal's Palestinian terrorist organization shot Israeli diplomat Shlomo Argov in London. The next day, Sharon led the invasion of Lebanon that had been formally agreed to six months earlier. Through the years, Abu Nidal, whose father had been a close collaborator of the British and Zionists, has killed more PLO officials than the Israelis have. In 1983, his network killed Issam Sartawi, a top PLO official who was advocating a peace agreement with Israel along the lines negotiated in 1993.

The Hezbollah of Lebanon has the same profile as Abu Nidal's organization. Its militarily senseless shelling of northern Israel from positions in southern Lebanon has provided the convenient pretext for numerous Israeli strikes into Lebanon, and Israel's continuing occupation of a "security strip," within Lebanon's borders. Yet while Hezbollah bases are occasionally bombed by Israeli planes, Israel never stops Hezbollah ships carrying hashish and opium from Lebanon's Bekaa Valley to customers in Europe.

Hezbollah, like Hamas, is funded and armed by Iran, the supposed great enemy of the West. But as the Iran-

Contra affair revealed, George Bush's faction (which aided the British war on Argentina, ran the Panama invasion, and set up the Haiti occupation), armed Khomeini's Iran. This military aid to Iran was coordinated by the British government, with the logistical support of Israel. This same combination put the lunatic Ayatollah Khomeini and his party into power in 1979 in the first place.

But the British do not only control Arab and Islamic terrorism.

Immediately following the Israeli-PLO peace treaty, Ariel Sharon and his associates called for Jewish resistance to the Israeli government, whose officials they termed traitors. Sharon, former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, former Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, and other leaders of the Likud bloc publicly demanded that Israeli soldiers disobey any orders calling for dismantling Jewish settlements in the Occupied Territories, and called for armed resistance. They received little initial support for such talk internally, but enthusiastic support, and funding, from certain Zionist quarters in Britain and the United States.

This campaign bore fruit in February 1994, when a team of Jewish terrorists entered a Hebron mosque and shot and killed 50 Muslim worshippers. The squad was made up of Jewish Defense League members, a Brooklyn-formed group overseen in Israel by Sharon's top deputy, Rafi Eytan. The massacre was intended to destroy the peace process.

This lunatic Sharon wing of Israeli politics has always been under British control, via such tools as World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman of Canada, and his sidekick, the mobster Meshulam Riklis. Former Prime Minister Shamir, the grand old man of this network, led the wartime "Stern gang," the assassination network whose brutal murders ensured that the creation of Israel would be accompanied by unending war. Shamir, Sharon, and their group have labeled all the land from the Nile to the Euphrates to be Israel's. Their expansionism has kept the Mideast aflame ever since.

Stopping peace

Despite decades of war, a genuine peace accord between Israel and Palestine, and the Arab states generally, remains possible, if economic development proceeds. That economic development, however, is being sabotaged by Britain and the International Monetary Fund. Moreover, the economic situation among Palestinians is now far worse than before the accords. There are no great projects being discussed, and both the Israelis and PLO are reluctant to demand the nuclear power-driven desalination vital for the region.

Because of this sabotage, the Palestinian population has lost its earlier enthusiasm for the accords. This provides the climate for using spectacular assassinations to get rid of regional leaders, provoking war and civil war. British MI-6 chief David Spedding, a former British intelligence Mideast chief and career Arab specialist, knows this full well.

Geneva bank at the center of money-laundering ring

by Dean Andromidas

On Nov. 27, United States federal agents arrested Jean Jacques Handali of the Union Bancaire Privée CBI-TDB (UPB) of Geneva and Gary Kaminsky of Dollar Time, Inc. in Florida, charging them with leading a multimillion-dollar money-laundering ring between the United States and Switzerland. The third largest private bank in Switzerland, UBP is the same bank used by the Frankfurt real estate swindler Jürgen Schneider to launder hundreds of millions of marks from fraudulent real estate deals.

On the following day, Geneva police raided the Geneva offices of UBP, blocking bank accounts and seizing documents and computer diskettes. On the request of U.S. authorities, the Geneva prosecutor's office opened an investigation into the bank. On the same day, U.S. authorities arrested several individuals in New York who functioned as part of what is described as a courier service for laundering cash out of the United States into accounts at UBP. The trail also leads through London, where an accountant for the London-based M. Sorsky and Co. is said to have been involved. The court indicted a total of 11 conspirators, including three UBP account managers.

According to the U.S. Attorney's office in Miami, an investigation was launched in 1993 targeting one Gary Kaminsky, financial officer of Dollar Time, Inc., a discount retail store chain based in Hollywood, Florida. Such operations often serve as convenient means for laundering cash derived from drug trafficking. At that time federal agents launched a "sting" operation, placing a confidential informant in the network who offered \$3 million to be laundered by the ring. According to the indictment and other prosecutorial documents, the principal target of the operation was the "Swiss connection." Kaminsky was believed to be simply a small-time operator. The real targets proved to be much bigger fish.

The Swiss connection

Jean Jacques Handali, a French citizen and an account manager of the UBP bank, is now sitting in U.S. federal prison. The bank officially claims innocence, asserting that Handali conducted his criminal activity alone. Nonetheless, according to the U.S. Attorney's charges, Handali, along with two other account managers, Jeckile E. Valero and Karl Michael Ley, channeled millions of dollars worth of drug