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Charges dropped against Groenewald in S. Africa

South African Judge Jan Hugo on May 22 dismissed charges for "lack of evidence," against three former top defense force officials charged with the murder of 13 people in Natal in 1987. The three are Col. Gerrit Griesel, Lt. Col. Jacobus Victor, and Gen. Tienie Groenewald. General Groenewald, a former head of military intelligence, was a crucial figure in African National Congress-Afrikaner negotiations ongoing since the ANC came to power. He has been interviewed in *EIR* several times, and has strongly expressed his belief that the "economic vision of Lyndon LaRouche" is the only hope for South Africa, and for Africa as a whole, to overcome British colonialism.

Contacted by *EIR* in Pretoria on May 23, General Groenewald charged that the whole investigation and trial was a set-up from beginning to end, that the actual murderers, one of whom was a specialist in "pseudo-ops" (countergang warfare), are now protected state witnesses, and will be settled in comfortable residences abroad after the trial. "It's an absolutely sickening political maneuver," Groenewald charged.

Sudan expels afghansi funder Usama Bin Laden

Sudan Foreign Minister Ali Osman Taha stated on May 26 that "Sudan rejects terrorism in all its forms," and that Sudan has asked any Arabs in Sudan suspected of terrorist involvement to leave the country. Up to recently, Sudan has had an open-door policy toward all Arabs.

In addition, Sudan expelled Usama Bin Laden, billionaire figure in the Saudi opposition, it was reported May 24. Usama Bin Laden is a principal funder of global afghansi networks. He has been directly linked through his London offices, to the Algerian Armed Islamic Group (GIA), and to the bombing of the American-run National Guard training center in Riyadh,

Saudi Arabia.

Bin Laden's wealth derives, in part, from his father's multibillion-dollar construction business in Saudi Arabia. Up until his ouster from Sudan, he ran numerous businesses and farms. In 1979, upon graduation, Bin Laden joined the ranks of afghansi guerrillas, taking several of his father's bulldozers with him to Afghanistan. Bin Laden became an outspoken critic of the Saudi monarchy's acquiescence to the Bush-Thatcher Gulf war, and moved to Sudan in 1991, employing many of his afghansi comrades in his numerous commercial businesses.

In the last two years, Bin Laden's relative, Mohammad Jamal Khalifah, has been linked to the networks of alleged World Trade Center bomber Ramzi Ahmad Yousef, and has been identified by Filipino authorities as a key funder, through philanthropic and religious cutouts, of the secessionist Abu Sayyaf and Moro Islamic Liberation Front in the southern Philippines.

Habitat II: another attack on nationhood

Whatever the subject, the issue is always the same: the destruction of sovereign nation-states. Starting June 3, delegations from 187 countries will be converging on Istanbul, Turkey, for "the city summit." Privatization, decentralization of national government powers, and the creation of virtual "city-states" connected to the world government apparatus, is the goal of this last conference of the series that started with Maurice Strong's Eco-92 Summit in Brazil.

On May 22, the State Department's Melinda Kimble, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, said at the Foreign Press Center, talking about Habitat II, "in the next decade, humankind will cross a major watershed because for the first time, sometime in the next decade, more than half of the people of the world will live in cities . . . the places that we can do the least damage in terms of human habitation for the natural environment." In other words: Pack everybody into ghettos,

under non-governmental organization supervision, and let wild animals like Prince Philip roam around as they please.

Then on May 23, the Inter-American Development Bank issued a joint report with the U.N Commission on Human Settlements on Latin America to be presented at the Habitat II conference. It plainly says that "the major investment efforts necessary to resolve urban problems are beyond the scope of individual governments and civil society, and therefore international cooperation must play a central role and assume its rightful responsibility."

Questions surround GIA murder of seven monks

On May 24, the Armed Islamic Group (GIA) of Algeria announced via Moroccan radio Medi-1 that they had cut the throats of the seven French Trappist monks whom they had kidnapped last March because the French government, the former colonial power, had refused to enter into a "dialogue" with them for a prisoner exchange.

The spiritual leaders of GIA are in London: They are Abuqatada and Abu Musab and they publish *Al Ansar*, the GIA regular bulletin.

On May 29, the French paper *Le Monde*, citing Algerian opposition sources in Europe, commented on contacts that reportedly took place between French intelligence and the GIA terrorists. The French counter that the fact that a GIA emissary delivered a videocassette to the French embassy in Algiers, showing the seven monks alive, does not mean that "negotiations" were taking place.

Meanwhile, the representative of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) in Washington, D.C., Anwar Haddam, has called in a letter to Pope John Paul II for his support in establishing an independent commission to probe the tragedy. "We see in this horrible crime fingerprints, we know very well, belong to the special forces of the military regime and the small groups it controls."

The pontiff, speaking at Pentecost celebrations in St. Peter's on May 25, said that

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the monks' dedication was an honor to the Roman Catholic Church "and will surely sow the seeds of reconciliation and peace among the Algerian people to whom they [the monks] had become loyal."

New Ukrainian premier won't buck the IMF

On May 27, Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma appointed Pavlo Lazarenko, his confidant, as the new prime minister, replacing Evhen Marchuk, who had failed to implement the "reforms" demanded by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The new prime minister is a stooge for Kuchma. Lazarenko is called an "agricultural specialist." In reality, he started adult life as a collective farm tractor driver in the Dnepropetrovsk region, the home area of Kuchma, and then embarked on a typical Communist Party career, rising to the post of deputy prime minister last year under Kuchma's tutelage.

Ukrainian media report that Kuchma is preparing his next power play against his opposition in the parliament.

Suit against Venevisión will be heard in Caracas

On May 25, a judge in Venezuela ruled that the court will hear a criminal lawsuit filed by Alejandro Peña of the Venezuelan Labor Party against Venevisión executive Carlos Bardasano. The suit charges that the Venevisión executive had deliberately brought false accusations against Peña in 1994, in a fraudulent effort to get him imprisoned, or killed.

The judge must next decide whether to subpoena Bardasano for questioning, or order him placed in preventive detention while the case is considered.

The case stems from the 1994 attempt by the dirty Cisneros banking and business interests to silence Lyndon LaRouche's co-thinkers in Venezuela. In March 1994, following the bankruptcy of one of their associated banks, Banco Latino, the Diego Cis-

neros Organization filed suit against Peña, seeking his imprisonment on allegations that Peña had engaged in "inciting criminal activity . . . [and] destruction and looting," against Cisneros interests in Venezuela. A principal plaintiff and witness in the case was Carlos Bardasano, executive director of the Cisneros-owned television network, Venevisión. The wildly fraudulent case against Peña was thrown out of court in May 1994.

Venevisión was permitted to buy the major U.S. Spanish-language network Univision, despite formal protests filed with the Federal Communications Commission by EIR News Service, Inc., among others.

Tory party probed for links to Belgrade

The British Conservative party's financial links to the Serbian regime in Belgrade have been the target of investigations, which the London daily the *Independent* reported on its front page on May 25.

The revelations, timed with Prime Minister John Major's trip, May 24, to Bosnia to visit the "democratic" Serbs in Banja Luka and British IFOR troops in Sipovo, refer to secret deals made in December 1994, between then-party chairman Hanley, Serbian businessman Zoran Tancic, and John Kennedy, a Yugoslav-born Conservative Party politician.

The Serbs paid "less than £50,000" into the Tory party coffers, and two Serbian trading firms, Metta Trading and Metalchem International, received clearance from the British Department of Trade and Industry.

Both firms and the people that chaired them, were on the U.S. Treasury Department blacklist, for trading with Serbia despite U.N. sanctions. A former member of the Metta board of directors was Jovan Zebic, a former vice-governor of the Belgrade Central Bank who is one of the key players behind the Serbian use of the currency printing-machines in 1990, to finance the war against the other republics of former Yugoslavia.

INDIGENISM kills: 8,000 of the total 9,200 members of the Yanomami Indians, whose "rights" to preserve their primitive Amazon culture are championed by Prince Philip's wildlife crowd, run the risk of going blind because they have been infected with onchocerciasis, which is transmitted by flies, a recent article in *O Globo* in Rio de Janeiro reported.

THE RUSSIAN elections are not rigged at all, according to a political joke making the rounds in Moscow recently and picked up in European papers. "Have you heard the latest election results?" the joke runs, "Zyuganov got 55% of the vote, but Yeltsin got even more!"

THE TURKISH Army began training nearly 200 Bosnian soldiers on May 20 under a U.S.-led project, news wires reported. "We are pleased to help you with training for your struggle in the future," Turkish Gen. Dogu Aktulga told Bosnian tank officers and their crews at a ceremony in a military base in Ankara. Other NATO member-states have refused to participate in the program.

AFTER VENEZUELA'S Supreme Electoral Council arbitrarily canceled the registration of the Venezuelan Labor Party, the daily *Ultimas Noticias* reported on May 25 about numerous protests at home and from abroad. Venezuelan intellectual Juan Liscano reminded the council that Article 27 of the law permits legally registered parties to not participate in elections during a constitutional period, without losing their registration.

THE FRENCH government stripped all security protection from former Lebanese Prime Minister Michel Aoun, who resides near Paris, on May 22. The pretext for this action is that Aoun is suing the government for having kept him from testifying at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Two weeks earlier, a close relative of another political exile, former Iranian President Abolhassan Banisadr, was gunned down in Paris.