

Entente Bestiale

'Islamic' terrorists gather in London, salute the Union Jack

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Preparations for an international terrorist conference in London on Sept. 8, have brought into the broad public view a truth which this news service has been virtually alone in exposing: the control of terrorism by the British oligarchy and its intelligence services.

On Aug. 20, the Egyptian daily *Al-Akhabar* accused the British government of sponsoring terrorism: "Britain is intending to organize an 'international Islamic conference,' which will be attended by the leaders of the top terrorist organizations in the Islamic world."

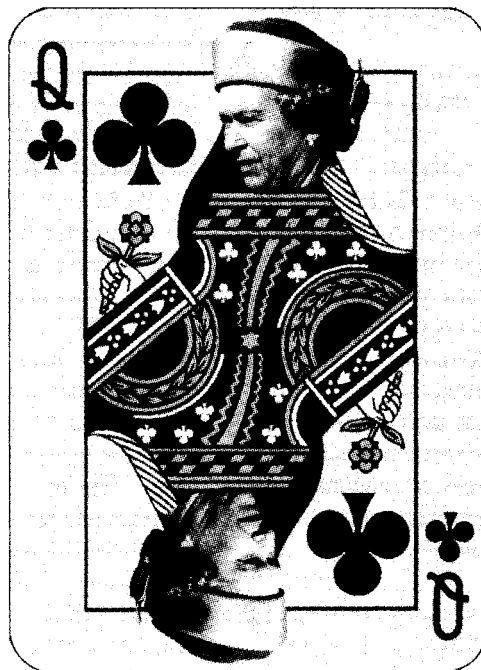
This statement was quickly echoed by the chairman of the Egyptian President's office, Usama Al-Baz, who, on Aug. 24, called on European countries "not to give terrorist groups a chance to use these countries as a base to launch and fund terrorist operations." Speaking on Egyptian television, he added: "We are not demanding that they protect us, but we do demand that they stop making their country a fertile field for destabilization of the security of other nations."

Next, on Aug. 26, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amre Mousa said that "there is a question mark on this issue. We, and many other countries, don't understand [Britain's] position. . . . Egypt will contact the British government to find out the truth of the matter and to discuss the possible consequences of such an unfortunate step."

Then, on Aug. 27, the official Egyptian daily *Al-Ahram* carried an exposé of the British role in providing a comfortable base for organizing and fundraising for some of the most notorious terrorist groups in the world. The newspaper charged that almost \$140 million has been solicited by terrorist groups in Britain, with the full knowledge of British intelligence's domestic counterintelligence department, MI5. "The MI5 has done nothing to stop these funds from becoming bombs," reported *Al-Ahram*.

The international gathering in question, known as the Re-

vival Conference, has been held annually for the last two years. The organizers were formerly a group called Hizbu Ut-Tahrir, an umbrella organization for Islamist groups in Britain. Almost 14,000 participants have attended in the past, at London's huge Wembley Arena, a soccer stadium. This year, however, the event will be organized by **Omar Bakri**, who lost his chairmanship over Hizbu Ut-Tahrir, and is now the leader of the Muhajirun movement and chairman of the London School for Shari'a. He has been organizing Muslim university students in the U.K. to support his terrorist projects.



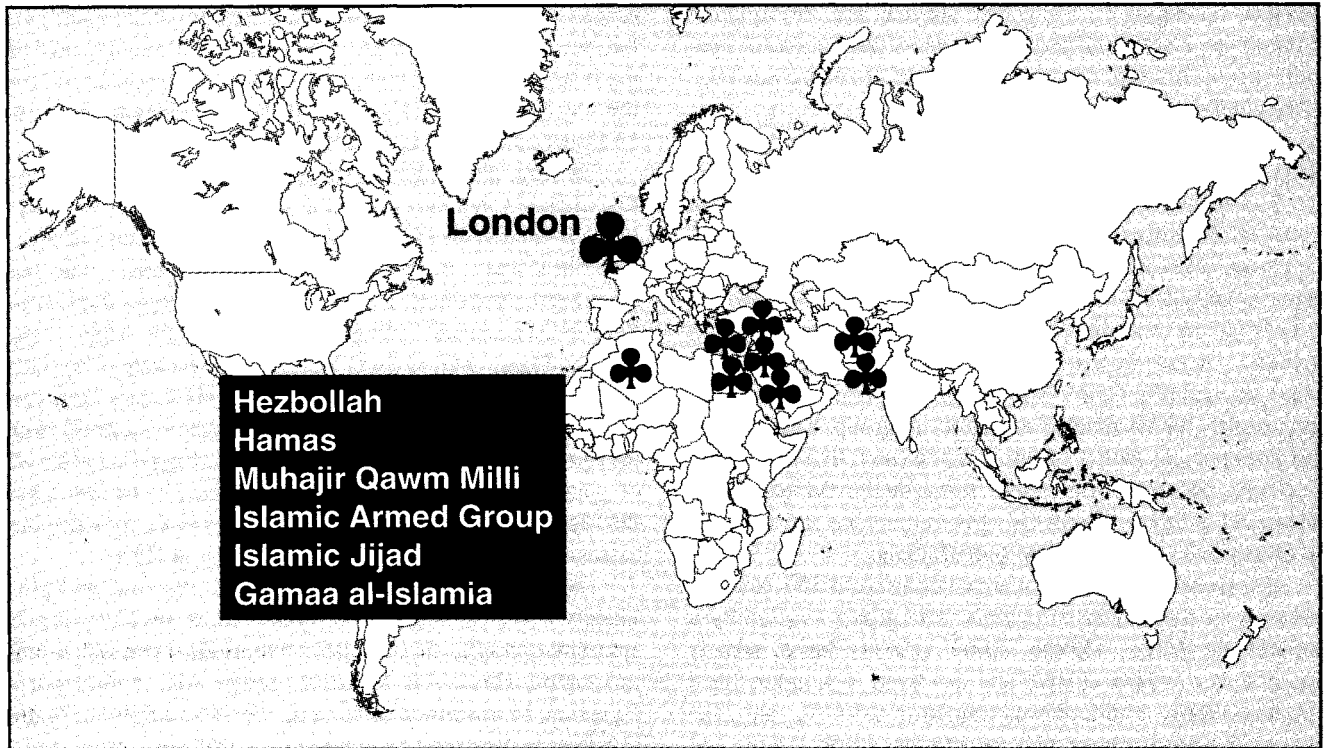
The Revival Conference gathers leaders and supporters of Islamist organizations from around the world. Speeches are made calling for a *Jihad* (holy war) against the United States, Israel, and their respective governments, creating the psychological environment in which political support and, more importantly, donations, are made to support these groups in their home countries.

The list of leaders of Islamic groups who were invited to make speeches at the coming rally includes: **Osama Bin Laden**, Saudi terrorist financier; **Sheikh Hussein Fadhlallah**, leader of Hezbollah of Lebanon; **Mohammed Al-Masaari**, leader of a London-based Saudi opposition group; **Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman**,

who is in prison in the United States; **Sheikh Ahmed Yassin**, founder of the Palestinian group Hamas; and a number of extremist Pakistani groups. Those who will not be able to attend the rally will send videotaped speeches.

No other country in the world today rivals Britain in the density of Islamic organizations advocating terrorism to destabilize Islamic nations. This is not because the British government is so "tolerant," as its propagandists claim (see box); it is because the British oligarchy has, for centuries, manipu-

London gathers its terrorist brood



lated and controlled groups such as these, for its broader strategic, geopolitical aims.

Britain's efforts to create irrationalist movements within Islam date back to the early 19th century heyday of the British East India Company, which deployed intelligence agents to profile cultural vulnerabilities, and to unearth early pagan traditions that could be "revived" as the basis of new, syncretic "Islamic" sects. In the modern epoch, the India Office of the British Foreign Office tasked its Arab Bureau to continue this program. Saint John Philby, the father of the notorious "triple agent" H. Kim Philby, was a leading figure in this effort, along with Edward Evans-Pritchard (father of the Hollinger Corporation's poison-pen, Ambrose Evans-Pritchard), and Bernard Lewis, author of the infamous "arc of crisis" doctrine, and the intellectual author of Ayatollah Khomeini's 1979 "Islamic Revolution" in Iran.

To this day, the British Foreign Office regularly dispatches teams of cultural anthropologists to every city, town, and village in the Near East, updating the genealogical charts on the leading families, and scouring for prospective recruits. Through this method, British intelligence has maintained a hands-on ability to foster precisely the terror apparatus now gathering in London.

Some of the most notorious terrorist groups in the Islamic world are currently organizing and fundraising in Britain. For example, the spiritual leaders of the mass-murderous Islamic Armed Group of Algeria (GIA) live in London. **Abu Qatada**

al-Filistini and **Abu Musaab al-Suri**, the editors of the GIA's newspaper *Al-Ansar*, openly advocated the killing of Christian priests, foreigners, women, and children of government officials in Algeria. Abu Qatada told the London-based daily *Al-Hayat* on Aug. 22, 1995, that he "approves the killing of Christian priests in Algeria."

Hamas has an office in London, and its monthly magazine, *Filisteen al-Muslima*, published a *Fatwa* (religious ruling) advocating the suicide bombing of civilian targets in Israel, during the terror wave of February and March of this year, which ousted the Labor government of Prime Minister Shimon Peres, and put the Likud Party into power. The Islamic Jihad and Gamaa al-Islamia of Egypt also use London as their base. **Adel Tawfiq al-Sirri** and **Adel Abdel Maguid Abdel Bari** are leaders of this group. The former has a death sentence waiting for him in Egypt, as the result of a failed assassination attempt against Egyptian Prime Minister Atif Sidqi. Al-Sirri has been granted political asylum in Britain.

Saudi dissident **Mohammed al-Masaari** has recently been advocating attacks on U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia. He has been used by the British establishment to blackmail the Saudi regime into accepting a weapons deal worth \$20 billion, and has been granted legal residence in Britain. The Saudi terrorist financier **Osama Bin Laden**, who runs a number of Islamist groups, has an estate in Wembley, London, and reportedly travels frequently between Afghanistan and Britain. *EIR* has received documents proving that, at least from

June 1994, Bin Laden has been operating from an office in London belonging to his group, Advice and Reformation Committee, London Office. The leader of the Pakistani separatist group Muhajir Qawm Milli, **Altat Hussein**, has been living in Britain for the last few years.

Egypt: 'All terrorists come from London'

There have been frequent calls from Islamic countries to condemn Britain as a base for international terrorism. In April, Egyptian Interior Minister Hasan Al-Alfi told the London-based weekly *Al-Wasat* that "all terrorists come from London. They exist in other European countries, but they start from London." A few days after that statement, 19 Greek tourists were murdered in Cairo. The Gamaa al-Islamia claimed responsibility for the attack. Leaders of this group, **Yassir Tawfiq al-Serri** and **Abdel Maguid Abdelbari**, live in London and enjoy political asylum there, while on the run from death sentences in Egypt. The British government has refused even to discuss the issue with Egyptian officials.

In December 1995, Egyptian police arrested a 50-member network of the Gamaa el-Islamia. The group was led by a naturalized Briton, **Akram Abdel Aziz al-Sharif**, who is married to a British citizen, and has lived in London since the mid-1980s. Al-Sharif was trained in the U.K., and was regularly receiving large amounts of money from Britain and

Switzerland, to finance his operations. Egypt is mostly concerned about el-Serri and Abdelbari, leaders of the Talai'i el-fath faction of the "Gamaa." The two were also connected to the Islamic Jihad of Egypt, which claimed responsibility for the bombing of the Egyptian embassy in Pakistan, in which 15 Egyptian diplomats were killed.

On Aug. 25, the Egyptian Supreme Security Deputy Office declared that investigations into 40 members of the Islamic Jihad revealed that the group has been trained and organized in Damascus, Syria. The 40 terrorists were connected to al-Serri, Abdelbari, and one **Aiman al-Dhawahiri**, who lives in Switzerland. This group took part in the Afghanistan War, and later entered Syria legally, with the help of Syrians who had met them in Afghanistan. Later, they were deployed to Egypt. Egyptian security forces moved against them, after the Syrian government refused to extradite Egyptians accused of planning terrorist attacks in Egypt. This move has been the biggest blow to the terrorist networks in Egypt since the assassination of President Anwar as-Sadat in 1981.

The Egyptian weekly magazine *Roz al-Yusuf* had previously revealed that at least one of those involved in the assassination of as-Sadat, **Abdul Majid Hussein**, was living in London. Hussein is reportedly cooperating with another Egyptian, **Mohammed al-Maqri**, now an Imam at one of the mosques in the center of London.

London terrorists took 'an oath to the Queen'

A group describing itself as "the Queen's loyal Muslim subjects" took offense at recent accusations that London is harboring Islamic terrorists. A communiqué, issued by the Bangladeshi Muslim Literary Circle in Great Britain, and authored by **Mohammed Jalal-Abadi**, responded to an article in the London *Sunday Times* on Aug. 18, which accused some British Muslims of being linked to terrorist networks in the Middle East. Jalal-Abadi is a major advocate of terrorism against Western, especially American, interests.

"Britain's record of tolerance and fairness is well known," he writes. "Barely any other nation can rival her in this. This is the spirit and human virtue which always bids Britain to support the underdog, even if that underdog happens to be an enemy. It wouldn't be unfitting to say that this little island became 'Great' because of this trait.

"We British Muslims have taken an oath of loyalty, in the name of Allah, to the Queen and the State. For us Muslims this is, indeed, a very serious matter, for we are

under obligation both to Allah, then to the Queen and the State, to keep this oath.

"We are looking forward to the day when all Islamic land is liberated and united, and we are able to establish excellent relations between Britain and the Islamic world. That is exactly the new world order the enemies of Islam want to postpone."

Jalal-Abadi concludes by asking British Intelligence to carry out an investigation of those who are "spying" on Islamic groups, "to see if these gangs are not on the payroll of the Zionist terrorist organization, Mossad."

Jalal-Abadi, an elderly "poet" whose words can only breed hatred in the hearts of suicide bombers and GIA throat-slitters, has been urging Muslims to destroy any American influence in the Islamic world, and to keep the fire of Arab-Israeli bloodshed blazing. He issued a statement in July 1996, saying that "the Infidel must be ejected from the land of Haramain [Saudi Arabia]." He emphasized that "it is now time for Islamic jurists to issue a *Fatwa* pinpointing the fact that infidel armies' stay in the holiest land of Islam violates all *Shari'a* injunctions. Hence it is imperative for the Islamic *Ummah* [nation] to eject the forces of *Kufr*. It is, of course, up to the *Ummah* how they achieve this objective. . . . We must not, by Allah, allow this kind of [U.S.] criminal activity to continue."