

Editorial

What Mubarak and Mahathir know

High-level discussions occurred again the week of Jan. 12 between the governments of Egypt and Sudan. Sudanese State Minister for Foreign Relations Dr. Mustafa Othman Ismail, according to the official Egyptian daily *Al-Ahram*, said that the discussions between him and Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Mousa, concerned “threats posed to Sudan’s territorial integrity and stability, normalization of relations, water and economic cooperation.” He also revealed that special groups from both Sudan and Egypt have started discussions on the problems between the two countries, especially in trade, irrigation, and security affairs.

The best laid plans of the British Crown, for creating war between the two nations, seem to have gone awry. Even worse for the British, the actions of the Mubarak government are part of an international thrust by moderate Islamic nations, to break free of the controlled environment which British control of terrorists and financial pirates has created.

It was a little more than a year ago, that the moderate Islamic states began to get together around the so-called D-8, or Developing 8, whose initial champion was Turkey’s Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan. Despite Erbakan’s political demise, the momentum for establishing collaboration among Islamic nations, emphatically including Iran, has continued. The latest example was the summit of the Organization of Islamic Conference, which Iran hosted in December, whose major focus was the enhancement of economic ties, including the international mega-project called the New Silk Road.

The perspective of promoting economic infrastructure projects as a pathway to peace and cooperation within, and among, nations, has also been put forward by President Hosni Mubarak, as he has moved ahead with major water development projects in the last year.

It didn’t take a genius to realize that the British devotees of geopolitics were determined to abort the development perspective of these countries. True, many of the nations involved, even former British colonies, have a maddening susceptibility toward blaming the United States for everything that goes wrong. And, the British apparatus is notorious for

courting the anti-Americans, and exploiting the weaknesses in American policy. But, increasingly, the British role became clear.

The British played a very visible role in coordinating the opposition in Sudan, for example, and in claiming that the Sudanese were behind the 1995 assassination attempt against President Mubarak. At the beginning, the Egyptians relied on British intelligence, but, as time went on, it was clear that nothing that the British had to say, panned out. And every attempt at diplomatic resolution of the divisions in Sudan, was sabotaged by the parties who were taking their cues from individuals like Lady Caroline Cox. The question had to be raised: Was there a dirty game being played here?

The consequences of a threatened Sudanese breakup, in terms of the security of Egypt’s water supply, and the potential for Israeli geopolitical gains in Africa, also could not be ignored.

Add to this the fact that the Egyptians had known for quite some time, that the leaders of the major terrorist groups targetting their state and President, resided in London, and that protests and requests for extradition by the Egyptian government went unheeded—and the suspicions had to be deepened.

At the same time, Malaysia’s Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad, who had been riding the crest of a wave of speculative investment into his nation, also ran directly into the British—specifically, front-man for British financial interests George Soros. Mahathir was for a long time considered acceptable by the Commonwealth, but he was fiercely committed to improving the well-being of his nation. So, when the Soros-led “markets” smashed his nation, he woke up.

Mahathir has subsequently begun to act as a spokesman for his fellow anti-colonialists, damning the immorality of currency speculators who blithely wipe out the hard-won gains of a nation in an orgy of profit-taking. In fact, he is damning the British Empire.

The courage of both men to tell the truth, should be an example to everyone who wants to save this world, finally, from the British imperial scourge.