

UN Monterrey Meeting Targetted by Terrorists

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Will the United Nations "International Conference on the Financing of Development," scheduled in Monterrey, Mexico on March 18-22, be hit with "Seattle"-style urban terrorism? The requisite elements are certainly being assembled for just such a battle. Mass protests are being prepared, organized by the financier-run Jacobin crew which *EIR* has identified as behind the riots which have occurred in successive cities around the world since the November 1999 World Trade Organization (WTO) summit in Seattle. Under that cover, a hard-core terrorist element, specifically the Colombian FARC and fellow members of the São Paulo Forum, is being deployed, as well.

The UN financing conference, the latest of the series of United Nations mega-conferences which began with the 1992 ecology extravaganza in Rio de Janeiro, provides an egregious target. As many as 50 heads of state are scheduled to attend, among them George Bush and Fidel Castro. Finance and Foreign Ministers and Congressmen are included in the 180 government delegations expected from around the world. Representatives of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the WTO, plus hundreds of private businessmen and religious leaders, and thousands of non-governmental organization (NGO) activists, are registered as well, bringing the total of expected participants in the official conference to some 5,000 people. And that does not include all of the other protestors expected to descend on Monterrey, estimated by some media at as many as 40,000.

A pre-meeting of NGOs and "civil society" is to be held on March 14-16, as an official feeder-event to the UN conference proper. Called the "Global Forum on the Right for Financing for Equitable Sustainable Development," this meeting is projected to have 7,000 participants, many of whom are then to attend the main conference. But organizers of the Global Forum—primarily a group of Mexican radical feminist organizations, with financing provided by the World Social Forum-linked ATTAC association—have already announced that the final document drafted for the UN event is unacceptable, and they will be leading joint protests with the organizers of yet another event being planned, the "Another World Is Possible" Social Assembly. The latter will be held simultaneously to the UN conference proper, as an "alternative" forum.

So many people are expected to inundate Monterrey, that a local official suggested that up to 20 heads of state might be housed in private homes, which would be a security nightmare

in itself, even were the planned urban terrorism not to succeed.

EIR's investigations have identified the Jan. 31-Feb. 4 Pôrto Alegre meeting of the World Social Forum as the planning center for the intended international Jacobin assault (see accompanying article). The WSF final manifesto identifies the Monterrey meeting as a target for "mobilization." Attendees of the Pôrto Alegre confab associated with the São Paulo Forum (SPF) continental terrorist apparatus, did their own planning for Monterrey. The national leader of Mexico's Workers' Party (PT), Alberto Anaya, reported that the SPF, in which the Mexican PT is an active member, would hold two Mexico City feed-in meetings to Monterrey. The first was on "Parties and the New Society," on March 1-3; the second, a March 4-5 "Solidarity with Colombia" meeting—by which they mean, solidarity with the narco-terrorist Colombian FARC. Attending, and then going on to Monterrey, were the hard core of the São Paulo Forum: representatives of the Communist Party of Cuba, the Workers' Party of Brazil, the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Union (URNG), the Sandinista National Liberation Front of Nicaragua, and the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front of El Salvador (FMLN). Anaya specified that the FARC and the Basque terrorist group, ETA, would join the Monterrey protests.

PT Congressman José Narro, in an interview published by one of the feminist NGOs, said that the FARC-solidarity conference in Mexico City is "part of the same process" as the Monterrey protests. He reported that the newly formed Mexican national chapter of the WSF would hold its own protest demonstration on March 16 in Monterrey, and would sponsor the "Another World Is Possible" Social Assembly.

The PT wields a significant disruptive capability in Monterrey, through the "Land and Liberty Popular Front," a Maoist organization founded in the early 1970s by Anaya, which controls one of Monterrey's poorer neighborhoods, deploying local drug-dealers, etc.

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The Mexican Army has been placed in charge of security for the conference, but the Fox government is busy assuring the public that "civil society" will not be suppressed. Foreign Minister Jorge Castañeda announced that the Army will not be permitted to carry arms, and he welcomed the NGO participation. The protest crowd already called a press conference on Feb. 14 to charge that a "state of siege" environment is being created in the city. In a blatant security-stripping attempt, they said they would seek legal injunctions against security measures which violate their "right to protest."

Mexican observers note that there could be far-reaching consequences, were any incident successfully mounted. The conference is being held as the Bush Administration is applying extreme pressure on Mexico to accept a subservient role within a North American "security perimeter," including permitting its military to be absorbed into a military "North American Command," all in the name of "fighting terrorism."