

Nations. Countries of the world should close their embassies in Tripoli. They should also close what Qaddafi calls his "popular bureaus," his "embassies," which are criminal centers.

EIR: Several weeks ago, you told the press that the reason Qaddafi wants to kill you is that you know how forces in the West put him in power. Can you elaborate?

Bakoush: Yes, certain forces, especially in the United States, helped him to power. I cannot mention certain names yet, but the President of the time was certainly responsible. They helped him psychologically and politically.

Even today, despite the official policy of President Reagan of boycotting Libyan oil, Libyan oil is actually being sold to the United States. It is being shipped to the Bahamas where Libyan oil is being mixed with another kind of crude then shipped and sold to the United States. They then say that because it has been mixed, it is not Libyan oil anymore.

EIR: Was not Henry Kissinger, then U.S. National security adviser, involved?

Bakoush: Yes, but I cannot tell details. Now, as at the time, some American policy makers are still supporting Qaddafi in open defiance of the policy of President Reagan. Look, newspapers throughout the world are full of denunciations of Qaddafi and his crimes, but his oil is still being sold.

EIR: When you speak about the United States and Qaddafi, don't you think you are referring at least to several factions?

Bakoush: Sure, there are several factions. President Reagan has a good policy, but his policies are not being implemented by his advisers around him.

EIR: You have talked about the Western support for Qaddafi. What about the Soviet Union and the East bloc countries?

Bakoush: Sure, the Eastern countries are working with him, but they have no respect for him. They know they cannot have confidence in him. They only respect him because he has oil which is sold to the West and he has money. If only the West were to boycott Libyan oil for six months, you would see the effects.

EIR: Don't you think that the fact that Qaddafi has been maintained in power since 1969 implies an agreement between the East and the West?

Bakoush: Absolutely. Within the West, within the United States and the administration in particular, there is a hidden wave, a hidden group, which works against governments, which controls everything outside of the established institutions and which works against democracy.

EIR: Are these factions the ones actually running the assassination lists recently revealed?

Bakoush: These are the people running international assassinations.

Qaddafi: 'We could kidnap Italians'

In an interview with the Rome daily *Il Messaggero* on Dec. 7, Libyan dictator Qaddafi answered a question on the payment of war reparations he has peremptorily demanded from Italy: "We should come to an understanding, otherwise . . . one day one Libya could react, demanding the intervention of the government of the Jamahiria [the "Libyan Socialist Arab Republic"], and demanding the confiscation of some Italian company, or, in extreme cases, could arrive to the point of kidnapping Italian citizens, and this would bring us to the brink of a senseless war." There are 15,000 Italians living in Libya.

Tensions have increased between Italy and Malta, which broke its defense treaty with Italy and signed a new one with Qaddafi and which is daily harassing the Italian troops still on the Mediterranean island. Among other recent provocations, a bomb exploded in the Italian embassy in Malta, and three more in the Vatican embassy, during the day when Italian Premier Bettino Craxi was meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

inations. They are using assassinations, including the potential assassinations of heads of states, prime ministers, and others to help create an atmosphere of fear, while building up Qaddafi's image as if he were able to commit such assassinations, all by himself.

EIR: Why create such an atmosphere of fear?

Bakoush: Primarily it is for financial reasons, questions of profits. I call these circles the new intellectual Nazis!

EIR: Aren't these Nazis working with the Soviets?

Bakoush: Yes, they meet each other on certain issues around the world, to foster fear and to spread confusion for them to maintain their control. They want to divide the world between themselves, and I fear that they may be able to do it! The Nazis and the communists are the same, they are using fear and terrorism to try to control the populations.

EIR: How do you see the role of Egypt now?

Bakoush: Egypt is very committed to fighting against international terrorism and Qaddafi. They are ready to do everything provided that the West stand by. But the West is not standing by, it is helping Qaddafi, just like what happened in 1977 with Egyptian President Sadat [in the first Egypto-Libyan war.]