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Abu Nidal's cells tolerated in Sweden

Why does a regime whose premier was shot dead on the streets grant terrorists a safehouse?

In March 1986, only days after the killer of Premier Olof Palme, whoever he was, escaped from the scene of the hit in downtown Stockholm, a certain Samir Mohammed Khadar arrived in Sweden under a false name, using a Finnish passport. Newly married to a Swedish woman he had met in Rome, Khadar easily obtained a residency permit from the Swedish immigration authority, saying only that he was businessman.

Apparently living a quiet family life in a Stockholm suburb, Khadar was in reality the chief of operations—i.e., “field commander”—of the Abu Nidal Palestinian terrorist gang. He may have been the brains behind a whole series of terrorist atrocities.

The Abu Nidal organization was expelled from the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) of Yasser Arafat in 1974, and was thereafter based in Damascus in Hafez al-Assad's Syria, before its headquarters were moved to Muammar Qaddafi's Libya. Khadar, known under some 15 different false identities, has been wanted for years internationally for several bloody actions, including the attacks against the Café de Paris and the Leonardo da Vinci Airport in Rome, the hijacking of a Pan Am airliner in Karachi, Pakistan, and the machinegun/hand grenade attack against the Greek cruiser, *City of Poros*, this past July 11.

Since the last massacre, in which 10 people were killed, Khadar has disappeared and, according to Greek police, was one of those killed when a car full of weapons, explosives, and money blew up in the Athens harbor

two hours before the attack on the *City of Poros*.

An airplane ticket for a flight from Copenhagen to Athens, found in an Athens hotel room in the name of one Heyad Yaballa, was traced back to Khadar's Scandinavian cover identity and his suburban Stockholm apartment. The late-July search of Khadar's apartment turned up a cryptic note, which led the Swedish security police (SÄPO) to a bag with four Kalashnikov automatic weapons buried in the woods north of Stockholm. The weapons, all of which had been fired, were of the same type that were used in the *City of Poros* hit. At least “some of them” had Russian inscriptions.

Krister Hansén, the chief of the anti-terror section of SÄPO, told the press, “This confirms our suspicions that several terrorists take advantage of our open society and use Sweden as a base. Here, they can move relatively freely.”

Hansén was being extremely polite in referring to the Swedish government's policy of toleration of international terrorists, so long as they can be assumed to be eyeing only targets abroad. But after the Palme murder, can that be assumed?

Hansén stated that SÄPO knows of several cells of Abu Nidal gang members residing in Sweden, but not currently overtly engaging in any illegal activities. The government has been informed by SÄPO, but does not want to move against them.

In all likelihood, Hansén said, there are more weapons buried in various locations, and they are meant to be used in Sweden. “Once you have

gone to the trouble of smuggling them into a country, you do not smuggle them back across another border. You store them in each country where you're active. The day you're ordered to carry out a hit, you dig them up.”

Hansén concluded, “I am convinced that the weapons were to be used one day in Sweden. Only the order was lacking. SÄPO has no opinion on whether a terrorist attack was to hit Arlanda International Airport or the Finland ferry boats. The target could have been anything.”

The government's passive toleration of the Abu Nidal gang's taking up residence in Sweden is particularly cute, when viewed against the background of the ongoing intelligence war waged by the illegal secret service of the Social Democratic regime—nicknamed SAPO—against the, relatively speaking, more independent official security police—SÄPO.

The pretext used by the SAPO ring, headed up by the regime's confidant, homosexual court-jester Ebbe Carlsson, in carrying out a series of illegal actions to discredit SÄPO, was that SÄPO was allegedly dragging its feet in hunting down the killer of Palme. In particular, Carlsson was referring to evidence that the killer was a member of the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), which is known to have carried out other political assassinations in Sweden. The PKK is an international terrorist capability sponsored by the same Moscow-Damascus nexus as the Abu Nidal assassins.

As shown by the case of Khadar and the Abu Nidal cells in Sweden, it is not SÄPO, but the Social Democratic regime itself which is looking the other way when presented with the dossiers on Middle Eastern terrorists living their “quiet family lives” in Stockholm's suburbs, awaiting their next orders to kill.