

Boutros-Ghali promoting a coup d'état against Bosnian sovereignty

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Was the crowd around U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali promoting a sort of coup d'état in Bosnia when Boutros-Ghali's spokesman Fred Eckhard said that if Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic "does not want to sign the Vance-Owen plan, we'll look for somebody else to do it"? The outburst, in New York on March 2, was a threat addressed to President Izetbegovic and his Foreign Minister Haris Silajdzic who were responsible for "making trouble" and refusing to accept the Vance-Owen plan, which would be the death knell for the independence and sovereignty of Bosnia. The plan aims to split the country into ten "ethnic cantons," dissolve the central government and the armed forces, and reward the barbarian aggression, the genocide, the mass rape and the other horrors committed by the Serbian irregular forces, the Chetniks.

Eckhard made clear that he and the U.N. secretary general had in mind—in the person of Prime Minister Mile Akmadzic—a very concrete alternative to the legal leadership of the Bosnian state.

Treachery out in the open

In making such a blackmailing statement against the leaders of a member country, the Boutros-Ghali group was simply making more explicit what it has been doing underhandedly all along: to break the resistance of Bosnia by promoting infighting between Bosnians and Croats. This, added to the Serbian aggression, should have led the Bosnians to accept the U.N. diktat and to give up their sovereignty. "The Vance-Owen plan is designed to provoke the rage of the Bosnian and de facto to lead to the partition of Bosnia itself," a Balkan insider told *EIR*. Indeed the Vance-Owen philosophy is based not only on favoring the Greater Serbians, but also on corrupting the Croats with the mirage of large territorial gains in Bosnia. Through this perfidious mechanism, the U.N. leadership is pushing the Croats to make a deal with the Greater Serbians and to partition the territory of Bosnia.

There are two opposing tendencies fighting each other in Croatia: On one side are supporters of the so-called Starcevic doctrine, i.e. good faith negotiations with the Muslim Bosni-

ans and common fight against the common aggressor. On the other side, there is the tendency favored by Boutros-Ghali and those who support him. This is the so-called Macek doctrine, which foresees making a deal with the Serbs and the grabbing as much land as possible, while extending no recognition for Bosnia as an independent country.

The corrupting influence of the Boutros-Ghali group is what is behind the total and immediate acceptance by the Croatian government, from President Franjo Tudjman on down, of the Vance-Owen plan, and the enthusiastic support for the plan by Mate Boban, the head of the so-called Hercegovina, formally the Croatian entity inside Bosnia. The poisoned offers from Cyrus Vance and David Owen have favored a series of armed confrontations between the Army of Bosnia and Hercegovina and Boban's "Croatian Council of Defense" (HVO). Now, when it was never more necessary to collaborate, Croats and Muslims have instead fought each other several times. This is even more absurd, considering that the HVO includes a very high proportion of Muslims, and that the Army of Bosnia is comprised of all three ethnic components of Bosnia, including Serbs who are fighting against the Chetnik butchers.

The colonialist divide and conquer strategy also produced its rotten political fruits. Bosnian Prime Minister Mile Akmadzic wrote a letter in late February to Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, protesting against the testimony previously given by the Foreign Minister Haris Silajdzic. Silajdzic had attacked strongly the Vance-Owen plan, which was gaining the support of many congressmen. In particular he had attacked, armed with documentation, the colonialist stance of the U.N. leadership.

It is difficult to explain the Akmadzic letter without suspecting an operation coordinated with the Boutros-Ghali group. The letter actually stressed that the Bosnian foreign minister did not represent Bosnia but only its "Muslims." It also stressed that Prime Minister Akmadzic supported the Vance-Owen plan and that the U.S. Congress should not believe what the foreign minister of Bosnia said. A few days before, Akmadzic had visited several cities of the United States on a fundraising tour, accompanied by the head of

"Herzeg-Bosnia," Mate Boban. Their support for the Vance-Owen plan turned their speaking engagements into embarrassing, no-debate-please performances, as several Croatian-American sources told *EIR*. But despite this, strangely enough, the fundraising was apparently successful.

On March 2, it was Mile Akmadzic's name that the the U.N.'s Fred Eckhard invoked to blackmail President Izetbegovic and Foreign Minister Silajdzic: "If Izetbegovic does not want to sign the Vance-Owen plan. We will look for somebody else!"

On March 4, Izetbegovic signed the "military document" of the Vance-Owen plan. Bosnia had already agreed to another of the three documents that constitute the basic plan, which was the document on "principles." The third document concerning the "maps," i.e. the formal dismembering of Bosnia into 10 provinces, has not yet been signed at this writing, though Boutros-Ghali and his people are "guaranteeing" for reporters that it is only a question of days, if not hours.

Negotiation during the massacres

Lyndon LaRouche has already repeatedly underlined that the U.N. negotiations in New York are worse than the Munich conference in 1938. Indeed, the latest events have more than confirmed that assessment. While the Bosnian delegation was being pressured politically by the U.N. enforcers, in Bosnia itself, in a coordinated action, the Chetniks renewed the massacres, this time centered especially around the eastern town of Cerska. The area of Cerska, where 100,000 people have been cut off from communication with the outside world since April, was also one of the objective of the U.S. airdrops of food and medicine. At this point it is not clear whether anybody there is able to take advantage of the supplies. "If the West were serious in its call for negotiations, it could have ordered a cease-fire." Dr. Nedzib Sacirbey, the representative of President Izetbegovic in Washington, told *EIR* on March 3. "In any serious negotiation, one of the key conditions is to stop the fighting. In particular, when you start a negotiation, you demand that the aggressor stop the aggression while the talks go on. But one of the sins of Vance and Owen and Boutros-Ghali is that they tolerated and forced through negotiations while there is no cease-fire, and people are being slaughtered."

The attack on the area of Cerska had been prepared well in advance, according to Bosnian officials, but it was launched precisely during the negotiations. Hundreds of people, perhaps over 1,000, have been killed in a few days. Women, children, elderly—civilians all—just fled the area in terror, only to be gunned down by Chetniks lying in wait for them along the road to Konjavic Bolje. According to reports the dead bodies are still there, unburied.

There are also reports that the Bosnian army in the area has run out of ammunition. "We must thank the strategists of the arms embargo against Bosnia for this massacre," Dr.

Sacirbey said. Gen. Ratko Mladic, the military commander of the Chetniks is still refusing to let 12 U.N. trucks through, the vehicles that are supposed to remove the wounded. Mladic said he would let any aid to civilians go through, only if the Bosnian army surrendered and if the population leaves *en masse*, in other words, only if Bosnians carry out self-inflicted ethnic cleansing.

"If the Bosnian soldiers surrender," a Bosnian official told *EIR*, "then there will be a massacre. We expect the massacre of at least 20,000 people. Fifteen villages have already been burned. Terrible things are going to happen: The town of Kamenica is totally surrounded; when the population leaves, they will be massacred. Our army cannot help any more. Please spread the truth; tell the world what's really going on."

EIR continues to receive reports from Bosnia on the horrors taking place at this moment. "There is the shocking story of an 11-year-old girl. Her house was destroyed with grenades by the Chetniks, so she (Mina O.), her mother, and 20 other women hid in the cellar thinking they would be safe. Fifteen persons died because of the grenades and Mina O. and the other survivors cried for help. They did not know that the Chetniks had just occupied the village. So the Chetniks came to 'help,' pulled the women out and began raping them, reported the crying girl. She also said that they first raped the women that were slightly wounded and then those severely wounded. They did this laughing. They even raped a young woman that still had shell fragments in her groin. . . ."

Karadzic threatens U.S. with more terrorism

And while all this was happening in Bosnia, the leader of the Chetniks, Radovan Karadzic, issued a "Open Letter to the American People" in which he attacked the "ill-advised American humanitarian cooperation." This "cooperation" he said "could transform overnight a local conflict into a Balkan war, perhaps a world war." Though later he presented some form of apology, Karadzic had also threatened that the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York shows how "volatile" the situation is and which "dangers" could be presented by a U.S. involvement on behalf of Bosnia.

On March 4, the war criminal Karadzic held a news conference at the United Nations, where he stated that the two countries responsible for the war were—Germany and Turkey. These two countries, he said, are conquering the world. Given that Karadzic is a psychiatrist, an expert in the Goebbels art of the Big Lie, one should consider carefully what he is trying to accomplish. He is publicly offering his support if the Anglo-American elite wants to go for an attack against Europe (Germany) and against the Islamic and Third World countries ("Turkey").

More and more Russians military "volunteers," in the meantime, are joining the Chetniks to fight against the "Islamic danger."