

Clinton bans fundraising by 12 Mideast terrorist groups

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President Bill Clinton issued an executive order on Jan. 24 which froze the assets of 12 Mideast terrorist groups reportedly fundraising in the United States. "I have authorized these measures in response to recurrent acts of international terrorism that threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process," Clinton said. He also vowed to send new legislation to Congress this year which would "strengthen our hand in combatting terrorists, whether they strike at home or abroad."

The groups listed cover a broad spectrum in three general categories. First are the Arab "radical" and "leftist" organizations: the Abu Nidal Organization, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Palestine Liberation Front-Abu Abbas faction, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command. These groups are usually depicted as supported by Syria, Libya, or Iran. Second are the "Islamic fundamentalists": Hezbollah, Islamic Gama'at, Hamas, and the Jihad Palestinian Islamic Jihad-Shiqaqi faction. These groups are usually depicted as supported by Iran or "fundamentalist" circles in Egypt. And, third, strikingly, the list includes two branches of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane's Jewish Defense League (JDL): Kach and Kahane Chai.

Eighteen individuals associated with these organizations are also listed, including Sheik Omar Abd Al Rahman, currently on trial for the February 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center in New York.

Responding to the ban, Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat said, "I do appreciate this. . . . We waited for this decision for a long time." Arafat has been under assassination threat by both the Kahane followers and Hamas. Both organizations, Arafat has charged, are run by circles within the Israeli government opposed to the accords. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Arafat's interlocutor and a primary architect of the Israeli-PLO accord, termed the decision a "courageous step." "Terrorism is an international threat," he said, "and must be dealt with on an international level." Peres has lobbied over the past year for a U.S. ban on such groups' fundraising.

Neither Britain nor France, both of which are the primary safe havens for all 57 varieties of Mideast terrorist groups, intend to follow suit. A French Foreign Ministry official told *EIR*, "We do not intend to initiate such a policy at this time."

For its part, Hamas denounced Clinton's action, asking, "What about the Israeli killings? Isn't that terrorism?" while the Kach party claimed that Clinton was "employing Bolshevik tactics." "We intend to fight Clinton in every possible way," a Kach spokesman threatened.

The current context

Immediately following the September 1993 Israeli-PLO accord, British intelligence and its allies in various nations mobilized a new terror rampage intended to drown that accord in blood. This is the source, and absolutely no other, of all the terrorist incidents that have occurred since that date.

Accordingly, Gen. Ariel Sharon, the former Israeli defense minister, traveled to the United States to mobilize a new Jewish Defense League-Kach party killing spree. In his speaking engagements in New York that November, Sharon demanded a massive infusion of funds into the JDL-Kach West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba, in order to stop the peace process. "The only barrier we have right now," he emphasized, "is the settlers." Simultaneously, Sharon and former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir called on Israeli troops to disobey any orders to dismantle Jewish settlements on the West Bank. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were collected for the Kahane organizations in the United States and Britain in this period.

Then, in February 1994, JDL leader and Kiryat Arba resident Baruch Goldstein entered a mosque in nearby Hebron and gunned down 40 worshippers. The massacre, which was praised by the JDL, the mayor of Kiryat Arba, and various settlers' councils, was intended to provoke a general bloodbath.

In the aftermath of the atrocity, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres denounced the JDL as "scum." "The murderer came out of a small and marginal political context," Rabin charged, in an extraordinary speech to the Israeli Knesset. "He grew in a swamp whose murderous sources are found here, and across the sea. . . . To him and those like him we say: You are a foreign implant. You are an errant weed. Sensible Judaism spits you out."

Rabin and his associates emphasized that the funding, training, and support for the Jewish terrorists came from the

United States. The Israeli government banned the Kahane-related organizations (at least nominally) and called on the U.S. government to restrain them as well. In response, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), which sponsored the creation of the JDL in 1968, condemned Rabin.

The Hebron massacre did not succeed in sparking a general bloodbath, but it did increase British capacities to manipulate the Arab population within Israel and the region. Since that time, various Islamic and Arab groups, controlled by Britain via Syria, Iran, or Saudi Arabia, have carried out or taken credit for a series of bombings and murders of Jews in Israel.

Moreover, the continuing British blocking of economic development credits to the Gaza and West Bank has tended to change initial Palestinian euphoria over the accords into despair. Since the accords were signed, the standard of living in the occupied territories has plummeted. Meanwhile, the Israeli population has been whipped up against the accords on the grounds of security. Clinton's decision might help to stabilize a difficult situation within Israel itself.

How terrorism is organized

Since the 1970s, *EIR* has stressed that Mideast terrorist organizations—whether Israeli or Arab—are not “sociological phenomena” unleashed by the passions of the region. Nor are they products of the region in any way. In 1986, *EIR* released a Special Report, *Ariel Sharon and the Israeli Mafia*, which documented that the externally run Israeli “right wing” led by Sharon not only deploys Kahane's terrorists, but much of Arab terrorism as well. Sharon's career was sponsored by London casino operator Cyril Stein and the New York mobster Meshulam Riklis, the latter a partner of Canadian liquor salesman Edgar Bronfman. The same group created the JDL. In 1981, British circles demanded a new Israeli invasion of Lebanon. Israeli Defense Minister Sharon needed a pretext, so an Abu Nidal assassin gunned down an Israeli diplomat in London. The Israelis invaded the next day. Such is the nature of Mideast terrorism.

We repeat here what we have reported over the years.

On the highest level, Mideast terrorism is directed by the British oligarchical patrons of the United Grand Lodge of England's Quatuor Coronati lodge and allied and subordinate institutions inside and outside of the British government. The lodge was formed in the aftermath of the trip of Prince of Wales (the future King Edward VII) to the Holy Land in 1862. It has been dedicated from its inception to seizing control of the holy places of Palestine, for cultish reasons peculiar to freemasonry, and using Zionism as one of its main instruments for this objective. This is the main reason why the British issued the 1917 Balfour Declaration, which led to the creation of the state of Israel in 1948. Britain also created Israel in order to keep the Arabs in a chronic state of rage, and to keep the region in a state of war or near-war.

Whenever anyone in Israel or the Arab states has threat-

ened to break out of this British-controlled game, as most dramatically shown by the peace accord, they have come under concerted British attack.

It is because of this peculiar history that the forces within Israel opposed to the accord have always patronized efforts to destroy the Islamic holy places in Jerusalem and to replace them with a rebuilt Solomon's Temple, a temple which the masons claim to have constructed.

Closely associated with the Quatuor Coronati are the owners of the British intelligence front-organization, the Hollinger Corp., which also owns the *Jerusalem Post*. Chaired by British-Canadian intelligence official Conrad Black, the firm's board includes former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, former U.S. National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, Lord Rothschild, and former Israeli President Chaim Herzog, among others. Hollinger is currently orchestrating the “Whitewatergate” scandal against Bill Clinton, which is intended to create the environment for the President's assassination. (see pp. 55-57). Clinton's sponsorship of the peace accords was one of the actions that has most incensed the British.

The ‘Islamic’ and ‘Arab’ side

Arab and Islamic terrorism in the postwar period is also run directly out of Britain, particularly through the networks of British intelligence official Glubb Pasha and his Jordan-based Arab Bureau. All of the Islamic or Arab radical terrorist organizations on Clinton's list are run out of Syria, Saudi Arabia, Israel, or Iran, on behalf of and under the control of Britain.

The situation in the region dramatically worsened in 1979, with the toppling of the Shah of Iran and the coming to power of Ayatollah Khomeini. The Iranian Revolution, so-called, was directed by British intelligence and British Petroleum, and aided by then-U.S. National Security Adviser Brzezinski. Since then, Iran has functioned as another base of British-run terrorism.

The purpose of the Iranian Revolution was to begin to implement a British plan authored by Prof. Bernard Lewis, the “Arc of Crisis.” The plan called for destroying the nation-states of the entire Islamic world through civil and religious wars. The plan is still operational.

In the 1980s, Britain vastly expanded its nominally Islamic terrorist organizations in the aftermath of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Islamic volunteers for the Afghan Mujahideen were funneled to Pakistan for training, via Saudi Arabia. There, many were recruited to Islamic guerrilla organizations which were covertly run by Britain or British-allied agencies within the United States, France, and Israel. It is amongst these groups that one finds many of the most important British-run terrorists today.