

British support for terrorism is undeniable

by Hussein Al-Nadeem

The British government and its intelligence organs have seemingly been forced to shift their tactics on the manipulation of a wide range of terrorist organizations that are hosted in Britain. Since *EIR* published several *Special Reports* (Oct. 13, 1995, and April 4 and Dec. 19, 1997) on the nature of British intelligence control and manipulation of terrorist organizations internationally, Britain's role in harboring and supporting so-called "Islamic" terrorism has been denounced directly and indirectly dozens of times, at international and regional conferences, especially in the Middle East, and by heads of state and ministers, most prominently by President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, President Ali Abdullah Al-Salih of the Republic of Yemen, and officials in the Turkish government. Mass media throughout the Middle East have documented and emphasized this fact. Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has recently accused the British intelligence establishment of attempting to destabilize his country through these and similar methods.

Former British internal security MI5 agent David Shayler has recently revealed information showing that British MI6 had recruited and financed so-called "Islamists" who carried out a failed assassination attempt against Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi in April 1996. Libyan authorities have supported Shayler's claims with film footage and other documents, including confessions by one of the associates of the agents recruited by British intelligence.

Last December, police in Aden, Yemen arrested eight British subjects, who were planning terrorist actions in the country. The eight Britons, who have Muslim backgrounds, confessed that they had been sent by Abu Hamza Al-Misri, a British subject based in London. They had been sent there to support group which, in late December, kidnapped and killed three Western tourists. Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Al-Salih sent an official letter to British Prime Minister Tony Blair in January, demanding the immediate extradition of Abu Hamza to Yemen.

As the pressure increased, Blair's government decided to push a resolution through Parliament, allowing the arrest of terrorists based in Britain who were accused of conducting, planning, and financing terrorist activities against other countries. The authorities decided early this year to arrest several terrorists wanted in Middle Eastern nations, including Abu Hamza. Britain also suspended the broadcasting license of

MED-TV, linked to the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK). However, some of these detainees were later released.

Now, there are four Egyptians in custody in London. They face execution or long prison sentences in Egypt. However, their spokesman, Yasser Al-Serri, who is wanted for the assassination attempt against former Egyptian Prime Minister Atif Sidqi, was released. Al-Serri told Arabic newspapers in London that the arrest of his friends was a tactic by the British authorities to appease Egyptian and other Arab governments. But, he went on to praise the British authorities, asserting that he and his friends closely cooperate with British security and police. He stressed that the British authorities gave him assurances that none of his friends will be extradited to Egypt.

Change in the international situation

Despite these sly tactics, the British authorities are no longer able to deny accusations that they openly control and support international terrorist groups.

The open exposure of Britain, and its British-American-Commonwealth (BAC) assets within the United States, as the main sponsor of "Islamic terrorism" internationally, has created the atmosphere for an international operation, whereby Egypt has been able to detain and try many members of Egyptian terrorist organizations (Islamic Jihad and Al-Gamaa Al-Islamia) in cooperation with the FBI and authorities in Paraguay, Azerbaijan, Albania, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, and Pakistan. In addition, information and disinformation has recently begun to spread in Arabic dailies and London-based Islamist organizations concerning the Anglo-American intelligence connections to the Islamist Afghan war veterans (Afghansis). This has discredited Osama Bin Laden and the Egyptian terrorist groups which are the support base for his "International Islamic Front-Base Organization." Both the information and disinformation reveals them for what they really are: disposable BAC assets.

In April, an Egyptian military court sentenced to death nine members of the Al-Jihad, and gave long prison sentences to dozens of its members. This case has been known as the "Returnees from Albania," because some of the defendants were arrested in Albania with the help of the FBI, and were later handed over to the Egyptian authorities. Meanwhile, Egyptian authorities pardoned 1,200 members of Al-Gamaa, which declared that it will stop all its armed activities targeting Egypt, the United States, and other nations. The declaration was initiated by the Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, the spiritual leader of Al-Gamaa who is in a U.S. prison, and has neutralized this group's activities.

Recent revelations show that the train of events, starting as early as the February 1993 bombing of New York's World Trade Center, has been designed and carried out by the same BAC-created groups. The most important of these events include the 1995 assassination attempt against Hosni Mubarak in Ethiopia (which was blamed on Sudan); the bombing of

the Egyptian Embassy in Pakistan; deadly assaults on tourists in Egypt between 1992 and 1997; the bombing of U.S. military bases in Saudi Arabia in 1995-96; the alleged plan to assassinate the Pope in the Philippines; and recently and most significantly, the bombing of the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. These events helped intensify the war being waged against Sudan by Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords Baroness Caroline Cox and her misnamed Christian Solidarity International.

These terrorist acts targeted sovereign nations, including legitimate U.S. interests, defamed Sudan and Iran, and destabilized Egypt, India, Pakistan, and Algeria. Now, peace efforts have begun in Sudan, and relations with Egypt and Sudan's other neighbors are being normalized. The U.S. administration has made a disguised admission that its bombing of the Al-Shifa pharmaceutical plant in Khartoum in 1998 was a grave mistake. The whole lie that "Sudan and Iran supported terrorism," has been thrown back into the lap of the BAC, the rightful owners of this luggage.

Meanwhile, Bin Laden has suddenly "disappeared" from the international press and from Afghanistan, and his whereabouts are not known. An assistant, who was arrested in Azerbaijan by the FBI and handed over to Egypt to be sentenced to death, testified that Bin Laden's group has obtained chemical and biological weapons from countries in the former Soviet Union. Dovetailing with this serious claim, the U.S. Embassy in Cairo issued a statement in April saying that the United States is taking preventive measures against potential threats by weapons of mass destruction (WMD) against American interests.

London's International Institute for Strategic Studies included in its annual report a section on the emergence of "new generations of terrorists" equipped with these WMDs. Giving credibility to this hysteria, which was also dutifully reflected in recent Hollywood films, an American medical journal issued a report in its monthly magazine giving details of potential attacks against U.S. cities with biological weapons, and addressed what contingency plans are required to cope with such an attack. What is most alarming in this report is the mention that Russian scientists are the potential suppliers of such material.

This is taking place at a time when the BAC's strategic recipe calls for having enemies among "rogue states" deploy terrorists possessing weapons of mass destruction. Whenever needed, such an attack could be triggered, even if in a diminished form, to implicate any of the "Islamic terrorist" nations that the BAC wants targeted. Despite the remoteness of such a possibility, it should not be completely ruled out. The bombing of the American Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in August 1998 were sudden and horrifying, and led to the greater mistake of the U.S. bombing of the sovereign nation of Sudan, despite the lack of any evidence linking Sudan to the terrorist act. This, and the bombing of Iraq in December, are just two examples of the insanity coming from the BAC controllers when sane people expect it the least.

Terrorists planning a hit against India

by Ramtanu Maitra

According to intelligence reports gathered by the government of India, a hit-team of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) met in Durban, South Africa, last month to chalk out an assassination attempt on the life of Sonia Gandhi, the Congress (I) party president and widow of assassinated Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The Vajpayee administration, which is functioning as a lame duck government after its defeat last April on the floor of the Lok Sabha, the lower house of India's Parliament, has informed the necessary agencies to tighten up security arrangements around Mrs. Gandhi.

From information made available, it is evident that the threat to Sonia Gandhi's life comes from the same source that has assassinated two of India's prime ministers: Indira Gandhi in 1984, while she was in power, and her son, Rajiv Gandhi in 1991, when he was out of power but was making a come-back bid. Reports say that the LTTE, known as the Tamil Tigers, met in South Africa, which has recently become a gathering center for terrorists controlled by London and Tel Aviv.

Indian intelligence reports also indicated that the LTTE, which has extensive links with both British and Israeli intelligence, is in the process of activating Khalistanis, based in the Crown Colony of Canada. The LTTE, which has been very active and powerful in Canada, is planning the hit in cooperation with the Canada-based Khalistanis. There are indications that the LTTE will also ask Kashmiri separatists, based in London and controlled by British intelligence through the Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), to participate in the plan.

Why Sonia Gandhi?

One of the traits of dirty intelligence networks is to couch their plans in what is considered to be "obvious." The "obvious" in this case, as most Indians accept it without question, is that both the Khalistanis and the Tamil Tigers will not give up until they wipe out the Nehru-Gandhi family. Khalistani terrorists will assassinate each and every member of the Nehru-Gandhi family because, as the rationale goes, Indira Gandhi, by ordering the Indian Army to enter the Golden Temple, the religious sanctum sanctorum of the Sikhs, and to capture the terrorists sheltered there, who were terrorizing the population, had thereby "violated" Sikh trust and committed a "heinous crime." Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two Sikh security guards who pumped innumerable bullets into the defenseless Prime Minister from a handshaking distance.

A similar argument is used to "justify" the assassination