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KLA terrorists losing support in Kosovo

The already-thin support that Kosovars had for the terrorist Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) is dwindling, while support for long-time elected leader Ibrahim Rugova is growing. Writing from the Kosovo capital of Pristina, a correspondent writes in the Oct. 17 *Washington Post*: "Just four months after they descended from the hills as conquering heroes and declared themselves the new masters of Kosovo, the political leadership that emerged from the Kosovo Liberation Army is suffering a collapse of its support, according to voter surveys, interviews with ordinary ethnic Albanians and senior figures in the rebel movement. . . ."

"The political party formed this week by Hashim Thaqi, the political leader of the former guerrilla force, could be crushed in provincial elections at all levels. . . ."

"And if Presidential elections were held today, Thaqi would be easily defeated by Ibrahim Rugova, the moderate ethnic Albanian political leader who led a 10-year, non-violent resistance campaign against the Belgrade government. Only months ago, the KLA and some Western observers were dismissing Rugova as a politician of little influence who had been overtaken by events."

The *Post* notes that one poll, commissioned by a Western organization, found four-to-one support for Rugova, while another, of 2,500 voters, found that Rugova would win by 92% over Thaqi in a two-way race.

Earth First! preparing riots in Britain

British preparations for "Operation Surety," ostensibly to manage widespread civil unrest following a Y2K breakdown of basic services, may be put to use in anticipated riots on Nov. 30. According to the London *Sunday Times* on Oct. 10, there are reports that "anarchists" have been stockpiling illegal weapons, tear gas, and stun guns in preparation for riots in the City of London financial center. The *Times* writes that "Reclaim

the Streets," the group that organized the June 18 riots in the City of London, bought CS gas and stun guns in two separate transactions in mid-October.

The expected riot also involves the anarcho-terrorist umbrella gang Earth First! — which plays the role of "black sheep" in the family of ecological groups headed by Prince Philip's World Wildlife Fund. The planned action, called "N30," coincides with meeting of the World Trade Organization in Seattle, Washington. Earth First!'s branches in the Northwest United States have increased activity lately, especially against the logging industry, with damages estimated in the millions of dollars. The WTO meeting is being used as a pretext for anarchist actions spurred on by Earth First! and Reclaim the Streets, and also for reinforcing police-state measures under the rubric of Operation Surety. Unlike the June riots, which were publicly organized for, the "N30" actions are being organized underground.

New Argentine President won't change IMF policy

The candidate of the International Monetary Fund and its "anti-corruption" watch-dog Transparency International, won 49% of the vote in Argentina's Presidential elections on Oct. 24. Fernando de la Rúa, the mayor of Buenos Aires and candidate of the "Alianza" electoral coalition, won against the Peronist Governor of Buenos Aires province, Eduardo Duhalde, who had 38%.

This is bad news for Argentina. No doubt many citizens, disgusted with President Carlos Menem's free-market policies, voted for De la Rúa, thinking that he would represent an improvement over existing policy — De la Rúa was the "anti-corruption" candidate — but they will be quickly disabused of that illusion. As one commentator put it, De la Rúa is the first Presidential candidate to run on *no* economic program, because he said from the outset that he would continue with the disastrous currency board regime imposed by Menem and his Finance Minister, Domingo Cavallo, in 1991, and make "fiscal conservatism" his banner.

The Alianza coalition consists of De la

Rúa's Radical Civic Union (UCR) and the Frepaso front, run by the pro-terrorist São Paulo Forum (founded by Fidel Castro) and the Washington, D.C. pro-drug legalization Inter-American Dialogue. New Vice President Carlos "Chacho" Alvarez of Frepaso was a lawyer for Montonero terrorists in the 1970s; in 1993, Alvarez, who is aligned with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, demanded that Argentina expel *EIR* correspondent Gerardo Terán, for allegedly "destabilizing" the country. The Frepaso/Dialogue crowd have also had contacts with representatives of the narco-terrorist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) in the country.

Not all is smooth sailing for the Alianza crowd: Peronist Carlos Ruckauf won the gubernatorial race for Buenos Aires province, smashing Dialogue member and terrorist defender Graciela Fernández de Meijide. Ruckauf, Menem's Vice President, refused to attend the official reception for Britain's Prince Charles when the latter visited Argentina in March. The Peronists also retain a majority in the Senate, as well as most of the provincial governorships.

'Human Rights Watch' moves against Museveni

Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni, who has long been upheld by the British-American-Commonwealth faction as the model for "Africa's new leaders," is now coming under attack from his patrons. George Soros's Human Rights Watch issued a book on Oct. 12 attacking Uganda and Museveni, called *Hostile to Democracy: The Movement System and Political Repression in Uganda*. Using documentation of events that have already been published in *EIR*, Africa Watch author Peter Bouchaert attacks the Ugandan one-party system, whereby political parties are permitted to exist but are not permitted to engage in any activities.

In July 2000, under the current law, Uganda will be forced to carry out a national referendum on the official banning of all political parties. The political parties themselves are not permitted to campaign in defense of their existence, but the National

ITALIAN SOLIDARITY Movement General Secretary Claudio Ciccanti was nominated to become a member of the National Council of the Christian Partisan Association (APC), during its annual convention on Oct. 17. The APC, founded shortly after the war by nationalist industrialist Enrico Mattei, is made up of resistance veterans. Ciccanti addressed the conference, urging the partisans to adopt the political policies of London LaRouche.

RIFAAT ASSAD, the brother and rival of Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, attempted to hire British mercenaries to aid him in his power struggle against the President, according to the *Sunday Times* of London on Oct. 24. The Syrian government has deployed security troops to move against Rifaat's power base in Latakia, where Rifaat controls a key section of the Middle East narcotics trade.

KING NORODOM SIHANOUK of Cambodia issued a statement in his monthly bulletin on Oct. 15, urging Prime Minister Hun Sen to accept the UN's proposal for an international tribunal to try Khmer Rouge leaders, insisting that it will not violate Cambodia's sovereignty as Hun Sen has demonstrated. Under the unique UN proposal for Cambodia, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan would appoint the majority of judges and prosecutors.

NEW ZEALAND'S Mauri Pacific Party is calling for "indigenous" law and British-based law to have equal standing, citing the Treaty of Waitangi, between the Maoris and British. Indigenous law would include revenge killing and slavery.

LAOS hosted an informal summit with its neighbors Cambodia and Vietnam on Oct. 20, to discuss joint economic cooperation, efforts to clamp down on cross-border drug and other illicit trafficking, and border disputes. This is the first summit of its kind since all three countries joined the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Resistance Movement, by which Museveni imposes his military dictatorship on Uganda, will run the vote.

Not surprisingly, the political parties have decided to boycott the referendum.

Evidently feeling some pressure, Museveni says that he will implement full multi-party democracy in the year 2007.

A diplomatic source has told *EIR* that during his last visit to the country this summer, ambassadors of Western countries told him point-blank that Museveni was on the way out. However, the question is, how will he go? If he goes violently—that is, the British way—it will mean a holocaust for Uganda, and this is the fear among the opposition unless a non-violent political process is instituted.

The new face of 'independent' East Timor

Roque Rodrigues, chief of staff of Xanana Gusmao, told Agence France Presse on Oct. 22 in Australia that independent "Timor Lorosae" will adopt the Portuguese escudo as its currency, at least for the transitional period under the UN administration. He added that the newly independent country will have a two-language system: Portuguese will be the official language, and the dominant dialect, "Tetum," will be the "national language." East Timor has some 80 local dialects, 14 of which are widely used.

Rodrigues said that Gusmao's National Council for East Timorese Resistance (CNRT) will announce a seven-member transitional council, presided over by Gusmao, to work with the UN Transitional Authority in East Timor. Other members will include Jose Ramos Horta and Falintil's deputy guerrilla commander Taur Matan Ruak. Mario Carrascalao, governor of East Timor during 1982-92, will lead a delegation in talks with the World Bank on evaluating the cost of reconstruction. In the past, Carrascalao has proposed that East Timor become a gambling/tourism mecca, to attract overseas Chinese money, alongside coffee plantations. Gusmao has also suggested it be turned into an offshore money center.

Rodrigues said that Gusmao, who was flown into East Timor on Oct. 22 by the UN's Interfet, will now take up residence in East Timor, and *he* will deal with Interfet's request to disarm Falintil.

Gusmao, wearing Falintil fatigues and flanked by Taur Matan Ruak, addressed 4,000 people in the capital of Dili on Oct. 23, proclaiming: "Today is the day of freedom for East Timor. All of our suffering, we can leave behind. Today we see our future. This land is ours. We will be independent forever. Our homeland is ours. We will develop our new country. We know what we want and we will recover from the damage. . . . We meet again in very sorrowful circumstances, but from today, nothing can stop us." Gusmao was speaking as CNRT president.

Terrorist recruiting from U.K.'s Railtrack

A security expert working for the Britain's Railtrack corporation has been using the company's computer to recruit to the Global Jihad Fund headed by Mohammed Al Masari, according to the *Sunday Telegraph* on Oct. 24. The security expert is one Mohammed Sohail, who is said to be enlisting recruits for fighting in Kashmir, Pakistan, Kosovo, and Chechnya. Many of his recruits are sent to Afghanistan for training, according to Sohail's own e-mail messages.

In *EIR's* April 4, 1997 *Feature*, "Levy Sanctions on Britain for Harboring Terrorists!" Al Massari was named as the head of the "Committee for the Defense of Legitimate Rights" funded by Osama bin Laden. Al Massari has been allowed to operate in London so long as the terrorists he recruits and funds only target Americans or other non-British, non-Commonwealth personnel and facilities.

Sohail confirmed that London's policy is still the case: "I wanted to make it clear that our organization has never targeted people in Britain," he said when confronted about his activities. "We are only involved in struggles abroad. . . . We have a duty to help brothers who are fighting oppression overseas."