

# International Intelligence

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## ***At G-8, Only Germany Opposes Nuclear Power***

Almost three decades of ecologist propaganda have warped German thinking to such an extent, that the Berlin government thinks it cannot even join non-binding resolutions like the one in favor of nuclear power that was scheduled to be passed at the G-8 Summit in St. Petersburg, according to July 10 media reports.

All seven of the other members of the group favor nuclear power; only Germany's protracted obstruction has prevented a stronger summit statement on the issue. As a result, the resolution leaves it up to individual member countries to arrive at an energy policy on their own. All other governments, such as China, Brazil, India, and South Africa, which are not G-8 members, but were involved in the numerous talks that preceded the July 15-17 summit, favor nuclear power, as well.

The German intransigence demonstrates that the present Grand Coalition (cross-party government) in Berlin is a transitional government; if it does not jump over its green shadow, in the next few months, it will have to make way, at some point, for a new government that is sovereign enough to take decisions in the national interest.

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## ***Pinochet's Role in Drug-Trafficking Exposed***

Under the category "thieves fall out," Felix Rohatyn's and George Shultz's man, former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet, was up to his ears in drug-trafficking, according to Pinochet's former right-hand man, Gen. Manuel Contreras (ret.), as reported in the July 9 edition of *La Nación*, in Chile. A hard-core Nazi who ran Pinochet's secret police agency DINA, and coordinated the activities of the "Operation Condor" killing machine with other dictatorships in the Southern Cone of Ibero-America from 1975 to at least 1983, Contreras has now decided to spill the beans.

Sentenced to a long jail term for human rights violations, he made these charges in a report to prosecutor Claudio Pávez, who is

investigating the murder of Col. Gerardo Huber. Huber, a former Army intelligence operative who was close to Contreras, was killed on Pinochet's orders in 1992, when he threatened to reveal what he knew about the regime's drug- and weapons-trafficking.

Although many investigators have documented Pinochet's role in drug- and weapons-trafficking in the past, the current report comes straight from the horse's mouth. Contreras was intimately involved with every aspect of the Pinochet regime's fascist operations, and states that the dictator personally authorized the "cooking" of cocaine by DINA chemist Eugenio Berríos.

Chilean President Michelle Bachelet, asked about the revelations on July 10, said that it is best to let the judicial system handle the matter, just as it has dealt with other charges against Pinochet, without any interference from the government. Army Commander-in-Chief Gen. Oscar Izurieta made the same point, adding the Army today is not Pinochet's Army, but "the Army of *all* Chileans, the Army that all Chileans want, and that their Commander-in-Chief wants."

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## ***Putin Sees Danger of Collapse of Iraqi State***

Russian President Putin made two references to the U.S. debacle in Iraq, prior to the G-8 summit in St. Petersburg on July 15-17.

In a July 12 NBC-TV interview, Putin was asked, "Do you think that life for the average Iraqi citizens has become better than it was under Saddam Hussein?"

He responded, "I think that there are greater prospects now for making life better, but from the security point of view the situation has worsened, and a real threat that the state will collapse, has emerged. People are talking about this more and more often now. If this does happen, it will be a major event with far-reaching and perhaps negative consequences for the region as a whole. . . . I say once again that there is hope for the future now, and we all want to see these hopes realized. . . ."

Then Germany's ZDF television channel asked him on July 13: "Will you support him [Bush] concerning the resolution against Iran?"

His answer was: "We consider that we have developed a good unified mechanism to work on very delicate issues on the international agenda, including on the Iranian nuclear dossier. And let me remind you that the mechanism consists of six countries, including the United States, Russia, and the Federal Republic of Germany, who have developed a common position and gave our Iranian partners our proposals. As you know, they reacted positively. They declared that they are ready to begin negotiations on this basis.

"We believe that we must not lead this situation into a dead end, and aggravate it. Of course we would like Iran's reaction to be faster. But we have negative examples of what happens when we hurry to make a decision on such sensitive and delicate issues. And also in this region we have situations from which no one knows how to get out, situations developing like, for example, the one in Iraq. . . ."

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## ***Israel Bars Palestinians With U.S. Passports***

The Israeli government is preventing Palestinians who hold American passports from entering the West Bank, including Palestinians who have been living in the West Bank, but are being denied re-entry if they travel outside of the region, according to Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* on July 10. The practice is affecting thousands of Palestinians, and is a form of ethnic cleansing which Israel practiced prior to the 1993 Oslo Accords. It is also applied to Palestinians with European and other foreign passports.

The practice started when Ariel Sharon became Prime Minister in 2000, and has been further tightened since April, under the pretext that Israel refuses to deal with Hamas government officials.

The U.S. Embassy claims it cannot do anything, because it cannot intervene in the "sovereign decisions" of another country. But the Palestinians are seeking entry into the West Bank, which the United States still officially considers occupied territory, and is not Israel. They can only enter the West Bank via Israel. This type of denial of entry is forbidden under the Geneva Conventions.