

# International Intelligence

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## ***Reformer named to head Canadian Armed Forces***

Lt. Gen. Maurice Baril, a hard-nosed reformer, was tapped to head up Canada's military, it was announced on Sept. 17. Baril earned his reputation during his two years in charge of the Canadian Land Forces. He was posted to the UN as military adviser to Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, from June 1992 to July 1995.

Baril stunned Canadians, when he convened a news conference in July 1996 to announce that 34 Canadian soldiers had been implicated in misconduct at the Bakovici mental hospital during their tour with the UN Protection Forces in Bosnia. Baril put the blame squarely on the shoulders of the Army's leaders and promised a purge to eliminate "rogue elements." In January, Baril called another news conference to make public the results of the Bakovici investigations. Without releasing the names, Baril stated bluntly that 47 soldiers—some of whom he characterized as having acted like "savages"—would face career review boards. "I'm not running a boy scout organization. I'm running an Army that is trying to go and make war . . . in some pretty difficult places in the world," Baril said.

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## ***Colombia enacts limp extradition law***

After a great deal of back and forth, the Colombian Senate lifted a six-year ban on extradition of Colombians wanted for crimes abroad, but stripped the bill of a clause that would have applied it retroactively, to such drug lords as the Cali Cartel's Rodríguez Orejuela brothers, who are currently doing some brief prison time in Colombia. The bill, reported *El Espectador* of Sept. 17, also excludes from extradition anyone charged with a "political crime," which gives the leaders of the FARC and ELN narco-terrorists precisely the protection they have demanded as a conditionality for participating in "peace talks" with the regime of narco-President Er-

nesto Samper. Thus, the paymasters, and footsoldiers, of the Samper Pizano Presidency, are safe.

The U.S. State Department issued a sharp condemnation of the Colombian vote, with spokesman James Rubin declaring, "We are extremely troubled, and stunned, frankly, by this vote which stripped the retroactivity from pending extradition legislation. . . . This is a stunning development from our perspective. What you're doing here, is, you're letting some of the worst criminals off scot-free, and that's not acceptable." In Colombia, Liberal Party Congressman Luis Guillermo Giraldo pointed out that with the approved text of the legislation, Colombia could become a sanctuary for foreign criminals.

Full lifting of the ban on extradition was demanded as the price for U.S. certification of Colombia next March. The State Department is now urging that the lower house of the Colombian Congress work to reinstate retroactivity, while there is yet time.

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## ***Rokhlin founds military defense movement***

Gen. Lev Rokhlin addressed 2,000 delegates on Sept. 20 as he launched his "Movement in Support of the Army, Defense Industry and Military Science," in Moscow. Rokhlin called for President Boris Yeltsin to step down. "We are deeply convinced that the President should step down now and not in 2000," said Rokhlin to loud applause. "Six years of his rule showed that he is only capable of making promises, and his activity resulted in destruction and not creation. One of our main tasks is to unite the people in peaceful and constitutional protest actions in order to force Yeltsin to step down." Among those attending the congress were Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, and the former head of the President's personal security, Aleksandr Korzhakov.

Gen. Aleksandr Lebed was in Japan, but issued a statement on Sept. 18, saying that his Dignity and Motherland political grouping was willing to "cooperate closely" with

Rokhlin's movement. "We are ready to offer Rokhlin's movement the existing network of Dignity and Motherland to implement joint decisions. The problem of the armed forces and of the country's defense capability has realistically become a national tragedy."

In June, Rokhlin attacked Yeltsin for allowing the International Monetary Fund to dictate cuts in the Russian military.

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## ***New sabotage effort vs. Pakistan-Iran relations***

In a new attempt to sabotage relations between Iran and Pakistan, three unidentified gunmen ambushed five Iranian civil aviation trainees and their Pakistani driver in Rawalpindi, Pakistan on the morning of Sept. 17, killing all six. According to the police, three assailants, one of them wearing a mask, opened fire on the vehicle carrying the five Iranian technicians and engineers. The Iranians, who were attached to the Ministry of Defense, were undergoing technical training, at a base in Rawalpindi and at Pakistan's Aeronautical Complex, Kamra.

The attempts to create tension between Iran and Pakistan have always been masked as sectarian violence between Sunni and Shia Muslims who are sympathetic to Iran. This terrorist operation reveals that these acts are performed at distinct, high levels of intelligence and military operations.

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## ***Queen's man in P.N.G. denies coup involvement***

Queen Elizabeth's personal representative in Papua New Guinea, Governor General Sir Wiwa Korowi, issued a frantic press statement denying his involvement in the recent coup which overthrew the government of Sir Julius Chan, earlier this year. Chan had put up resistance to the World Bank, and to raw materials resource grabs that were running under cover of an insurgency in the P.N.G. province of Bougainville. Korowi founded the pentecostal/evangelical movement, "Brukim Skru" (pidgin for "Bended Knee"),

**PRINCE PHILIP'S** World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has managed to block a British network from airing a documentary that includes an exposé of the WWF's "Operation Lock," which deployed units from Britain's elite Special Air Services, ostensibly to save rhinos from poaching. £1 million disappeared, and the SAS unit was accused of trading in illegal wildlife products and killing African "poachers."

**SAM SHILOWA**, the secretary general of the Confederation of South African Trade Unions, issued a report urging that Cosatu remain in the African National Congress alliance, despite the ANC's embrace of the disastrous Growth, Employment, and Redistribution program.

**HAROLD JAMES**, Pennsylvania state representative and head of the state Legislative Black Caucus, held high-level meetings in Rome, Italy over Sept. 10-11, including meeting his Italian colleagues in the House of Representatives and Senate. The meetings, arranged by the Schiller Institute, focused on his introduction of a bill in Pennsylvania to tax derivatives transactions, and on his ideas for stabilizing and developing Africa. James had just completed a similarly successful visit to Germany.

**YITZHAK RABIN'S** widow Leah Rabin publicly blocked an attempt by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to lay a wreath at the spot where her husband was assassinated on Nov. 4, 1995. "There is no reason for such a public relations trick, for this fraud, this hypocrisy," she told the press, in denying permission for the ceremony. Rabin has previously accused Netanyahu of stirring the incitement campaign against her husband that led to his murder.

**THE NIGERIAN MILITARY** has launched an investigation into the Sept. 19 explosion of a bomb in Lagos, which injured a large number of people attending a Catholic charismatic society convention at the Trade Fair complex.

which played a crucial role in mobilizing the street mobs to overthrow Chan. The leader of the military insurgency against Chan, Gen. Jerry Singirok, was also a member.

A document recently leaked from P.N.G.'s National Intelligence Organization (NIO) said of Brukim Skru: "It is a legitimate speculation that all this could be a deliberate plot perpetrated by politically minded Christians, riding the wave of anti-corruption sentiments and using . . . possibly Singirok himself, as a means to further their political ambitions via unconstitutional method or plan."

Korowi could only bluster incoherently: "Unfortunately, NIO was carrying out its character assassination on me personally, the Government House and that of the christian [sic] community throughout Papua New Guinea who participated in the 'Operation Brukim Skru' prayer program. . . . People who are challenging christians are challenging God. God is watching you for every step you are taking, every word you speak, every curse word you swear, every motive you invent for evil habits, and every accusations [sic] and mockery you imply upon God's children. You cannot keep on going like this, fighting against God, for a fight you will never win."

## ***Suspicious fire burns Crédit Lyonnais records***

A fire that destroyed some of the most sensitive records of France's bankrupt state bank, Crédit Lyonnais on Aug. 19 in Le Havre, has been determined to have been arson. Two publications, *Le Point* and *Marianne*, an investigative journal, stated in September that the fire was set to destroy extremely sensitive corruption evidence against everyone, across the political spectrum, who had high-level responsibilities at the bank, which Paris has now had to bail out three times. Among the 3 million boxes, wrote *Le Point*, several contained evidence of great interest to the investigating magistrates in Paris. Among them were the records of IBSA, the bank of Jean Maxime Leveque, who is the

former president of Crédit Lyonnais, and currently serving a prison term. Some 5,000 other boxes contained the records of the CDR company, which was set up to sell the Crédit's dubious assets, in order to restore "confidence" in the bank.

In an article titled "Who Wants the Crédit Lyonnais Records to Disappear?" *Marianne* noted, "In addition to the fact that another fire had started at the CDR central offices in Paris, the police were surprised to find out when they searched the apartment of IBSA's lawyer last May, that the records [of matters under investigation] had just been stolen! Yet another accident?" *Marianne* did not mention that another fire destroyed a large part of Crédit Lyonnais' central offices in Paris some months ago.

## ***Uganda's 'Monitor' covers Ogwal in U.S.***

The Sept. 17 issue of the Ugandan newspaper *The Monitor* covered the mid-September speech of Cecilia Ogwal to the Black Caucus Convention, in an article entitled, "Ogwal Slams U.S. Media, Museveni." "Outspoken Ugandan People's Congress 'Iron Lady' Cecilia Ogwal, now two weeks in Washington, lashed out at Western media for portraying 'Museveni as fat and healthy' instead of giving coverage to the Uganda people wallowing in poverty. 'It pains me to see our Uganda people wallowing in poverty and exchange their children for pieces of cassava, when the Western press is portraying Museveni as a fat, healthy looking herdsman with a sea of hybrid cattle, as he was covered in a recent issue of *Time* magazine,' she said.

"These comments were part of Ogwal's address to the Black Caucus Convention in Washington, D.C., Sept. 10. . . . According to a release by UPC strongmen Ben Wacha and Patrick Mwonda . . . Ogwal's presentation was focused on Uganda under 'Democracy, African Reality.' The release alleged that Edith Ssempala, Uganda's Ambassador to the U.S., chickened out of the convention 'when she learned of Ogwal's presence, and worse still, as participant in the debate.' "