

# International Intelligence

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## ***British smear Dodi Fayed's family***

A new element in the cover-up of the Aug. 30-31 murder of Princess Diana is now afoot, through increasing propaganda attacks against the family of her late companion Dodi Fayed. According to Rupert Murdoch's *New York Post* on Oct. 27, the "British establishment" is going all-out to smear Mohamed al-Fayed, Dodi's father. *Post* columnist Neal Travis reported: "I almost feel sorry for Fayed," reports a friend who is an old and trusted member of that establishment. 'He is about to learn that the British only give lip service to the idea of what is and isn't cricket.' . . . As Page Six [the *Post's* gossip page] reported yesterday, he has just been accused of illegally rifling and photocopying the contents of a safe-deposit box owned by his bitter rival 'Tiny' Rowland. . . .

"This alleged offense actually took place more than two years ago, and it seems odd that it is only now resurfacing. . . .

"The lawyers are circling too. As I have predicted from Day One of this tragedy, various parties—including injured bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones and perhaps Diana's family, are prepared to sue Fayed as the employer of a drunken driver who should never have been behind the wheel that or any other night.

"The establishment is now seizing on this terrible incident to drive Mohamed al-Fayed out of Britain,' says my well-connected friend. 'It's not about Diana at all. It's just a blood sport—the kind the Brits play very well.' "

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## ***Russia's Primakov meets with Middle East leaders***

According to reports from the Middle East, Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeni Primakov told Palestinian Authority (PA) leaders during his visit in late October, that Russia would be the first to recognize a Palestinian state, once it were established. Primakov met with leaders in Syria, Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority.

On his return to Moscow, he stopped

over again in Damascus, presumably to report back on the reactions to the Syrian proposals which he mediated to the Israelis. The Syrian proposal is to restart talks with Israel, at the point they were interrupted in February 1996, i.e., under the former Labor Party government. The Russians would like to host the talks in Moscow, it is reported. Primakov would not say anything on the specifics of his three-hour discussion with Syrian President Hafez al-Assad.

Primakov met with Israel's Foreign Minister David Levy, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, as well as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. While shaking Levy's hand, he said, he understood the gesture to mean that Levy agreed with his "land-for-peace" approach. Levy was visibly embarrassed. Nonetheless, Netanyahu repeated his stance during a heated debate in Israel's parliament, the Knesset, that he would "never, never, never" accept the existence of a Palestinian state.

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## ***Netanyahu spreads war to Britain's African targets***

*EIR* sources have emphasized that one of the main assignments of the Israeli regime of Benjamin Netanyahu regime is to spread the Arab-Israeli conflict into Africa. Israeli military involvement in operations against Sudan, as well as in Somalia (a member of the Arab League), are rapidly increasing, well-placed sources in the Horn emphasize. Most dangerous is Israel's developing relationship with Eritrea and Ethiopia. Both states have become, in effect, Israeli puppet states, deployed in coordination with the Uganda of British marcher-lord Yoweri Museveni.

Currently, Israel has three military bases in Eritrea (the former Ethiopian Red Sea coast): In Northern Eritrea, at least 50 Israeli Army officers oversee a missile base targeting the strategic Port Sudan-Khartoum road, with the capability of also targeting Saudi Arabia and the Red Sea sea lanes. On the Dahlak Islands, a covert Israeli naval base has been built to potentially police the southern Red Sea. The islands were originally cased by the African Wildlife Leader-

ship Federation of Virginia aristocrat Nicky Arundel during Eritrea's independence war with Ethiopia, and which the war-torn, starving new country dutifully turned into a preserve in 1991. An Israeli missile battery under construction at Asseb, a southern port city bordering Djibouti, overlooks the entrance to the Red Sea.

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## ***Vatican takes point vs. Christian anti-Semitism***

From Oct. 30-Nov. 1, the Vatican sponsored a meeting of some 40 Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox scholars on "The Roots of Anti-Judaism in Christian Circles." According to the official Vatican release, the meeting concluded that: "Anti-Judaism offends God and the Church." Greeting the participants at the meeting, Pope John Paul II said that anti-Jewish prejudices in the Christian community had prevented Christian resistance against Nazism from being "what humanity had the right to expect from Christ's disciples."

Not everyone was pleased: In an interview with the Nov. 2 *Corriere della Sera*, Sergio Romano (who has elsewhere proclaimed "Britain is the new Venice") charged: "On one end, the Church wants to settle accounts with the past, through travels, statements, and rehabilitations. You go from Galileo to Giordano Bruno, passing through Judaism. But at the same time . . . it practices de facto an aggressive and missionary ecclesiastic policy, which could be summarized as follows: ask for pardon in order to conquer. . . . All this seems to me in reality to be religious expansionism. I would even define it Imperialism of Faith."

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## ***World Bank AIDS project ensures high death rate***

A new study by the World Bank, released at a Washington press conference on Nov. 3, was put together for the purpose of "helping countries set their priorities." In the report, the World Bank tries to prove that condoms and free needle programs are the affordable solution for poor countries.

To show how "concerned" the Bank is

**A BRITISH** parliamentary group is threatening to launch a boycott of the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, if Prime Minister John Howard changes the Aboriginal native title laws, respecting pastoral leases. Present law forces farmers (pastoral leaseholders) to negotiate any improvements, such as fences or dams, with all Aboriginal groups having claims of prior ownership.

**BUKAVU'S CATHOLIC** Archbishop Muziriwa was killed in late October, although the identity of the assailants is not clear. Bukavu, on the Congo-Zaire border with Rwanda, is currently held by the coalition fighting the Rwandan-Ugandan occupation of Congo, and is under siege by the Rwandan army. The coalition includes Mai-Mai fighters of Congo, the Forces for the Defense of Democracy of Burundi, and others.

**PRINCE CHARLES** may not become head of the British Commonwealth, according to the Oct. 29-Nov. 4 issue of *International Express*. Sir Humphrey Maud, deputy to Commonwealth Secretary General Emeka Anyoku, "confirmed that Commonwealth members would decide who should be head when the Queen dies. Prince Charles seemed happy. . . . Asked if he expected to take over the role, he said: 'I have no idea. It depends on the people.'"

**RUSSIAN CITIZENS** in Ardatov, Nizhnii Novgorod Oblast, have signed a petition protesting plans to establish a special prison colony for HIV-infected convicts. With nearly 500 registered cases, Nizhnii Novgorod has the third-highest incidence of HIV among Russia's 89 regions, after Kaliningrad Oblast and Krasnodar Krai.

**ZAMBIA'S** President Frederick Chiluba survived a military coup attempt in October, by a group calling itself the National Redemption Council. The attempt followed the government's decision to sell off its copper fields to a South African-British consortium.

about AIDS, chief economist Joseph Stiglitz hastened to say that the Bank's main concern was how its money was being used. "This study differs from many other studies of AIDS. . . . It focusses on the question of how best to allocate scarce government resources in order to identify responses to the epidemic that are fair and cost effective," Stiglitz said. Britain's Richard Feachem, CBE, director for the Bank's Health, Nutrition, and Population section, clarified: "Advances in using drug therapy have been good, but it is very expensive and those countries can't afford it."

Curing AIDS is not on the Bank's "concern" list. Martha Ainsworth, a senior economist with the Bank's Development Research Group, told the media, "There are cheap treatments for AIDS in terms of reducing people's suffering, and [these] sometimes prolong their life." In response to a question about how much money was going toward finding a cure, Feachem said that \$800 million was going into AIDS prevention programs, and that \$3.5 million (less than one-half of 1%) goes into research. That money goes to the UN's new UNAIDS program, whose research is devoted to prevention, and to the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, "which is a new body set up to accelerate the pace of progress toward an HIV vaccine."

## *Central banking guru Coombes dies in Australia*

Dr. H.C. "Nugget" Coombes, the "father" of Australia's ruinous central banking system, died last month at the age of 91. Coombes was educated at the London School of Economics during 1931-33, where he wrote his doctoral thesis on central banking. Back in Australia, in 1948, he was appointed head of the Commonwealth Bank, Australia's great national bank. He was responsible for turning the Commonwealth into a central bank, called the Reserve Bank, and became its first chairman.

In his autobiography, Coombes wrote: "Those who practice [central banking] often feel themselves to be members of an international Freemasonry, a kind of mystery in the medieval sense of a group who possess some

exclusive knowledge or skill. . . . This mystery was intensified, perhaps deliberately, by the personality of Montagu Norman, who for 21 years was governor of the Bank of England. . . . It was Norman who created the international Freemasonry of central bankers." Norman, of course, and his close friend Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, sponsored Hitler, who later made Schacht the first Nazi economics minister.

Later in life, Coombes earned himself the title of the "father of Aboriginal land rights." As *EIR* exposed in 1995, Coombes was working closely with transplanted Canadian Peter Jull, who had pioneered "Aboriginal land-rights" in 1993, using Canada's Inuits to carve a "Nunavut" nation out of 20% of Canada—all sponsored by Prince Philip's Inuit Circumpolar Conference.

## *Russia's Yeltsin visits China, confers with Jiang*

Shortly after China's President Jiang Zemin returned from his trip to the United States, he received a visit from Russian President Boris Yeltsin over Nov. 9-11. According to an Oct. 28 release from the Russian news agency Itar-Tass, the two heads of state were to sum up experience and achievements in bilateral relations, and discuss key international issues and development of a Sino-Russian strategic partnership. China's Deputy Foreign Minister Zhang Deguang said that "a breakthrough in the study of the eastern sector of the Sino-Russian border will be announced," during Yeltsin's visit. Simultaneously, the Sino-Russian committee for friendship, peace, and development in the 21st century planned to hold its first meeting during the Beijing summit, following recent talks in Moscow between its co-chairmen.

Russian Presidential Press Secretary Sergei Yastrzhembsky said on Oct. 28 that Russia expects that Jiang and Yeltsin will consolidate the political tendencies that have appeared in the Russo-Chinese relations, likely referring to the agreement on strategic partnership between Russia and China in the 21st century, signed when Jiang Zemin visited Moscow earlier this year.