

Israel transported its 200-man military emergency rescue team to Nairobi within 12 hours of the bombing. Although the medical team engaged in a very admirable humanitarian effort, Udo Ulfkotte, a correspondent for the German daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, said in an interview with German Radio on Aug. 11, that the Israelis may have used this as a cover for not only intelligence gathering, but for the “planting of intelligence” to create an “Islamic trail,” leading no doubt to Iran or Sudan. He pointed out that the bombing was “heaven sent” for Netanyahu.

*Ha'aretz*, the leading Israeli national daily, reported that, rather than being received with open arms by the Americans, the Israeli military medical team which showed up in Nairobi within hours of the bombing, complained that they were victims of “arrogant treatment” by the Americans on the scene. They reported that U.S. Marines forced them out of certain areas of the disaster scene at gunpoint.

*Ha'aretz* also reported, in its lead story on Aug. 11, that an informant linked to Israeli intelligence warned the United States that its embassy in Nairobi could be a target. But, when the United States asked the Israeli intelligence services whether the source was reliable, they were told to “take the report with a grain of salt.”

Although the name of the informant has not been made public, *EIR* has been told that he is most likely a former Mossad agent by the name of Lyle Shunk. Shunk, far from being some sort of incompetent, was a leading member of the Mossad team led by super-spook Michael Harari, which operated out of Panama and played an important role in the 1980s George Bush-Oliver North “Iran-Contra” gun- and drug-running operations. After leaving Central America, Shunk moved on to Africa, where he continues to be active for Israeli security companies.

## Tracking Her Majesty's intelligence service

by Hussein Al-Nadeem

The British establishment's behavior has become like that of certain insects, which develop a new immune system each time you use a new type of pesticide.

When the United States failed to respond to the calls of the Egyptian leadership and that of other Third World nations, to expose and destroy London's role as the center of international terrorism and specifically so-called “Islamist” terrorism, the British establishment's intelligence services developed a new *modus operandi*. Each time a major terrorist act is carried out against the United States or states that are

friendly to it, London-based terrorist groups would routinely claim responsibility for the attack, knowing that they are protected in London, the safest place on Earth for terrorists. This is, and will be, the case, as long as U.S. State Department officials keep protecting their ever-loving ally. London's terrorist groups have been shouting since Aug. 7, the day of the bombing of the U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, “We did it! We did it!” covering up for whoever was the actual author of the crime, most probably British intelligence itself.

### Murder plot against Qaddafi

Take, for example, the recent revelations made by two former agents of Britain's internal and foreign security services, David Shayler of MI5 and Richard Tomlinson of MI6. The two are now under arrest in France and New Zealand, respectively, on orders from the British government, for revealing that the British Secret Intelligence Services (SIS) financed and supported London-based Islamic terrorists in a plot to assassinate Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi in February 1996, with the endorsement of former British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind.

Shayler first disclosed to the British *Daily Mail*, which interviewed him in France before his arrest on Aug. 1, that he had learned that SIS had channeled funds to “a Libyan Islamist extremist group” that mounted a failed assassination attempt on Qaddafi, by planting a bomb on the road on which the Libyan leader was travelling. The attack killed several bystanders. On Aug. 5, the BBC was compelled to broadcast an interview with Shayler, after voices were raised in Britain demanding an official investigation in the case. In the interview, which was first blocked and then heavily censored by the Foreign Office, Shayler told the BBC that Britain channelled \$160,000 to a Libyan Islamic group to kill Qaddafi. “We paid £100,000 to carry out the murder of a foreign head of state. That is apart from the fact that the money was used to kill innocent people, because the bomb exploded at the wrong time. In fact, this is hideous funding of international terrorism,” Shayler told the BBC. The operation, according to Shayler, was planned and funded by the MI6. The money was allegedly paid to an MI6 Arab agent in Libya, to plan and carry out the operation.

Shayler said that he verified his information with his friend Tomlinson, who received a 12-month prison sentence last year for an “offense against the Official Secrets Act,” after trying to publish a book in Australia. Tomlinson was arrested in New Zealand at the beginning of August, under a British injunction to prevent him from making “damaging disclosures.” A British Foreign Office spokesman said that Tomlinson could “cause substantial harm to the effectiveness of the operations of the Secret Intelligence Services.”

In 1996, a Libyan “Islamist” group appeared out of nowhere in London, to claim responsibility for the assassination attempt against Qaddafi. Such has been the response of the “immune system” of British intelligence.

## The Nairobi and Dar es Salaam attacks

In our present case, we find the International Army for the Liberation of Islamic Shrines (IALIS), which is a combination of several London-centered Islamist groups: the Egyptian Islamic Jihad and Al-Gamaa, together with a Kashmiri group under the leadership of multimillionaire terrorist financier Osama Bin Laden. This group came into being earlier this year, under a different name (the International Islamic Front), in the escalation between the UN weapons inspectors and Iraq, which was close to exploding into a new war in the Middle East, but was defused by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, with the support of the U.S. administration, China, and Russia. At that time, the British did not get the war they wanted, which would have totally discredited the United States and President Clinton in the Third World.

Two days before the Nairobi-Dar es Salaam attacks, London's Islamic Jihad issued a declaration vowing to attack American interests all over the world, alleging that the CIA had carried out an operation against its members in Albania "months ago," to arrest and extradite three of them to Egypt where they might be executed. In London, there was a consensus among extremist Islamic groups to maintain that the Islamists under Bin Laden had carried out the attack. A group which is a splitoff of Bin Laden's London-based Committee for Advice and Reform issued a communiqué to justify and give credibility to the reports in the British and American media, that the IALIS is Bin Laden's group.

A number of groups in London praised the bombings and sent communiqués and messages to the international press saying that the bombings were a great victory for the oppressed Muslim nations against U.S. tyranny and its allies, and that the Islamic movement should carry out more such actions. Among the groups who sent such messages were the Egyptian "Supporters of Sharia" of Abu Hamza Al-Misri, who enjoys political asylum in London while under a death sentence in Egypt, and the Al-Muhajiroon of Omar Bakri. Islamic Jihad's official fundraising and propaganda outfit, the Islamic Observation Center, which was licensed by the British authorities in 1996, justified the attack and demanded that the United States change its policies toward Islamic nations.

Egypt has led an international effort to put an end to the protection and manipulation by Britain of a zoo of terrorist groups that threaten the security and economy of Egypt and other countries. In addition, Egypt carried the fight a step further by promoting the idea, through its official press, that the United States can gain nothing by looking inside the "Islamist" circus, but should realize that the bombing is the clearest sign of the involvement of the "former European colonial powers," through their intelligence and military power in the continent, to kill in the cradle the U.S. policy approach initiated by Bill Clinton (despite all its tragic flaws) in Africa recently.

# Taliban conquer northern Afghanistan

by Ramtanu Maitra

The fall of the northern Afghan town of Mazhar-e-Sharif to the Taliban has sent a shock wave through Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. These Central Asian nations have reacted strongly against the growth of the orthodox Wahabi variety of Islam in the region, preached by the Saudis and practiced by the Taliban.

The latest march by the Taliban to conquer north Afghanistan has also widened the rift between Tehran and Islamabad. Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazzi has informed Pakistani Foreign Minister Sartaj Aziz that the Taliban have kidnapped 11 diplomats from the Iranian consulate in Mazhar-e-Sharif. "Pakistan and the Taliban bear responsibility for the lives and safety of the staff at Iran's consulate," Kharazzi said. Iran, along with the Tajiks and the Russians, has reportedly backed the anti-Taliban forces in the north, and has accused Pakistan of aiding and abetting the Taliban movement in Afghanistan.

Anxious voices were also heard in Moscow and Tashkent, where Uzbek President Islam Karimov recently notified the nation's Parliament that he will "personally shoot Islamists, if this becomes necessary." Karimov accused Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan of hiding the Uzbek Islamic radicals in their training camps. Uzbek authorities recently claimed to have unearthed a network of "Islamic extremists," and accused them of a number of rapes in Namagan, the undeclared capital of Islamic extremists in Uzbekistan.

Moscow, which is beefing up the 25,000 troops it already has stationed along the Afghan-Tajik border, has complained bitterly of the Taliban and Pakistani involvement in Chechnya. On July 18, Chechen President Aslan Maskhodov extended a state of emergency and a curfew for ten more days, following an attempt on his life. He blamed the spread of the "anti-Islamic pernicious Wahabi doctrine" as the reason behind the militant anti-Russian secessionism in Chechnya. In a strongly worded statement, the Russian Foreign Ministry condemned "the direct involvement of Pakistani military in the planning and material-technical provision of the Taliban operations," and said that Russia reserves the right to take necessary steps jointly with the Commonwealth of Independent States member-nations to protect its borders.

It is not the first time that the Taliban have wrested control of the town of Mazhar-e-Sharif; a year ago they took it, but the Russian- and Iranian-backed northern alliance pushed them back southward again. Subsequently, mass graves were