

London set terror-trap for President Clinton

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On the morning of Aug. 21, U.S. cruise missiles struck and destroyed the Al-Sifa pharmaceuticals plant in Khartoum, Sudan, killing at least seven people, and destroyed a terrorist training camp allegedly run by Osama Bin Ladin in Afghanistan, on orders from the U.S. President William Clinton. The attacks, according to statements by the President, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Defense Secretary William Cohen, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Henry Shelton, were based on evidence that Osama Bin Ladin was the mastermind behind the Aug. 7 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, which killed 12 Americans and more than 250 Africans. The action was also taken, the officials stated, in response to reports that Bin Laden-linked terrorists were preparing further major attacks on U.S. embassies and airlines in the near future.

The attack took place in an environment of a quickening pace of crises challenging to the U.S. administration:

- The continuing meltdown of the world financial system, marked on Aug. 17 by the announced 50% devaluation of the Russian ruble and the suspension of debt payments by three months, and news of further crises to hit immediately in China, Hong Kong, and South America;
- A renewed war threatening regional conflagration in the linchpin country of the Democratic Republic of Congo, propelled by the drive of British Commonwealth financial interests to grab raw resources as the only insurance against the financial cataclysm;
- The London-driven destruction of American Presidency and threat of impeachment of President Clinton, with the grilling of President Clinton by Inquisitor Kenneth Starr Aug. 17 and Clinton's nationally televised admission of "an inappropriate relationship" with Monica Lewinsky;
- The escalation of terrorist threats against the United States, marked by the Aug. 7 embassy bombings, in London's

"strategy of tension" against the U.S. government.

In this climate of strategic turbulence, British intelligence, in concert with its strategic partners in Israeli intelligence, succeeded in stampeding the U.S. Presidency into a strike against Sudan, based on flimsy evidence put forward by British and Israeli sources, that is, by those known to be enemies of the United States in general, and against President Clinton's efforts for peace in the Middle East in particular.

The precipitous action will only act to discredit the United States' war on terror in the eyes of the world, particularly the Arab and African world, and set up the United States for further attack from the same British-Israeli-guided forces that hit the United States, and Africa, so brutally on Aug. 7.

Cordon sanitaire around Britain

The major motivation for the U.S. military actions against Sudan and Afghanistan, was the emphatic statement from Defense Secretary William Cohen that "our message is clear: There will be no sanctuary for terrorists." But the administration has overlooked the key role of London's safe haven and the *official* blind eye turned by British intelligence to active terrorist-support activities on its own soil, and overlooked the covert support and deployment of such terrorists by privatized and mercenary operations arrayed around the Special Air Services (SAS) and Executive Outcomes. These services are interconnected institutionally and operationally with the financial interests behind London's global pyromania and resource-grab in the face of monetary implosion (see *Strategic Studies*, p. 48).

As *EIR* has documented, the Afghansi networks, of which Bin Laden is now the most celebrated member, were retained under the control of this London nexus, substituting the American "devil" for the Soviet "devil" in the post-Cold War period. Unless the United States takes a clear stance against the

British-cum-Israeli controllers of this apparatus, retaliatory actions against this network — no matter what the evidence — is being perceived by the Arab world as a declaration of war against Islam, as America's "enemy image."

The Al-Shifa hoax

In the case of Sudan, however, there is no evidence to justify the U.S. Aug. 20 cruise-missile attack on Sudanese soil and the destruction of the Al-Shifa pharmaceuticals plant. Sudan expelled Osama Bin Laden from its territory in May 1996, and, according to a statement of the Sudan embassy in Washington on Aug. 21, "liquidated his businesses." Sudan also condemned the destruction of the U.S. embassies on Aug. 7, and offered full cooperation to the governments of Kenya and Tanzania to locate the perpetrators of the atrocities.

"There is no evidence pointing to any responsibility on the part of the Sudan government for the bombings," a well-placed Kenyan government official told *EIR*.

The Al-Shifa plant is a private company, a joint venture between the private sector and the Economic Community for Central and Southern States (COMESA). In January 1998, the United Nations approved exportation of medicine from Al-Shifa to Iraq under the UN Oil for Food Program, given that the plant's major business is the production of antibiotics, anti-malaria medicine, and childhood disease medicines.

Those who made the charge of Sudan's alleged involvement in production of chemical weapons, give an idea of who the architects are of the terror-trap against the American President. The charge first surfaced on Nov. 16, 1997, in the

Times of London, a mouthpiece for the British Foreign Office. At the height of a crisis around reports of Iraq's production of weapons of mass destruction, the *Times* claimed, "Iraq Makes Lethal Gas in Covert Sudan Pact." The sole sources cited for the charge were "military intelligence and diplomatic sources in Kampala." The primary military adviser to Ugandan military dictator Yoweri Museveni, who has been at war with Sudan since 1986, is Israel's Gen. David Agman.

Again, on Feb. 17, 1998, at the height of another crisis around Iraq, Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords Caroline Cox, the most vocal proponent of a full-scale *American* war against Sudan, declared in the House of Lords that Saddam Hussein had transferred Scud missile delivery systems, and other items of mass destruction, to Sudan.

As *EIR* reported, Cox said her source for this news was a Feb. 10 report, entitled "The Iraqi WMD Challenge: Myths and Realities," prepared by the Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare, an association composed of members of the U.S. House of Representatives, but which is not an official body of the U.S. Congress. The official director of the group is Yossef Bodansky, a former officer of the Israeli Air Force, who was the "spotter" for Jonathan Pollard, an Israeli agent convicted of espionage against the United States.

The targeting of Sudan by the United States, for the attack on its embassies, should give cause to re-examine the report in the Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz* on Aug. 8, that Israeli intelligence had told the United States to "take with a grain of salt" a warning from a former Israeli operative of a coming terror-bombing on the U.S. embassy in Nairobi.

LaRouche gives preliminary assessment of U.S. strikes

The following is a summary of an assessment by Lyndon LaRouche on Aug. 21, of the U.S. strikes against Sudan and Afghanistan:

1. Any attempt to analyze these events outside the context of the systemic financial and civilizational crisis, is meaningless;

2. On Aug. 14, LaRouche began a paper, titled "The Current Array of Strategic Options" (see p. 48), which analyzes in detail the responsibility of London-centered oligarchical forces and their British-cum-Israeli mercenary assets, in carrying out the bomb attacks in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Before this document could reach the Clinton administration, a powerful combination of British forces in the State Department and the FBI went into a full mobilization to mislead the President to take an investigative trail, which ultimately resulted in

the trap of the action in Sudan;

3. This massive and systematic operation to mislead the President was done in the environment of the Kenneth Starr operation around the Monica Lewinsky matter. Additional pressure was exerted on the President, indicating that retaliatory action, following the false State Department-FBI trail, would somewhat loosen up the hyper-tense situation for the President, including the danger of impeachment;

4. The operations in Afghanistan are of a special nature, and of a completely different quality, than the attack on Sudan. The pro-British clique surrounding the President, including Vice President Al Gore, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, the FBI, and the Department of Justice, put special emphasis on targeting Sudan, as a way of not just trapping the President, but of targeting LaRouche. The so-called "proof" against Sudan, as indirectly admitted by Defense Secretary William Cohen, is completely ludicrous;

5. As long as Lyndon H. LaRouche is not exonerated and given his historically proper place, tragic events like these will occur again and again.