

# International Intelligence

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## ***Barnard: Diana's Life Could Have Been Saved***

Princess Diana could have survived the Aug. 31, 1997 crash in Paris, which took the lives of her lover Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul, according to heart transplant pioneer Dr. Christian Barnard. Writing in the March 11 London *Sunday Telegraph*, the famous South African heart surgeon asserted that Princess Diana would have likely survived the crash—which is now widely believed to have been a vehicular homicide—had she received proper emergency medical attention. Echoing what *EIR* has been writing since the beginning of investigations into the crash, Dr. Barnard wrote, “My opinion is that [emergency medical teams] made a mistake in not rushing her to the hospital quicker because her bleeding could only be stopped by surgery. . . . I think she could have been saved.”

The *Telegraph* noted that Dr. Barnard's comments also support statements by Dr. Frédéric Maillez, the first medical professional to arrive at the scene of the crash, who described her as “in the best shape” of any of the crash victims, including bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, who survived.

The publication of Dr. Barnard's column in the *Sunday Telegraph* is ironic: The *Telegraph* led the smear campaign against Lyndon LaRouche and Dodi Fayed's father, Mohamed Al Fayed, to help cover up the evidence of foul play by the British royal family, and especially Prince Philip, in the deaths.

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## ***Project Democracy Makes Peru 'Live Laboratory'***

The Organization of American States (OAS) special envoy (i.e., pro-consul) for Peru, Eduardo Stein, told a Lima press conference on March 2, that many are watching the Peruvian election process, because it is a “living laboratory of what the political future of the region could” be. Stein was referring to the elections being called after the “democracy” mafia overthrew President Alberto Fujimori, who was overwhelmingly elected

to a third term, and whom they therefore declared a dictator. “What can be done in the rest of the continent, depends on the success of the peaceful democratic transition in Peru. Whether or not the democratic system works for our societies, is being put to the test here,” he said.

One day earlier, the Project Democracy puppet government of Prime Minister Javier Pérez de Cuéllar and President Valentin Paniagua unveiled their “Inter-American Democratic Charter” to enforce democracy on the continent. Pérez de Cuéllar emphasized that the charter must provide for “coercive” action against any violating country. He suggested that a break in relations be required with any country where anti-democratic actions have been taken.

Argentine Foreign Minister Adalberto Rodríguez Giavarini, on an official visit to Peru at the end of February, announced that his country backs the Peruvian proposal, calling it an “inspiration” for what could be done to make the April Summit of the Americas in Quebec City politically significant.

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## ***Greenies Target Russian Atomic Energy Minister***

The rabid environmentalist gang Greenpeace set its sights on Russian Atomic Energy Minister Yevgeny Adamov, making fraudulent claims of his corruption in their Russian website in early March. Greenpeace, a hit-squad which has received financing from Prince Philip's World Wide Fund for Nature, posted a 20-page document on [www.greenpeace.ru](http://www.greenpeace.ru), purporting to expose his alleged illegal business dealings.

“Adamov must be sacked immediately, and all the commercial activities of the Ministry of Atomic Energy must be investigated before it is too late,” Greenpeace demanded, charging that Adamov, an active promoter of nuclear energy, plans to turn Russia into a nuclear waste dump.

The Ministry of Atomic Energy was not intimidated. Spokesman Yuri Bepalko flatly denied any wrongdoing by Adamov, and called the reports part of an international conspiracy to discredit the Russian government, saying, “Everybody knows where

Greenpeace gets its money from, and how that money allows them to spread lies about the Atomic Energy Ministry,” he said.

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## ***Africa May Soon Be Extinct From AIDS***

Botswana President Festus Mogae issued a chilling warning on March 14, that his country faces extinction if it fails to slow the spread of AIDS within the next five years. The virus already affects more than a third of the adults. “We are determined we shall overcome this scourge in the next five years,” Mogae said, adding Botswana would secure vital anti-retroviral and other medicines this year. The crisis has already cut life expectancy by 25 years to 44 years, while a recent study by the U.S. Census Bureau projected that it could fall to as low as 29 years.

Mogae has previously accused the U.S. government of making “sympathetic noises” but doing little, and has also chided the West for failing to do more to address the double scourge of AIDS and crippling debt.

In Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, blood tests of teenagers aged 15-19, both in and out of secondary schools, showed 60% of them were HIV positive. Dr. Rosemary Mwakitwange, releasing the figures on March 13, pointed out that youths in this age bracket comprise “about 50% of all infected population in our continent.”

On March 12, Harvard AIDS expert Dr. Seyou Ayeahunie pointed out that 90% of AIDS vaccine designs are based on types that are endemic to the West, whereas only 5% of vaccine trials focus on type C, which accounts of 90% of infections in Africa, and 75% worldwide. He noted that subtype C in Africa is the “most fierce by far” and now accounts for more infections than all others combined.

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## ***Russia To Continue Animal Vaccinations***

In a statement in Moscow, on March 11, Valery Zakharov, Deputy Director of the Animal Protection Institute, said that the

**INDIAN** Defense Minister George Fernandes resigned on March 14, as did the head of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), after videotapes were aired of the two allegedly taking bribes. Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee has said there is “something fishy” about the tapes. Fernandes was replaced on March 19 by Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh, who will also retain his present portfolio.

**SUDANESE** President Omar Hassan al-Bashir relayed a message to U.S. President George Bush that his country is willing to cooperate with the United States and is open to discuss religious tolerance. The message was relayed to Secretary of State Colin Powell by Indonesian Foreign Minister Alwi Shihab, who in Washington on March 12.

**BRITAIN'S** Home Office issued a ban against 21 terrorist groups, after years of complaints from a dozen countries that Britain was a terrorist safe-haven. Banned were several Islamic, Sikh, Tamil, Kurdish, and Basque groups—but not, for instance, the deadly Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Sukhvinder Singh of the Sikh Youth Federation wanted to know: “Until last year, Prime Minister Tony Blair was sending us messages of goodwill for our annual conference. How come suddenly we’ve become terrorists?”

**VIDEO** footage of British Muslims fighting alongside Chechen separatists was provided to the London *Observer* by Russian Presidential spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the *Observer* reported on March 18. Yastrzhembsky also called on Britain to shut down the recruiting organization run by Sheikh Omar Bakri Mohammed in London.

**A TEHRAN-DAMASCUS** express passenger train left Tehran for Syria on March 10, its first run. The rail line is part of the regional network being reactivated. Another 500 kilometers of new track is being laid to complete the connections between the two countries.

hoof-and-mouth disease (HMD) disaster in Britain was predictable: In his doctoral dissertation presented in 1999, Zakharov had pinpointed 89 of the (now more than 200) localities that are affected in the United Kingdom, as susceptible for an outbreak of the disease.

Unlike Britain and other Western countries, which stopped large-scale preventive vaccinations in 1992, Russia has continued vaccinating its cattle along the entire border with China and Mongolia, and has provided the Mongolian authorities with 1 million doses of HMD vaccine this year.

There have been four outbreaks of HMD in Russia in recent years, and each of them was suppressed by the veterinary authorities, Zakharov reported. In the West, vaccinations were replaced by ad hoc measures, including the destruction of infected animals. “Our system is 108 times more economical than the system in England,” he said. “For comparison, due to the hoof-and-mouth disease in 1998, Taiwan was compelled to slaughter 5 million hogs, with losses amounting to approximately \$10 billion. According to official data, the losses incurred in Great Britain now, are approaching the \$4 billion mark.”

Zakharov’s institute also works for the other former Soviet republics, and has stored 100,000 doses of Russian vaccine for Ukraine.

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## ***Israel Lays Siege To Ramallah in West Bank***

Israel’s siege against the West Bank city of Ramallah, cutting off its 50,000 Palestinian inhabitants, is part of a new policy of the Israeli Defense Forces. According to the March 12 issue of the major daily *Ha’aretz*, the plan is code-named “Bronze,” and involves carving up the West Bank into 64 separate areas, any of which could at any time be cut off from the rest of the West Bank, as is being done to Ramallah. Nonetheless, there are fears among the Israeli military that such a policy could create an “humanitarian disaster” and a “propaganda catastrophe.”

Their fears are borne out: The siege has sparked mass demonstrations, including two

marches, one from Ramallah itself and the other from neighboring Bir Zeit University, which aimed at converging on a roadblock. During the protests one Palestinian was shot and killed by an Israeli soldier.

On March 13, *Ha’aretz* quoted René Kosirnik, head of the International Red Cross in Israel and the Palestinian Territories, charging that the siege threatens the “most destitute families” with starvation. He also said that the closure violates the Geneva Convention, because the Israeli military actions constitute “restrictive, physical . . . steps, and collective punishment which severely violates international humanitarian law, which requires that the occupying power ensure that the occupied population continues to live, as far as possible, in a normal manner, as during peace time.”

Ministers of the 22 Arab League members issued a statement from their meeting in Cairo on March 12, asking the UN Security Council to urgently convene and discuss how to provide international protection Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, following Israel’s “barbaric” move to seal off access to Ramallah.

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## ***India, Pakistan May Resume Kashmir Talks***

Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee announced the early resumption of talks with Pakistan on the status of Kashmir, in a March 12 statement to the Lok Sabha, the lower house of Parliament. Vajpayee also welcomed a statement by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, issued during his visit to Islamabad, Pakistan on March 11, in which Annan said the issue should be resolved through bilateral means, rather than the imposition of UN resolutions.

Pakistan’s Chief Executive Gen. Pervez Musharraf issued a similar statement on March 13. Speaking in Lahore to the Council of Pakistan Newspaper Editors, one day after his hour-long meeting with Annan, Musharraf affirmed that India and Pakistan are nearing a “solution to the Kashmir dispute, and that India would come to the negotiating table very soon,” according to a report from Islamabad in *The Hindu*.