

Egypt's Mubarak Raises Interesting Questions

In an interview with Cable News Network (CNN) on Sept. 15, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak raised several crucial questions regarding the attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The following excerpts are taken from the transcript provided by the Egyptian State Information Service website:

Recalling his own repeated public warnings since 1991, that governments must take terrorism seriously, Mubarak lamented that his warnings had not been heeded. He emphasized the extraordinary nature of the Sept. 11 events: "We take precautions on the grounds, people may hijack planes, do this . . . do that, but we couldn't think any intelligence capability in the world could have the capability to predict they are going to use commercial planes with passengers on board to crash the Towers, to crash the Pen-

tagon. Those who did that should have flown in the area a long time. For example, the Pentagon is not very high, a pilot could come straight into the Pentagon like this to hit, he should have flown a lot in this area to know the obstacles which could meet him when he is flying very low with a big commercial plane in a special place.

"Someone has studied this very long, someone has flown in this area for long."

When asked if he were suggesting it were an inside operation, and who might be behind it, Mubarak criticized the assumptions that it must be Arabs. "You remember Oklahoma, there came immediately that the Arabs did it, and it was not the Arabs, who knows. Let us wait and see the results of the investigations, because something like this done in the United States is not an easy thing." He criticized assumptions about pilot training: "Some pilots had been training in Florida, so many pilots go and train just to fly and have a license, that means you are capable to do such terrorist action? I am speaking as a former pilot, I know that very well, I flew very heavy planes, I flew fighters, I know that very well, this is not an easy thing. So I think we should not jump to conclusions from now."

elements, including religious fanatics pushing the destruction of the Islamic holy sites on the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif, were identified in a late-July statement by Lyndon LaRouche, as possibly plotting the assassination of Sharon, and the use of his martyrdom to unleash a full-scale Mideast war, possibly involving the use of nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass destruction against Persian Gulf and other Islamic targets.

The 'Mega' Factor

On Sept. 17, the day after he authorized the pullback of Israel troops, Sharon was already busy, trying to escape from the pressure from Washington and other world capitals. *Ha'aretz* reported that Sharon held a conference call with leading American Jewish lobby figures, and urged them to support his view that the Palestinians must be included among the targets of the anti-terror alliance. He was quoted as telling the group, "We cannot permit ourselves to distinguish between terror against Israel and terror against the rest of the world. Arafat's terror against Israel is like bin Laden's terror against the United States."

The *Ha'aretz* story did not name any of the prominent Jewish Lobby figures who participated in the call. However, it is likely that there were members of the "Mega Group" on the line. The "Mega Group" was exposed in the Aug. 17, 2001 *EIR* as the Zionist "mega-billionaires club" engaged in an intensive blackmail and pressure campaign against the Bush Administration, to force the President into giving his support

to whatever massacres Sharon cares to unleash, in the name of Greater Israel. The "Mega Group," which met in New York City in early May at the mansion of founder Edgar Bronfman, to launch a \$7 million media and public relations campaign in support of Sharon, represents one of the most serious national security problems in the United States today.

All of these dangers pose a continuing challenge to the Bush Administration, even as it prepares its currently stated form of response to Sept. 11. Meanwhile, the facts of the targetting of New York and Washington pile up, confirming LaRouche's original immediate assessment of the bombings, as attacks which could only be authored as part of a coup d'état prepared chiefly by a powerful rogue element still ready to strike again, from inside the security structures of the U.S.A. itself. We must hope that that line of ongoing investigations identifies some of those rogues in time, to persuade the United States to call off the kind of chaos which would lead, inevitably, to an unstoppable religious war with and among an estimated billion Muslims of the world.

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