

Leading Saudi Daily Covers EIR vs. Kissinger

On Dec. 3, the leading Saudi and international Arabic-language daily *Asharq Al-Awsat*, published an article by *EIR* authors Michele Steinberg and Hussein Al-Nadeem under the title: “Who Is Behind The Attack On Saudi Arabia And Egypt . . . And Why?” The subtitle answered the question: “An American Coup d’État, Aiming To Impose The ‘Clash Of Civilization’ Policies, And Creating A New Roman Empire.” The article is largely an Arabic translation of Steinberg’s article in the Nov. 30 *EIR*. The editors of *Asharq Al-Awsat* reported on what they characterized as “American politician and economist Lyndon LaRouche’s analysis of the Sept. 11 events and what followed, as a coup d’État.”

The same issue contained the Arabic translation of a recent op-ed by former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, under the title “How The Sept. 11 Attacks Will Shape The World Order In The 21st Century.” Kissinger’s article confirms many of the suspicions raised by *EIR* about the intentions of the “transatlantic” power elite for forming a New World Order modelled on the Roman Empire, and for fomenting a “clash of civilizations” with Islam.

Also published in the same issue of *Asharq Al-Awsat* were several articles by prominent Saudi businessmen—such as Dr. Abdurrahman Azzamil—and Saudi lawyers, who were replying frankly to the slander campaign being waged against Saudi Arabia and Egypt by major Anglo-American mass media organs.

Asharq Al-Awsat, both in print and on the Internet, is the leading Saudi business daily, with the largest international readership among Arabic newspapers, a daily circulation of 236,500. It is published by the London-based Saudi Research and Marketing Ltd., and distributed in most Arab Gulf countries, North Africa, and all major cities in Europe and the United States.

Sharon claimed he got a “green light” from Bush to give Arafat and the Palestinian Authority “the Taliban treatment.” But Israeli sources expose this as a lie. On Dec. 5, *Ha’aretz* correspondent Zev Schiff wrote that, in their meeting, Bush laid out a series of “red lines”—not “green lights”—to Sharon, warning him not to harm Arafat, nor topple the PA, which is the U.S.-recognized partner in the peace negotiations. Sharon is ignoring Bush and counting on Mega’s political clout.

To further the Sharon/Mega aims, a resolution sponsored by Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) and Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), two of Sharon’s biggest backers, was rammed through the House of Representatives by a vote of 384-11, to pressure Bush to crush Arafat in the name of a “war on terrorism.” At the same time, ten members of Congress, including Senators John McCain (R-Ariz.), Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.), Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), and Trent Lott (R-Miss.) sent a letter to Bush, demanding Iraq be made the next war target in the “war on terrorism.”

Despite the broad margin, however, there is some clear-minded opposition, reflected in the warning by Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.), that this resolution pushes a policy for Israel and the United States that leads to world war.

Lebanon Legacy: Sharon Is Out To Murder Arafat

by Dean Andromidas

The bloody escalation of events in the Mideast of late November-early December has been orchestrated by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, and his Israeli Defense Force (IDF) generals, in collusion with their supporters in the United States among the “Mega” group of billionaires and the “Wolfowitz cabal,” named after Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, who are attempting to foment an all-out religious war. Sharon’s aims are clear: sabotage the peace mission of Gen. Anthony Zinni (ret.), U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell’s special envoy; overthrow the Palestinian Authority; and eliminate Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat from the scene forever.

Sharon’s bloody provocation would not be possible unless he got a “green light” from his friends in Washington. This does not refer to President George Bush or Secretary of State Powell, but to the circle of war-mongers who have decided to unleash their breakaway ally, Sharon, because the Bush Administration, despite the ravings of Wolfowitz and his cronies, refuses to launch war against Iraq, Syria, and Iran. Allowing Sharon to eliminate Arafat and overthrow the Palestinian Authority, would throw the region into a conflagration within which Sharon’s generals could unilaterally launch attacks on Iraq, Syria, or other Arab countries. This in turn, would drag the United States into a war with the Arab world and the “clash of civilizations,” which has been the intent of those behind the ongoing military coup initiated by the attacks on the United States on Sept. 11.

On Nov. 19, Powell gave his speech committing the Bush Administration to implementation of the Mitchell Commission plan—a report on steps necessary for Mideast peace by