



## Bani-Sadr: a terrorist with credentials

The election of Abolhassan Bani-Sadr to the position of President of Iran brings to power a man who has promised to impose Cambodia-style "ruralist" genocide on a population already rocked by the rule of Khomeini's Muslim Brotherhood terrorism.

"Teheran is a monstrous, parasitical town," Bani-Sadr told the Paris daily *Le Monde* last November, "which absorbs by itself half the national consumption and poses an abusive burden on the state budget. We will depopulate it. ..."

Bani-Sadr was educated at France's University of the Sorbonne, as was the same Pol Pot who went on to oversee the murder of three million Kampuchean. Like Pol Pot, Bani-Sadr is one of an array of personalities carefully trained in the philosophical-political arm of zero-growth doctrine known as French existentialism, more popularly recognized in the person of terrorist controller Jean Paul Sartre.

Bani-Sadr's ideological tutor, Sorbonne Professor of Sociology Georges Balandier, in turn touches base with all the institutions named as the centers for the "braintrust" behind international terrorism, environmentalism, and cult creation.

A cornerstone creation of the Paris nexus of existentialists, environmentalists, and anthropologists linked to Sartre, the Zionist lobby's Jacques Soustelle and cultist Claude Levi Strauss, was the late Professor Ali Shariati. Shariati, a fanatic Iranian ideologue once close to Britain's Bertrand Russell, became a cult figure in Iran by preaching the revolt of Islam against the "evils" of the industrial West. It was Shariati who helped set the atmosphere needed in Iran to make the Khomeini entourage's return appear to the world as "revolutionary."

As the Ayatollah's economic advisor, Bani-Sadr defined Khomeini's "Islamic economic system" as centered on plans for Maoist-style factory and village councils reminiscent of the Dark Ages, import cutbacks, and limitations on oil production and foreign investment. It was Bani-Sadr who announced last Nov. 23 the default of Iran's \$15 billion foreign debt to finance the "revolution."

foreign ministers held in late January as a "pro-American" operation.

- Ahmed Khomeini, the son of the Ayatollah, said in a speech on Bani-Sadr's inauguration that the main enemy of Iran is the U.S.-Israeli axis, and although he condemned the invasion of Afghanistan he refused to mention the Soviet Union by name.

In interviews over the past 10 days, Bani-Sadr himself has described the opposition that he is facing. On Jan. 27, he told the French daily *Le Monde*:

The people have chosen me despite the scandalous partiality of the radio and television, the insidious campaigns launched by the leading press organs, the veiled hostility from the top clergy, the battle waged against me by the Islamic Republican Party, although really by a handful of fascist prelates within the party falsely claiming support for Imam

Khomeini and also despite a political campaign of filthy slanders.

Among the reports circulated by Bani-Sadr's opponents—especially the media controlled by propaganda czar Sadeq Ghotbzadeh, the foreign minister, and by Ayatollah Beheshti of the Islamic Republican Party—are that he was an agent of France, Israel, and the CIA, and that he was a collaborator of General Zahedi, the founder of the Shah's SAVAK secret police. In response, Bani-Sadr has threatened to make use of the secret SAVAK files and archives to discredit his opponents. According to *Le Monde*, Bani-Sadr suggested that the many trials and executions of former SAVAK officials have been held to hush up scandals involving current Iranian officials. "Could there be people infiltrated into the revolutionary movement who fear the publication of the SAVAK documents?" asks Bani-Sadr.