

International Intelligence

Did Israel create Islamic radical group?

At least one Muslim fundamentalist group in Jerusalem may exist only because the Israeli intelligence service wants it to.

A well-informed Palestinian source told *EIR* that the Israeli intelligence service created the Muslim fundamentalist group known as Hamas. The Hamas group has been seeking to foment a jihad (holy war) over Jerusalem and the Temple Mount, whose Dome of the Rock is the third most holy site in the Muslim religion. Jewish radicals insist it is the sight of Solomon's Temple. The radicals on either side therefore vie over their "religious" claim to the site.

The source said that the national security project to launch Hamas involved covert aid for the group's leaders so that they could study in Egypt with the Muslim Brotherhood.

At least one powerful faction of Israeli intelligence backed the Hamas group for two additional reasons: 1) Hamas originally disavowed armed struggle; and 2) Hamas's goal was to supplant the Palestine Liberation Organization within the Intifadeh, the uprising in the Occupied Territories. The Palestinian source said that Israel may now believe that it has created a "Frankenstein monster," and it has begun a crackdown on Hamas by deporting some of the more extreme leaders.

Sweden hosts IRA, other terrorists

Swedish anti-terrorist squad head Krister Hansen told the daily *Svenska Dagbladet* the weekend of Sept. 17 that several terrorist groups have active or dormant cells in Sweden, including Middle East groups and Sikh and Basque separatists. Hansen insisted that it was impossible to monitor all their activities: "We cannot listen to their telephones or breathe down their necks. We have neither the resources nor the legal possibilities to do so."

He pointed to a large number of IRA terrorists located in the southern city of Malmö. According to Hansen, the group was visited on several occasions by active IRA operatives based elsewhere in Europe. For example, Terence McGeough, an IRA suspect arrested this month in West Germany after having crossed the border from Holland, had intermittently lived in Malmö for five years, operating under a false identity. "While he was living here under his real name, we could keep a check on him, but when he went underground, we had insufficient resources to locate him," Hansen declared.

He noted that the other IRA suspects living in Sweden "were people with the same convictions and activity as McGeough." McGeough is under arrest on suspicion of having murdered British soldiers in West Germany and Belgium.

Malmö's chief public prosecutor, Axel Richter, has ordered a full investigation into IRA activities in Malmö. Said Richter, "At present, McGeough is merely suspected of illegal residence in Sweden, but we must investigate whether he used his flat in Malmö to prepare terrorist outrages and as a depot for weapons and explosives."

British police are demanding that the British government make top-level approaches to the Swedish authorities to deal with the situation. The *Daily Mail* of London commented Sept. 19 that Hansen's revelations are likely to cause "a major row" in Sweden, after all the controversy that has hit the security services because of the Palme assassination.

The *Mail* article is headlined, "Sweden 'a Safe Base for IRA Terrorists.'"

Israel launches first spy satellite

Israel put an experimental communications satellite weighing 3½ pounds into orbit Sept. 19. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir hailed the launch, saying, "It makes Israel a partner in the upper echelon of the modern technological world."

Israel had spent much time denying that

it was about to launch a satellite, which proves that it has an ICBM capability. Cabinet secretary Eliyakim Rubinstein a day earlier had said that he had no knowledge of the matter, and that the government would not discuss it. He declined to say whether the 10-man inner cabinet decided to launch the rocket when it met early on Sept. 11, as alleged by the British magazine *Flight International* and other publications. *Time* magazine, too, had reported that Israel had only to set a launch date to become the eighth country known to possess a rocket powerful enough to lift a satellite. Other reports had said that Israel tested a medium-range missile code-named Jericho-2 last May, and that it was capable of carrying nuclear warheads over a range of 900 nautical miles.

After the Sept. 19 launch, the head of the Israel Space Agency, Yuval Neeman, said that a rocket placed the satellite into low Earth orbit, where it would send back data for about a month before burning out. He said that Israel would decide in due course whether to launch military reconnaissance satellites.

Li Peng responds to Gorbachov initiatives

Chinese Premier Li Peng gave an apparently positive response to the "diplomatic initiatives" that Mikhail Gorbachov outlined on Sept. 16 in Krasnoyarsk, Siberia. While proposing that the United States leave the Philippines, in return for the Soviets leaving Cam Ranh Bay, Gorbachov also issued another call for an early Sino-Soviet summit.

"We would like very much to normalize our relations with the Soviet Union," Li Peng is quoted. "Our objective is to get our relations back to a normal state of affairs, but not to the state which existed in the 1950s. We will not return to the days when we were allied with the Soviet Union."

He added, "Our American friends should not feel uneasy about this," because U.S.-Soviet relations have made "a lot more progress" than those between Beijing and Moscow recently.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union has agreed

to lend China \$82 million to complete a rail line across their central Asian border. The line will join China's northwest region of Xinjiang with the Soviet Kazakh Republic, and provide a shorter route between Europe and the Far East. The Soviet section was completed in the 1950s, but China stopped work after the break in relations, and did not resume it until 1985.

Club of Life sets back 'Dr. Cyanide'

A partial victory for the Club of Life's mobilization to halt West Germany's "cyanide doctor" Julius Hackethal was marked on Sept. 21, when it was announced that Hackethal would close his private clinic at Chiemsee, Bavaria. Hackethal has led a brazen campaign to win public support for his revival of Nazi euthanasia, as "humane death."

The Club of Life, an international group founded by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, is working to get Hackethal's medical license revoked, and to have him prosecuted for murder. Hackethal blamed a Bavarian state health minister's decision to disallow state insurance benefits to patients "treated" in his hospital, and the threat that his license may be revoked, for his decision to close the clinic. He had intended to run it until at least 1991.

Pakistan deepens probe of Zia 'sabotage'

Pakistan's civilian and military intelligence services have now been brought into the investigation of the plane crash that killed Pakistan's President Mohammed Zia ul-Haq, according to an announcement by senior Pakistani security officials Sept. 15. "There was no need to expand the investigation if the plane . . . crashed due to a mechanical fault," an official said in response to reporters' questions.

Senior Pakistani officials said that the country's Intelligence Bureau Directorate

and Federal Investigation Agency have become involved in the investigation, which has been widened to determine who might have sought to harm Zia. "President Ghulam Ishaq Khan wants all the security agencies of the country to work together to unearth the hands behind the sabotage," a senior intelligence officer said.

Another source said that a special team has been constituted to interrogate five men arrested this week for their involvement in the assassination of extremist Shi'ite Moslem leader Allam Arif Hussain Hussaini outside his house near Peshawar two weeks before the plane crash. "Officials investigating the crash believe that the murder and the crash were interlinked," a senior source said.

Princess Gloria meets Fidel

Princess Gloria von Thurn und Taxis has a new conquest, Cuba's Fidel Castro. So says the Venezuelan magazine *Z*.

"Prince Johannes von Thurn und Taxis," of the Bavarian family whose wealth and power some say is beyond estimation, "and the Princess," who is about 40 years his junior, "arrived in Cuba aboard the Prince's white yacht, coming from another exclusive multimillionaire haven, La Romana, in the Dominican Republic, and they were received with open arms by Castro himself."

The magazine said that Thurn und Taxis tried to invest in La Romana, but he and designer Oscar de la Renta, the owner, argued heatedly, and de la Renta vetoed the idea. The argument occurred at the mansion of Venezuelan Gustavo Cisneros, whose family used police-state measures to suppress *Dope, Inc.*—the book that exposes the financial networks behind drug running—in Venezuela.

EIR investigators have identified Prince Thurn und Taxis as a pivotal figure in collaboration between old Nazi networks and the Soviet intelligence services. Gloria is very much part of the cocaine-sniffing jet set of Europe.

Briefly

● **BOLOGNA** University celebrated its 900th anniversary on Sept. 16, and the event and an accompanying publication were denounced by the Catholic group Communion and Liberation. The publication had stated, "The message of these 900 years is a republican and Mazzinian one," referring to the 19th century political figure Giuseppe Mazzini, who organized revolts all over Europe under a banner of satanic libertarianism. Communion and Liberation called this claim "a revival of the old Masonic anti-Christianism."

● **PHILIPPINE** President Corazon Aquino said Sept. 17 that the Soviet offer to withdraw from a naval base in Vietnam in exchange for the scrapping of U.S. bases in the Philippines was not an issue for the Philippines, but for the two superpowers to resolve.

● **THE PALAU ISLANDS** broke off negotiations with the United States regarding a possible military basing agreement. The Palau island chain is located 530 miles east of the Philippines and is considered the fall-back option for Clark Airfield and Subic Bay Naval Station, if the Philippines facilities become unavailable.

● **CRASHES** of NATO military aircraft continue in Europe. A German Phantom F-4 crashed near the Baltic island of Omoe Sept. 14. Both pilots are missing. It was on a routine flight as part of NATO air exercises in the western Baltic. A U.S. Army Cobra helicopter crashed near the German city of Erlangen the same day, after coming into contact with a high-tension line. Four days earlier, a U.S. OH-58 Kiowa helicopter crashed near Mergentheim.

● **SIX AFGHAN** planes violated Pakistan's airspace over the Northwest Frontier Province on Sept. 12 "with the intention of bombing Pakistani territory," Islamabad Domestic Service reported. Pakistani F-16s intercepted and shot down two of the planes.