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From the Editors

As we wrap up this issue of *EIR*, the Obama Administration, at the behest of its British sponsors, is on the verge of touching off a new phase of global war, which will be "uncontrollable," in the view of Lyndon LaRouche, and could lead to world conflagration. Russia and China have both weighed in against the Administration's declared intent to effectively wage war against Syria, not ISIS—an insane, foolhardy flight-forward. Congress appears ready to let it all happen—and, in an act of cowardly insanity, rush home to campaign for re-election.

Our *Feature* story on the fight to release the crucial information about the Saudi role in funding 9/11, provides a vital weapon for preventing this disaster. Read the full transcript of the Sept. 9 press conference of the 9/11 families; watch the video on www.larouchepac.com, and get it around everywhere. Sen. Bob Graham, whose recent initiatives we report at length, is doing a terrific job, but this is a life-or-death issue for not only every American, but world peace.

Americans do have an alternative to falling into the British trap of global war, and we continue our unique, in-depth coverage of this alternative, the emerging New World Economic Order led by the BRICS. We have two major contributions: first, the webcast report-back of her trip to China by Helga Zepp-LaRouche; and second, a comprehensive report on the China-Russia-India advances toward a new technological platform for development. Mrs. LaRouche has promised us much more—but you will get a flavor in this week's report (*International*).

Also of note is our report on the recent Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference (*Science & Technology*), which showed the Pacific nations poised for advancing the nuclear agenda. A leading Indian nuclear scientist, Dr. Srikumar Banerjee, elaborates in an exclusive interview with *EIR*.

The dangers for mankind under the current imperial system go beyond the Southeast Asia war threat, of course. Among the leading ones is the threat of biological holocaust represented by the Ebola epidemic now ravaging Africa. Debra Hanania-Freeman, a doctor of public health, gives us a comprehensive report on the origins and the danger. Another is the ongoing confrontation by the EU and U.S. against Russia—which is, in fact, pushing Russia to move more rapidly toward a sovereign credit system, if the West doesn't provoke nuclear conflagration first (*Economics*).

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Bush-Obama 9/11 Coverup Paved Way for Rise of ISIS

by Edward Spannaus

Sept. 16—The rise of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) was materially aided by the failure of the Bush and Obama administrations to investigate and make public the role of Saudi Arabia in the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001, former U.S. Sen. Bob Graham (D-Fla.) has charged. Graham is in the best position to know: As a member of the U.S. Senate for 18 years, he headed both the Senate Intelligence Committee and the Congressional investigation of the 9/11 attacks, which first uncovered the Saudi role in financing and supporting the terrorist hijackers.

Graham, who has been increasingly outspoken about the Saudi role, and the need to made this information available to the American public, has escalated his demands over the past week, by linking the suppression of the information about the Saudis and 9/11, to the emergence of the terrorist Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS).

Graham's intervention, which is now being picked up in the international press, could not be more timely. President Barack Obama is on the edge of committing the United States to a new war in Southwest Asia, in which the U.S., Britain, and a host of others, will ally with the Saudi creators of the terrorists who would allegedly be targeted—a war that would have uncontrollable consequences for world peace. This cannot be allowed to happen; thus the urgency that the truth of the Saudi role in 9/11 come out.

Congress has the tool in its hands to blow the lid off the coverup which has been in place since 2003. Reps. Walter Jones (R-N.C.), Steven Lynch (D-Mass.), and Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) have sponsored House Resolution 428, which demands that "the President should declassify the 28-page section of the Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 2001." Twelve additional Congressmen have signed on, and pressure is mounting, as the families of 9/11 victims have taken the offensive to finally get action and justice (see press conference transcript below).

Should Congress force the release of the 28 pages, it would blow apart the British-Saudi war drive, and lay bare the venal criminality of corrupt officials in the U.S. government who have carried out the coverup—from George W. Bush to Barack Obama—providing new evidence for them receiving their just deserts, in a prison cell.

Saudis 'Playing Both Sides'

In a two-part interview with the local Fox News station in Tampa, Fla., Sept. 11-12, Graham made his strongest statements to date about the Saudi role. Fox opened its report as follows: "While President Obama just called on Saudi Arabia to help us fight the ISIS terrorists, and while Secretary of State John Kerry is currently rallying support from Arab diplomats in Saudi Arabia, Graham claims the Saudi government is already sponsoring the terrorists."

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Islamic State: 'US failure to look into Saudi role in 9/11 has helped Isis'

In an exclusive interview, the Senator who led inquiry into attack says Obama's plan to confront Sunni jihadis repeats past mistakes

On Sept. 14, the London Independent dropped a bombshell, in an article by investigative reporter Patrick Cockburn, based on an exclusive interview with Sen. Bob Graham. The headline says it all.

In the interview, Graham charged that the Saudis are "playing both sides," pretending to help the U.S. to fight against ISIS, while secretly financing the terrorists. "They essentially are the creator of ISIS and the primary source of its financial support today," Graham said. "Saudi Arabia feels they can do almost anything and nothing is going to happen [to them] because they're being protected, covered up, by the U.S. government," Graham said. "I think it has emboldened Saudi Arabia to give even more support to the most extremist elements in Islam, such as ISIS now in Iraq and Syria." He pointed out that both Presidents Bush and Obama have refused to release the classified 28 pages of the 9/11 Joint Inquiry, the investigation he headed. "For 13 years, that information has been denied to the American people," said Graham. "The pot is going to break soon."

Graham was referring to the 28-page chapter of the final report of the Congressional Joint Inquiry into the 9/11 attacks, which was a combined effort of the Senate and House Intelligence Committees. The chapter began by referring to "specific sources of foreign support for some of the September 11 hijackers while they were in the United States." After that tantalizing lead-in, everything else in the chapter was redacted, having been classified by President Bush in 2003. This was despite the fact that both Graham and Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.), who was the Republican co-chair of the Intelligence Committee at the time, said that 95% of the information in those 28 pages could be released to the public with no harm done to national security.

Coverup of 9/11 Aided ISIS

On Sept. 14, the London *Independent*, dropped another bombshell, under the headline, "U.S. failure to look into Saudi role in 9/11 has helped ISIS." The article, by investigative reporter Patrick Cockburn, was based on an interview with Graham, in which he said that the U.S. government's failure to investigate the Saudis, and to tell the public what it already knows about the Saudi role in 9/11 and its continued support of terrorist jihadist movements, has aided the rise of ISIS. Pointing to "successive administrations in Washington" (i.e., George W. Bush, and now Barack Obama) turning a blind eye to Saudi support for Sunni extremists, Graham declared: "I believe that the failure to shine a full light on Saudi actions and particularly its involvement in 9/11 has contributed to the Saudi ability to continue to engage in actions that are damaging to the US—and in particular their support for ISIS."

"The most striking example of Washington's willingness to protect the Kingdom over complicity in 9/11," Cockburn wrote, "is the 28 pages of the official inquiry that were censored and have yet to be published."

The failure of U.S. intelligence to identify the rising threat from ISIS, Graham told the *Independent*, was because the U.S. government has been ignoring Saudi Arabia's fostering of al-Qaeda-type jihadist movements, and treating the Saudis as a reliable ally. It was certainly no coincidence that Graham's charges came as the Obama Administration was seeking to enlist the

aid of the Saudi Kingdom and other Gulf monarchies in a military drive against ISIS—the very same ISIS which Saudi Arabia and Qatar, in particular, have been supporting and financing all along.

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The Saudi figure at the center of the entire sordid affair is the Kingdom's former Ambassador to the U.S., Prince Bandar bin Sultan, sometimes known as "Bandar Bush," due to his extremely close relationship with the Bush family. Here, Bandar visits the President at the Bush ranch in Texas, August 2002.

Bandar Is Smoked Out

Surrounding the Sept. 9 press conference on Capitol Hill, and the 13th anniversary of the attacks on Sept. 11, the story of the Saudis and the suppressed 28 pages began to break out in the "mainstream" U.S. media, including substantial stories on the CNN and MSNBC cable news networks, and the widely watched PBS "Newshour."

Internationally, Al Jazeera ran its own story, while numerous other outlets in Southwest Asia and elsewhere reposted and reprinted stories from the U.S. media, as well as the *Independent* story cited above. The Al Jazeera article was entitled "9/11's secret 28-page history," and it gave prominent coverage to the calls of the 9/11 families for release of the 28 pages, and the drive in the U.S. Congress around HR 428.

Moreover, the Saudi figure in the middle of it all, the Kingdom's former Ambassador to the U.S., Prince Bandar bin Sultan, was drawn out to deny his role in the 9/11 attacks. The Prince, sometimes known as "Bandar Bush," due to his extremely close relationship with the Bush family, has been publicly linked to funds channeled to two hijackers living in San Diego, Calif.; *EIR* has further shown that those funds likely derived from the British-Saudi Al Yamamah terrorist slush fund. On Al Jazeera, Bandar lied shamelessly, asserting: "The idea that the Saudi government funded, organized or even knew about September 11 is malicious and blatantly false."

Al Jazeera also quoted Michael Kellogg, a Washington, D.C. lawyer who represents the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in various lawsuits growing out of the 9/11 attacks, as denying the allegations made about Saudi intelligence agent Omar al-Bayoumi, who has been identified as a key part of the Saudi support network in San Diego. On the other side, the article quoted Stephen Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists, who "told Al Jazeera while the information might negatively affect U.S. foreign relations, the importance of shedding light on the September 11 attacks takes precedence."

Don't Just Say: 'Never Forget'

In the Sept. 11 segment on MSNBC's "All In with Chris Hayes," Rep. Stephen Lynch was asked about the Saudi claims that they would like the 28 pages to be released. Lynch answered (as he had in the Sept. 9 press conference), that there may be "some duplicity" on the part of the Saudis in their calling for this, adding that he doesn't think they really want it disclosed. In the Capitol Hill press conference, Lynch—who has read the classified 28 pages—was more direct, declaring that "if I was part of the Saudi Royal Family and government, I would not be calling for the disclosure of this information."

Otherwise, in their MSNBC interviews, both Reps. Jones and Lynch stressed that the American people have the right to know the truth about what happened on 9/11. When asked if the pages are being withheld to protect the Saudis, Lynch, of course, could not answer directly, but he said that disclosure of the 28 pages "would inform our anti-terrorism policy going forward," and that disclosure would allow the American people to understand "the complexity, the months of planning, and the individuals who were complicit" in

the 9/11 attacks." Hayes raised the question of Saudi and Qatari financing of ISIS, and Jones insisted that we should let the 9/11 families and the American people "know the truth and decide for themselves." If the material in the 28 pages implicates some other countries, said Jones, "so be it; let the American people know the truth of 9/11."

Lynch also had an op-ed published on WickedLocal.com, a Massachusetts-based website, in which he made the critical point that on 9/11, it's not enough to say "never forget." We also need "a full accounting of the events and circumstances surrounding the tragedy of 9/11." Which, he said, we will not have as long as the 28 pages remain classified.

Zelikow's—and Obama's—Perfidy

The Saudi role in the 9/11 attacks was also highlighted in the PBS "Newshour" broadcast on Sept. 11. The program featured an interview with *New Yorker* investigative reporter Lawrence Wright, who had published an important article on the Saudis and the 28 pages on the morning of the Sept. 9 Capitol Hill press conference, which included an interview with one of the officials most responsible for the coverup of the Saudi-9/11 story, the 9/11 Commission's staff director, Philip Zelikow.

In the PBS interview, Wright reported, "Congressmen that I have spoken to who have read those 28 pages say it has nothing at all to do with national security, that the Bush Administration and the relationship with the Saudis is implicated." Wright added that "they also admit that it has something to do with the two Saudi hijackers who came to America in January of 2000." Wright acknowledged that the events in San Diego center on the Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs, which has offices in Saudi embassies around the world.

Wright's nailing of Zelikow as demanding that the 28 pages remain classified is most instructive. As the staff director of the 9/11 Commission, Zelikow ran it as a petty dictatorship on behalf of the Bush-Cheney White House, maintaining a secret back channel to National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice and White House Chief of Staff Karl Rove. Even though the 9/11 Commission was supposed to build on the work of Graham's Congressional Joint Inquiry, Zelikow would not allow anyone to see the 28 pages on the Saudi role—even the Justice Department and FBI investigators who had written it!—and he went to great lengths to attempt to exonerate the Saudis, while trying to pin the 9/11 attacks on Saddam Hussein and Iraq. Earlier, Zelikow had served both on the Bush-Cheney transition team, and then on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) under Bush.

Tellingly, Obama appointed traitor Zelikow to his own President's Intelligence Advisory Board on Sept. 7, 2011—only days before the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Is it any wonder that Obama has continued to keep the truth about the Saudis and terrorism from the American people and the world?

According to family members, President Obama has *twice* told family members of 9/11 victims that he will release the suppressed 28 pages. That promise has been broken.

Senate Action?

Glaringly missing in the campaign for release of the 28 pages has been the U.S. Senate, where so far, no Senator has come forward to introduce a parallel resolution to HR 428. This inaction was partially broken on Sept. 11, when, by a unanimous vote, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved a new version of the "Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act" (JASTA), sending it to the Senate floor for a vote. This is a victory for the 9/11 Families United for Justice Against Terrorism, who have fought hard for the legislation for years, declaring that they want to hold Saudi Arabia and its ruling family legally responsible for the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The bill would expand provisions in the Foreign Sovereignties Immunities Act and the Anti-Terrorism Act, thus allowing lawsuits against foreign states financing terrorism, to go forward. Saudi Arabia still faces numerous lawsuits over its role in 9/11. The Obama Administration has intervened in the court cases to protect the Saudis from the families' legal efforts; it has also protected Saudi Arabia by refusing to designate the Kingdom as a state sponsor of terrorism.

At a Sept. 1 press conference at the 9/11 Memorial in New York City, Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), accompanied by 9/11 families' representatives, promised that the Judiciary Committee would take up JASTA on Sept. 11. Schumer said that it "doesn't matter" that lawsuits would create tensions with Saudi Arabia, adding that their role in helping fund al-Qaeda was a "horrible thing."

Release the Secret 28 Pages of the 9/11 Congressional Inquiry Report!

Congressmen Walter Jones (R-N.C.), Steven Lynch (D-Mass.), and Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), joined by family members of those killed on Sept. 11, 2001, held a press conference in Washington, D.C., Sept. 9, to demand the declassification of the suppressed 28 pages of the 9/11 Joint Inquiry Report. The three members of Congress are co-sponsors of HR 428, calling for release of the 28-page section of the report, which reportedly exposes the role of the Saudi kingdom in supporting the 9/11 terrorists. EIR has produced this transcript of the press conference. A video is available on the LaRouchePAC website.

Rep. Walter Jones: We're going to begin the press conference. Let me give those of you in the press the order of the speakers: I'm Walter Jones/ I represent the 3rd Congressional District [of North Carolina]; the next speaker will be Congressman Stephen Lynch from Massachusetts, a very dear friend of mine; and if he gets here on time, Congressman Thomas Massie from Kentucky.

We have been very much the drumbeaters for this effort of declassifying this information. After Thomas speaks, I will come back to the podium and I will introduce Terry Strada, who will be the first speaker, then Kaitlyn Strada and Justin Strada; and then Matt Sellitto, father of Matthew Sellitto, will speak; Abraham Scott, Abe Scott, will speak, widower of Janice Scott; and Miss Ellen Saracini. And I will let them, after I introduce Terry Strada, I want them to re-introduce themselves, even if I've called out their names, and let them tell you why they're here today, and what their pain might be, and how Mr. Obama can help soothe the pain.

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Rep. Walter Jones opens the press conference on Sept. 9 in Washington. With the 13th anniversary of 9/11 coming up in two days, he said, "there would be no other way to bring a little bit of relief to the heartache of these families than for President Obama to announce that he is going to declassify the 28 pages." Left to right: Ellen Sarcini, Justin Strada, Kaitlin Strada, Terry Strada, Rep. Stephen Lynch, Jones, Abraham Scott, Matthew Selitto, Emanuel Lipscomb.

So let me start now with just a few comments. This Thursday will mark the 13th anniversary of this horrible attack of 9/11, that creates so much pain for *all* the American people, but especially—especially—the families who lost so much.

It's been kind of amazing, when you know that the Saudis have called on the American government to declassify this information, and yet, under President [George W.] Bush, he decided that the 28 pages should remain classified. I am pleased to say that those of us in the House made up our minds that we needed to give the families relief, and give the American people the truth. We have read the 28 pages; other members of Congress have read the 28 pages. We are not at liberty to share any of the information that has already not been publicized. [Former Senator] Bob Graham deserves so much credit: He's been out front on this issue, calling for the declassification.

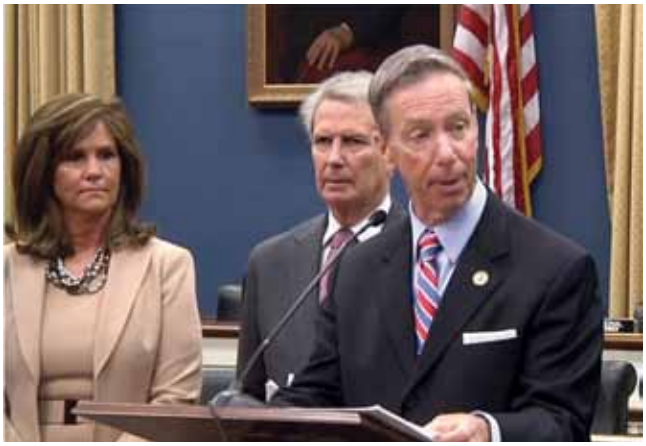
Yesterday, Jake Tapper of CNN did a magnificent 15-minute piece, that if you have not seen it, please go on the website and look up the Jake Tapper show.... It was excellent. Anyone that did not lose a loved one should see it, and understand why these people are here today....

We have been reaching out to the Senate; we have had very little help from the Senate. I don't know how the Senate can say no to these families that are standing here today, and the families that are not here today. With 9/11 coming about on Thursday, there would be no other way to bring a little bit of relief to the heartache of these families than for President Obama to announce that he is going to declassify the 28 pages.

At the end of those who will be speaking today, we will be glad to take questions at the podium, that will help those of you who have cameras here today. With that, both of my colleagues, first to speak will be Stephen Lynch, Congressman from the state of Massachusetts—Stephen?

Terrorism Remains a Real Threat

Rep. Stephen Lynch: Thank you, Walter. First of all, I want to thank Walter for his leadership on this issue. He's been fantastic. He's been like a rock for a lot of us, in making sure that other Members get a chance to read the 28 pages; I also want to thank the families for your strength. I really think that's where we get it, the insistence on getting these 28 pages made public, it really comes from the strength of the families, who are obviously trying to honor their loved ones by getting the whole story out there. And also, Congressman Massie, thank you, as well, for your support in keeping the heat on, and asking for a full accounting.



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Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-Mass.): "It may have been a matter of national security to classify these pages in 2002, but it is now a matter of public interest and good government to release them in 2014."

It's often been said that there is loyalty in the simple act of remembrance, and as we approach the 13th anniversary of Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, we pause to remember the loved ones, the beautiful Americans who died that horrific day. We hold in our hearts and our prayers, the memories of those innocent victims and the families they left behind. But the measure of our loyalty as Americans for those innocent victims extends beyond the promise to never forget. It also requires us to provide a full accounting of the events and circumstances surrounding the tragedy of 9/11.

It's also important to recall that 28 pages of the 9/11 Joint Congressional Inquiry, a bipartisan, bicameral Congressional inquiry, continue to be classified and withheld from the public. This wasn't a mere redaction of a few specific words or sentences, which is common in many classified documents. This was a wholesale excising and removal of a full section, 28 pages in length. It is inexplicable today, why we are still censoring this information from the American public. It may have been a matter of national security to classify these pages in 2002, but it is now a matter of public interest and good government to release them in 2014.

Last December, my friend Congressman Walter Jones and I, joined by Congressman Massie, introduced a bipartisan House Resolution 428, which urges President Obama to declassify the redacted 28 pages of the Joint Inquiry Into the Intelligence Community Activi-

ties Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001. It's also known as the 9/11 Joint Congressional Inquiry.

Today, I join with Congressman Jones and Congressman Massie, the gentleman from Kentucky, in renewing our call for the release of the 28 pages of the 9/11 Joint Congress Inquiry. We are joined today by representatives from the 9/11 Families United for Justice Against Terrorism , and families of the victims killed during the terrorist attacks; also from the airline pilots as well, who lost friends and colleagues during those attacks.

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Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.): "Please ask your Congressman to go read these 28 pages and join us on House Resolution 428."

Transparency in government is very important. Enough time has passed that we can digest the information without worrying about the visceral passions and security implications that might have existed in the days immediately following the attacks.

These families, and our nation, experienced a profound and personal loss. There are many questions that remain, and these families and our nation deserve to have those questions answered. The declassification of the 28 pages is an important step toward answering those questions, and after reviewing the 28 pages, we believe, myself and Walter and Mr. Massie, we believe that they can be declassified without harming U.S. intelligence sources and methods. Indeed, we firmly believe that the information contained therein can be instructive in framing our current anti-terrorism policy going forward.

Terrorism remains a real threat to the United States, no doubt. And the better informed we are, the better we will be able to ensure that we are doing everything possible to protect Americans at home and abroad.

Again, I want to thank the families for being here. I want to thank them for their strength and their support, and collectively, we respectively the White House to make these 28 pages available to the American public. Thank you.

'Specific Sources of Foreign Support'

Rep. Thomas Massie: Thank you Representative Lynch and Representative Jones for leading this. I'm here today primarily for two reasons: for the families that suffered the loss of loved ones in the attacks on 9/11, and also for our country, for our national security, and so that we can have a full discussion about foreign policy.

You know, I renewed my push for the release of these 28 pages this Summer. When we started talking, in the national discussion about having a third war, ostensibly, to prevent another 9/11, it occurred to me—I woke up one morning—we'd basically had two wars to prevent the next 9/11, and we're talking about a third war—we need to get these 28 pages into the discussion, and that's what renewed my efforts to release these pages.

It occurs to me that the page before the 28 pages is important. People want to know what we are we referring to. We can't say what's in those 28 pages, but we can talk about the first sentence on the page before those 28 pages. And it says, "Through its investigation, the Joint Inquiry developed information suggesting specific sources of foreign support for some of the September 11 hijackers while they were in the United States." Now, these hijackers received financial support; that's what this is saying, and wouldn't it be good to know where that came from? Because it occurs to me that there's culpability. Whether that support was an act of commission or omission, there's still liability for en-

abling somebody to carry out an attack so atrocious on our country.

I want to keep my comments short, and I want to finish with a call to action. The President can release these 28 pages tomorrow. He can hold his press conference and say what we've said: that the families deserve to know, and that this is important to our national security and the national policy debate on foreign policy, to get this out. But the other way that we can bring pressure to bear, is following Congressman Jones' leadership and Congressman Lynch's leadership, and that is, to get other Members of Congress to read these 28 pages.

If you're watching this press conference, and your Congressman has not read those 28 pages, you need to ask him or her, "Why haven't you done it? Do you not have the time? Are you worried about what's in there?" Ask them, "Would you please do this for me? Would you do this for the families? Would you do this for our foreign policy debate?" Because I think what we've found is that after Congressmen read these pages, they agree with us: It will not compromise our national security to release them; it will inform our foreign policy discussions; and I think it will help the families.

And so, I leave it with that call to action: Please ask your Congressman to go read these 28 pages and join us on House Resolution 428. Thank you.

Jones: Thomas I want to thank you and Stephen for your comments. And I would like to mention, before I introduce Terry Strada, that Michael McCaul, who's chairman of the Homeland Security Committee on the House side, has read the 28 pages, and he has promised me that he will meet with me to have a discussion of how we can interest other Members of Congress to join us.

With that, I want to ask Terry Strada if she'll come forward, and her daughter Kaitlyn and [son] Justin will stand with her. And then from there, I want to ask the other members of the families to come forward. I've got Matt Sellitto, Abe Scott, Ellen Saracini, and I think there's one other.

So Terry, if you and your children would come before us?

A Growing Fear in the Country

Terry Strada: Thank you very much.

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Terry Strada, co-chair of 9/11 Families United for Justice Against Terrorism, holds up a picture of her husband, who died in the World Trade Center. "Without the truth, we cannot take all the steps necessary to protect ourselves from those who wish to annihilate and slaughter us," she said. With her are two of her children, Justin and Kaitlin, who also addressed the press conference.

Hello, my name is Terry Strada. I am the national co-chair of 9/11 Families United for Justice Against Terrorism. On Sept. 11, I lost my husband Tom Strada. It will be 13 years in just two short days. Here is a picture of my husband, Tom; he was the love of my life. His parents, siblings, and our three children miss him each and every day. He was only 41 years old, and our three children were 7, 4—Kaitlyn was 4—and Justin was 4 days old—when he was brutally murdered by terrorists, while working to provide for his family.

I spoke to Tom twice that morning. His second call was to tell me a plane had hit the building. Within seconds, the horrible images came on my television, and I saw what we all witnessed. The billowing smoke from the North Tower, and then the second airplane, coming in like a missile, pierced into Tower 2. Both towers imploded, one by one; then the Pentagon was struck. And, finally, horribly, Flight 93 crashed in Shanksville, Pa. It all happened in a matter of hours, but has left its emotional scars on my children, Tom's family, and me, for a lifetime.

Terrorism kills innocent people who don't deserve to suffer unspeakable horrors before they die. It frightens you to your core. How could it not? The nightmares

and sleepless nights continue to this day. But this is not just my legacy, it belongs to our nation as well. There is a growing fear in this country. America—Americans' fear of the atrocities happening in the Middle East and the threats being made towards us. We fear how and when we will be attacked again. I do not know if it will be as catastrophic as 9/11, where terrorists will attack us more methodically, or randomly, but I am certain, Islamic radicals with terrorist ties are here in this country.

I fear a terrorist attack will come from within our borders, exactly like it did on 9/11.

No matter how many airstrikes we launch, drones we use, or troops on the ground we deploy, as long as there are well-funded terrorist organizations that continue to vow to murder and destroy us, we will never be able to stop future terrorist threats. My children and yours live in a world where there are videos posted on social media, of ISIS beheading American hostages, and declaring they will hang their flag on the White House.

How did we get here? And what does our future hold?

Part of the narrative of how we got here is in these 28 pages: Who finances the world of terror? Who gave financial and logistic support to the 19 hijackers? That truth has been kept a secret from my family and the American people for 13 long, painful years. We and the American public deserve to know the truth. As long as the bankrollers remain free with impunity, they will continue to finance terrorist organizations, like al-Qaeda, ISIS, and countless others. We stand here, today, calling on each and every Member of Congress to please read those 28 pages, and join Representatives Jones, Lynch, and Massie, in urging President Obama to declassify these pages, now.

Without the truth, we cannot take all the steps necessary to protect ourselves from those who wish to annihilate and slaughter us.

We're not alone in our request for the release of these 28 pages. As far back as 2003, Senators Chuck Schumer and Sam Brownback authored a letter to then-President Bush, signed by 44 other Senators, including former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and current Secretary of State John Kerry, asking for the declassification of the 28 pages, and I quote: "As you are aware, Saudi Arabia banks and charities have been used to funnel money to al-Qaeda; its madrasa schools spew hateful anti-American rhetoric to would-be suicide bombers across the Middle East, and 15 of 19 hijackers were from Saudi Arabia. Given these facts, protecting the Saudi regime by eliminating any public penalty for the support given to terrorists from within its borders would be a mistake."

And now a private citizen, Brian McGlinchey, has taken on our cause and created a website called www.28pages.org, urging all Americans to get involved and join us in asking President Obama to do the right thing and declassify the 28 pages for all America to see who really was behind 9/11, so we can protect ourselves and our children from future terrorist attacks.

But no matter what else is said here today, remember this: We all know a massive and brutal crime was committed on 9/11. Keeping it a secret about those who facilitated it *must end now*. Thank you, Congressmen Jones, Lynch, and Massie for your support, in introducing House Resolution 428, and as always, thank you former Sen. Bob Graham, for his relentless work in declassification of the 29 pages. Thank you.

And now I'd like to introduce my daughter, Kaitlyn.

Many Unanswered Questions

Kaitlyn Strada: My name is Kaitlyn Strada. As a child who lost her father at the age of 4 on 9/11, I have a different perspective than all of you here today. Terrorism not only killed my father, it robbed me and my two brothers of our innocence and sense of security. I'm growing up in a world that I don't trust. I've grown up without a father, because of terrorism. I've had many experiences taken away from me, because of terrorism, and I have many unanswered questions.

For years, with tears in my eyes, I watched my friends dance with their fathers at their Bat Mitzvahs and Sweet 16 celebrations. I will never have a father-daughter dance. My father never got to see me compete on my horse, cheer me on on the lacrosse team, or hear me speak at my middle school graduation. My life is, and always will be bittersweet.

When I dream of my wedding day, I will carry his picture and wish he were there with me, walking down the aisle and taking me by the hand onto the dance floor. Because of terrorism, I turned from a happy-go-lucky little girl with no worries, to one who couldn't leave her mom's side for fear of the "bad guys" coming back. Terrorism does exactly what it's meant to do: It terrorizes you and leaves you somewhere deep down inside,

always feeling afraid. It will be 13 years in two days, and I still struggle with anxiety and fear.

Losing your sense of security, innocence, and being afraid is not the way any child should have to grow up. Due to the work my mom does, I realize really how much I don't know about my father's murder. Why should I, and thousands of other 9/11 children, live without answers to who was behind the murder of our parents, and why they were taken away from us?

I am 17 years old, almost the same age as President Obama's two children, Sasha and Malia. I am grateful they have both of their parents in their lives, and have never suffered a loss like mine. I wouldn't wish this life of pain on anyone.

Mr. President, please declassify the 28 pages that hold truths regarding who was behind my father's murder, for me, and for the other 3,000 children who lost a parent on 9/11. As a father, wouldn't you want your children to not have to live with unanswered questions without ever knowing the truth? I plead you, Mr. President, to declassify the 28 pages, for me and the other thousands of 9/11 children, for peace and closure of that horrific day. Thank you.

I'm going to introduce my younger brother, Justin.

Justin Strada: My name is Justin Thomas Strada. I was born on Sept. 7, 2001. Four days later I lost my father, on Sept. 11. I never got the chance to know him, and he never got the chance to know me. My mother has raised me to always tell the truth. She tells me my father was an honest, hard-working man, who would also want me to tell the truth and to keep our promises. I would like to hold my government to the same standard and ask the Members of Congress, to support me and the other 9/11 victim family members and survivors. Thank you.

Mr. President, I Call You a Liar!

Matthew T. Sellitto: Good afternoon. My name is Matthew T. Sellitto. My son, Matthew C. Sellitto, was murdered, Sept. 11, 2001. Matthew called me at 10 minutes to 9 [a.m.], Sept. 11, telling me a plane had just hit the building. I said to my son, "Get out of the building." He said, "Dad, you don't understand." He was on the 105th floor: He couldn't get out of the building. He just called to say, he wanted to let us know he loved us.

What a message to get as a parent! To know the last thoughts that your child has, knowing that he's going to

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Matthew T. Sellito, who lost his son on 9/11: "Mr. President, when you tell me there's a security risk, and that's the reason you're not making these public, Mr. President, I call you a liar!"

die, he wants the message out, he loved you. Think of that. What a thought!

After that happened, my wife and I were chosen to be lead families on the 9/11 Commission, because that 9/11 Commission had to come out with a report to give to the American people, on what exactly happened that day, and how it happened, what were the causes. We donated our time, we were parents of a child that was old, and we have another child that was in college; we didn't have young children that we had to take care of, so we thought it our duty, and we took on that duty. Tom Kean and Lee Hamilton led that Committee. They were chosen by our government, by lead people in our government, because they were entrusted by our government. Our government chose them because they said, we think these people are good people, and we know they will do the right thing. They will have transparency, that magic word, "transparency."

I've met with Tom Kean, I know Tom Kean. I've met with Lee Hamilton. Both gentlemen tell me, there's no reason these 28 pages should not be turned over to the public. There is no security risk to our country, if these 28 pages are turned over to our country.

I want to thank Senator Graham; I want to thank Congressmen Lynch, Jones, and Massie. Why? They're

trying to do the right thing, because they know there's no "security risk," if the rest of the country knows.

But our President is telling us, there's a "security risk"!

So, if I spoke to Tom Kean and I spoke to Lee Hamilton and they told me there's no security risk, and if the people that gave them the power to run this 9/11 Commission, trusted them, and they tell me there's no security risk, then, Mr. President, when you tell me there's a security risk, and that's the reason you're not making these public, *Mr. President, I call you a liar! And my son's dead, and I don't know all the facts,* because, Mr. President, you're lying to me.

Thank you.

'Know Thy Enemy'

Abraham Scott: Good afternoon. My name is Abraham Scott. My wife, Janice Marie Scott, was killed in the Pentagon. I would [like to repeat] a famous quote from a famous Chinese philosopher, Sun Tzu: "Know thy enemy." We immediately knew our enemies, the 19 terrorists when the attack occurred on 9/11. But we are still hazy in terms of who financed those attacks, and I do believe, with the declassification of those 28 pages, the truth will come out.

Having spent 20 years in the military, I know the power of the military, but there's another option involved in dealing with this type of war, terrorism: And that's hurt them where they really hurt, and that's their pocket. The Charlebois, the parents of co-captain of fatal Flight 77, they died before the Pentagon memorial was completed. [9/11 widow] Beverly Eckert, a very good friend of mine who was killed in a Continental flight in Buffalo a few years ago, she passed. My two grandchildren, they want to know the truth, my two daughters want to know the truth. The souls of the Charlebois, as well as Beverly—Beverly is crying out for Congress to pass a bill to the President to declassify those pages. Also, the nearly 3,000 victims, as well as the family members, to include 184 victims at the Pentagon, these souls are crying out to release those pages.

I beseech you, President Obama, as well as the Senate and the House of Representatives, to act, not as a partisan or a political issue, but do the right thing, and release those 28 pages before I go home and see my Lord and Savior. Thank you, and God bless.

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Abraham Scott, who lost his wife in the attack on the Pentagon: "We are still hazy in terms of who financed those attacks, and I do believe, with the declassification of those 28 pages, the truth will come out."

Emanuel Lipscomb: My name is Emanuel Lipscomb. I didn't think I was going to say anything, because on that day, I didn't think I was going to have to do anything. I'm a civilian survivor, rescuer, of the World Trade Center. I just happened to be across the street from the building, and was there for the entire attack, when the relatives of these families, with their backs against the wall, did not worry about other things, did not worry about themselves, but instead thought to help other people; they stood—I want to let the world know!—they stood unafraid! They were proud Americans. And because they were proud Americans, they did what had to be done. By the time the police and the rescuers and the fire workers came there, there was no crowd of people fighting to get anywhere, because of relatives that stood in the gap, and made sure others got free. I was under the Tower when it fell, and I just happened to witness all the people....

Today, the threats of things going crazy in the world are just like they were before. It's been quiet here. Things just kinda seem like nothing's going to happen, but they didn't seem like they were going to happen then.

So right now, don't think our backs aren't against

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Emanuel Lipscomb was part of the 9/11 rescue effort. "Get on the phone!" he said. "Call the people that need to be called! Read the pages, if you have access to the papers! Don't play games, be serious,"

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Ellen Sarcini's husband was the captain of United Flight 175, which was hijacked and struck the Pentagon. "What do we need to know? We need to know who aided and abetted the terrorists. And why do we need to know that? So that it's not repeated."

the wall; don't think we don't have to do everything that needs to be done. President Obama, you hear us! Senate, you hear us! Everyone else, you hear us! Get on the phone! Call the people that need to be called! *Read the pages, if you have access to the papers! Don't play games, be serious*, just like this Senator and these Representatives are: Do your part. This is our country, land of our birth. This is our country, the proudest on Earth! We stood as children, pledging the Allegiance, said, "We're America the bold." But this is our country, only if we *have it as our country*, and we hold onto that liberty and strongly do what needs to be done.

President Obama, I ask you again: Just do the right thing.

Ellen Saracini: My name is Ellen Saracini. My husband, Victor, was the captain of United Flight 175, that struck the South Tower of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, at 9:03 a.m. Ever since that day, my life, and the lives of my two daughters, Kirsten and Brielle, has not been the same. We don't know a normal life. I was a stay-at-home mom, and I turned into a safety advocate and an advocate for Sept. 11, because there are a lot of issues out there that are not allowed to be brought forward.

This is what we're talking about today. It's just very simple: What do we need to know? We need to know who aided and abetted the terrorists? And why do we need to know that? So that it's not repeated again, because if it's repeated again, then we didn't learn history's lessons, and we paid a painful price for this lesson that we learned, and it was called Sept. 11. There isn't anyone who doesn't have a reaction to Sept. 11. There isn't anyone in this room, or anywhere else, who doesn't remember exactly where they were on Sept. 11. And that is because it was devastating, and we cannot allow it to happen again!

And the simple truth is, is that we don't know all of what happened until we read these 28 pages, and when we do, then we are going to be able to have them be held accountable. And only when they are held accountable, does that mean that we will not repeat this again. So, we all are asking President Obama: It is his turn now, to be the one in charge, to say we need to let this out into the public. We need to let everyone know who aided and abetted, and hold them accountable.

And I thank you all for being here, today, and your support. And you really should be applauding everyone standing behind me. They are working very tirelessly, making sure that when you go home at night, you and your families will be safe. These are the ones who are doing it. Thank you.

Questions from the Press

Jones: If there are any questions, if you would hold your hand up, identify yourself, and which Member of Congress or family member that you would like to answer questions, they'll come so that you can hear it clearly. We'll go here, and then to the gentleman, and then Jeff [Steinberg], you be third. Young lady.

Q: Leandra Bernstein, RIA Novosti. This is a question for Representative Lynch. You mentioned that reviewing the contents of the 28 pages would potentially change our policy moving forward. I'd like to know more of your thoughts on that.

Lynch: Well, you know these pages are classified, which is why we're here. I can't go into too much detail, without violating my oath of office to honor that classification, but I think it definitely would be instructive, going forward, for us to see the complicity behind the long-term planning, and very deliberate steps taken to reach that day of 9/11. There was a great deal of planning beforehand, there were individuals that I think, in the 28 pages, that are, I have said, stunning in their clarity, in terms of how demonstrative they are in showing the planning beforehand, the financing, and the eventual attacks on that day.

So I think it would be instructive to Members of Congress to understand the scope of this, the involvement of individuals, whether or not they were working in league with governments or not. I think it would be very instructive, and especially today, I think we all realize that terrorism is with us, still, and that we have to have a comprehensive, and serious, serious response to that.

So I think this would be helpful to Members of Congress, and to the American people who choose those representatives; I think it would be helpful at a number of levels.

Q: And then, just a brief followup, because with the threat of the Islamic State, the U.S. government talks about building regional partnerships, often names Saudi Arabia, whether or not they're going to help militarily or whether they're just going to clamp down on terrorist financing or oversight over how their government is financing different groups. So how could that regional partnership be—could it be altered by the contents? Not specific, just…

Lynch: Well, absolutely. I think in a way you've sort of answered your own question. The complexity here, again, goes to the question that Congressman Massie asked in a recent—I think it was the *New Yorker*—where he said he was not sure—and I agree with him—whether individuals were acting as part of a government, or whether they were acting sort of as rogue agents. But certainly, there is an overlap in what you are talking about. The complicity of certain individuals on 9/11 and in the months before that, and groups that are still active in funding some elements of the Sunni insurgency, or Sunni militant groups, in the Middle East right now, acting against the Bashar al-Assad government in Syria, and also acting against Iraqi government.

So, yes, there's plenty of overlap and it's very complex. And I think it would be helpful to have all this information out there, so that we could—I think it would inform that whole issue, as well as being valuable in a retrospective sense on Sept. 11, 2001.

Q: Herman Russell, with Inter Press News. This is for you Congressman Jones, or any Members of Congress who can speak to this. The August 2003 letter was signed by, I think, 46 Senators, most of them, if not all perhaps, Democrats; I'm wondering if the fact that there is now a Democratic President, is really the reason why the Senate hasn't shown more interest in jumping—or more members of the Senate haven't shown interest in jumping on this, recently. I mean, is it possible that this is just kind of an issue of partisan politics?

And also I was wondering if you could speak to the idea, when Saudi Arabia has now said that they want to see it declassified, do you think that may be a little bit of a smokescreen? Maybe they're telling the administration, no don't do it, but then publicly saying they would like to see it? Because saying it publicly would absolve them.

America Will Fall if We Don't Uphold the Truth

Jones: Let me very quickly speak before Stephen [Lynch]: that there is no reason, that any of the Senators that signed the letter when President Bush was in office, should not be just as adamant today, if they're still in

the Senate, to release this information. Because, again, this is about the families who have suffered so much; it's about an America which was attacked. And as far as I'm concerned, the Senate owes it to the families, and especially those Senators up in the Northeastern part of the United States of America, and here in Virginia, where we had the Pentagon [attacked], they owe it to the families and the American people. Everyone else has spoken articulately, and well, about why this should be done, and there *is* no excuse. There *is* no excuse.

American will fail, and fall, if we don't uphold the truth on this issue and other issues! A republic will not stand without the truth, and that's all this is about.

Stephen, do you want...?

Lynch: Just briefly. I associate myself with the gentleman from North Carolina. But you asked also whether or not the Saudis might be playing both sides, calling for disclosure, but yet behind the scenes, asking for the information to remain classified? I could not see, if I was part of the Saudi royal family and government, I would not be calling for the disclosure of this information—let's put it that way. So, I guess, I suspect duplicity, let's put it that way.

I want to say something, too: You know, as a dad, I just want to say how proud I am of these kids.

Q: Jeff Steinberg with *Executive Intelligence Review*. I have a question for Terry and Matt, and any of the other family members that would like to comment also:

After the excellent 15-minute broadcast on CNN last night, and I believe that Jake Tapper said that the White House refused to comment for the show, but, I understand that later, in one of the news broadcasts, there was a statement from the White House claiming that the matter had been referred to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence for review. That seemed to be in stark contrast to at least two occasions I'm aware of, where the President directly promised the families that the 28 pages would be released. I'd like to get both of your comments on that White House statement that was on the news later in the day, yesterday. Are they starting to feel the heat, finally, to maybe have to act on this?

Strada: I didn't see this, so I can't...

Sellitto: I didn't see the report, but I think I made my point very clear. He [President Obama] made this promise to the families *twice*. So, in conjunction with him saying it's [declassification of the 28 pages] against national security, and I told you, I spoke to Lee Hamilton, I spoke to Tom Kean. We both know Tom Kean personally, and he tells us, it's not against national security. I tell you this, and what you just said, "Mr. President, you're a liar!" I can't make it more clear than that! He's lying to us. And he's using the ploy of national security, the blanket of national security. Now, *why* he is, I don't know! It's what's in those 28 pages.

If you noted, well—he went right over to Saudi Arabia, right after he gave them a pass, and didn't want to go into this whole releasing of the 28 pages. I mean, we can go after one question after another, why all this happened, but the simple answer is, he's using national security and he's lying to you. Terry?

Strada: Well, I believe strongly that *not* declassifying is more a threat to our national security, than declassifying them.

Scott: Totally agree.

Strada: That's the truth. We need to know what's in there, because of the state the world is in right now, and if there are relationships with other foreign countries, and we're talking about Saudi Arabia, today, well, we need to know what role they played. And I believe when you said, that they are asking for them to be released, I think that happened shortly after 9/11. I don't think they've publicly come out and asked in the past decade, that we release the 28 pages. I think that happened over a decade ago.

So, again, not releasing them is more of a threat, and makes it harder for our foreign policy and everything going forward.

Q: My name is Len Mallon. I just want to thank everyone here. And I think the families and the Congressmen, that it's essential that the Congress, for our system to work, be able to give public airing to vital issues and have a discussion. And the thing that comes so clear to me in this press conference is that not only is this report so important for what happened on Sept. 11, but it's important for us to understand what's happening today, and threatening our vital interests and our security. And there can be nothing more important than that, and so, I applaud the families, especially, for standing up for the future, as well.

Is Our Government Protecting the Saudis?

Jones: We're going to take one more question and then we're going to bring this to an end. And I want to thank all the press that's here today, all the friends that are here today, the families, and, as Steve Lynch says, especially, the children. This has to be very difficult for

you; you did a magnificent job in remembering your father in such a loving way.

We'll take one other question. Yes, sir.

Q: [ID inaudible] It's been mentioned that this is the most important alliance for the United States and Europe. Obviously, also it's known that Saudi Arabia is financing those terrorist groups that are causing unrest in that region now. Is Saudi Arabia the ally of our government who has the dirty job that our government doesn't—it cannot do—because regular citizens are opposed to those activities? And now, by not declassifying those 28 pages is our government protecting the Saudis, instead of protecting their citizens, like those families who have lost loved ones?

Jones: Let me state it very quickly and then, anyone else from the members—if you remember, that this report came out when President Bush was President of the United States, his administration reviewed the report. He's the one that recommended that the 28 pages be classified. It was President Bush, remember that, because that's very important. And I can't say a whole lot more than what I've said, Stephen's said, or Thomas has said. But quite frankly: *Remember who was the President of the United States when this report came out, and rmember* that that President decided to classify the 28 pages.

Stephen?

Lynch: No, I think you've said it.

Jones: Okay. I said it. Would anybody else like to say. . . ? Then we're going to bring it to a close.

Lipscomb: You said it perfectly, sir.

Jones: Thank you, I appreciate that.

Lipscomb: And he said it perfectly, but one thing that we have to remember, it's not about the United States, it's not about the Saudi Arabian government. It's about the *relationships* that we start to establish. And we have no relationship truly, if we go out into this world weak. We have to come out into this world strong. Because by being strong, a lot of problems won't happen. By being strong, a lot of terrorist activities will not occur. So, I'm saying, let's preserve the relationships. Let's do what needs to be done, and like you all have said: Let's be in truth.

Scott: I would like to say one thing, being a military man. "Strong," you can interpret that differently. It doesn't have to be strong militarily, it would be strong in other ways.

Jones: Thank you very much, for being here.

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Obama, Brits Have Started A 'Piecemeal' World War III

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Sept. 14—Last week, President Barack Obama took a series of steps that, unless checked, will lead to more wars in Eurasia, a process that Pope Francis has labeled "piecemeal" World War III.

As Lyndon LaRouche has stressed, the *only* way to stop this warmongering, including against Russia, from leading to world conflagration, is the immediate commencement of impeachment proceedings against the President, whom the British are counting on to carry out their imperial strategy. A Congressional debate is *not* sufficient to deter a President who has consistently violated the U.S. Constitution, and believes he can continue to do so, with impunity.

On Sept. 10, Obama delivered a prime time television address, in which he spelled out his plans for a war to destroy the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS), while, at the same time, maintaining his commitment to back Syrian rebels fighting to overthrow the Assad government. This "mission impossible" has drawn sharp criticism from a wide range of military specialists and and Members of Congress from across the political spectrum.

White House

Obama's war plan against ISIS depends heavily on Saudi help; the problem is that the Saudis played a crucial role in the creation of ISIS. Here, Obama meets with Saudi King Abdullah, March 28, 2014, in Riyadh.

Obama's war plan included $500 million in new aid to the Syrian rebels, and the establishment of new training bases in Saudi Arabia. The President declared that he would be ordering military actions against Islamic State (IS) forces inside Syria without the permission of the Assad government, and *without authorization for this new war from Congress.* He also claimed that he would accomplish all of this without deploying American "combat boots on the ground."

Both the Russian and Chinese governments immediately warned that any military action within Syria, without permission of the Assad government, would constitute a violation of international law, and greatly worsen the situation.

The Saudi Angle

According to a Sept. 13 account in the Washington-based publication *Politico*, the war plan was heavily influenced by the Saudis. Lisa Monaco, the counter-terrorism advisor at the White House, was in Saudi Arabia on Sept. 6, and received a commitment from the Kingdom to house new training facilities to accelerate the fielding of a viable Free Syrian Army. On the basis of the Saudi pledge, the President made his Sept. 10 announcement.

The reliance on the Saudis alone is a fatal flaw that has been characteristic of both Bush administrations, and now, the Obama Administration. That anyone would trust the Saudis, who played a crucial role in the 9/11 atrocity against the United States, and in the creation of ISIS, is worse than absurd.

Even as President Obama was touting the support of Sunni Arab states for his new Crusade against the Islamic State, the President was coming under scathing attack for refusing to declassify 28 pages from the original Joint Congressional Inquiry into 9/11 that documented direct Saudi complicity in the attacks (see *Feature*).

On Sept. 9, Congressmen Walter Jones (R-N.C.), Stephen Lynch (D-Mass.), and Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) held a press conference with representatives of the 9/11 families to reiterate their demand that President Obama declassify the 28 pages, and open the books on Saudi complicity in jihadist terrorism, including the recent actions of the Islamic State. One of the 9/11 family members repeatedly called President Obama a liar, for having broken his promise to the families to release the 28 pages.

Former Sen. Bob Graham (D-Fla.), who co-chaired the Joint Congressional Inquiry, told the *Independent* on Sept. 14 that Obama's refusal to release the 28 pages has enabled Saudi Arabia to continue to build up Sunni jihadist forces, including IS/ISIS.

Yet Secretary of State John Kerry has been on a tour of Southwest Asia and the Persian Gulf drumming up Arab support for the war on IS. In a supreme act of disrespect for the 9/11 families, Kerry, under Obama's orders, was in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on Sept. 11, the anniversary of the 2001 attack, supposedly lining up support for the military operations in Syria and Iraq. Kerry and Obama have excluded cooperation with Iran or Syria in the war on the Islamic State, despite the fact that their exclusion virtually assures that the British-led drive for perpetual Sunni versus Shi'ite confrontation will go forward.

From the British standpoint, the goal was never to wipe out the Islamic State. The goal was to launch a permanent population war in the heart of Eurasia, to block any potential for the Eurasian Land-Bridge/New Silk Road plans of the BRICS. The same 19th-Century British geopolitics that led to two world wars during the 20th Century is underlying the drive for war in Southwest Asia today.

Russia Targeted

The same week that President Obama was escalating his war in Iraq and Syria, he announced new sanctions against Russia that aim to shut the Russians out of the international financial system altogether. Make no mistake: Sanctions are an act of war.

Sanctions against certain Russian banks, energy firms, and high-technology companies were simultaneously announced by Obama and by the heads of state and government of the European Union on Sept. 12, despite strong objections by several European governments. The sanctions were not only immediately characterized by Russian officials as acts of war, but Russia has made clear that it will respond with asymmetric counter-sanctions that will be measured, but devastating, against the collapsing economies of Western Europe.

President Vladimir Putin also announced that he was significantly expanding investments into Russia's military industries, and would chair a new commission to supervise that buildup.

While Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron were continuing to put out the delusional line that the sanctions were succeeding in isolating Russia, the Russians were deepening their economic collaboration with the BRICS countries and others. On Sept. 12, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) held its annual conference, where plans were being finalized for another new development bank, an SCO Bank. The SCO meeting announced plans to formally incorporate India and Pakistan as full members in 2015, broadening the security cooperation to cover all of Central Asia, South Asia, Russia, and China. Once international sanctions are lifted against Iran, the Islamic Republic will also be granted full membership in the SCO.

The sane option for the United States would be to cooperate with the SCO in conducting a competent campaign to weaken and eventually destroy the Islamic State. That would entail working with both Iran and Syria.

Such a sane option remains impossible so long as Obama remains in office as President, and this reality is becoming more and more evident.

What the West Has To Learn from The Ongoing Transformation of China

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the chairwoman of the Civil Rights Solidarity Movement (BüSo) in Germany, reported on her recent trip to China in a webcast on Sept. 11, 2014 (in German, at bueso.de). We excerpt here that portion of her overall strategic briefing:

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Helga Zepp-LaRouche addresses the webcast on Sept. 11, 2014.

…We were just on a very interesting trip to China. We first visited western China, along the ancient Silk Road, where we conducted a kind of fact-finding tour. We traveled to some of the hubs of the ancient Silk Road, which gave us an incredibly good, sensuous impression of what a tremendous breakthrough the ancient Silk Road was, because the obstacles that had to be overcome at that time—2,000 years ago, during the Han Dynasty—were so gigantic, such as crossing the Gobi Desert, and even more so the Taklamakan Desert, where there are sand dunes 200 meters high and sandstorms that then blow everythng away again.

We visited not only some of the sites of China's cultural heritage, but also saw films about the ancient Silk Road. We visited the famous caves of Dunhuang and several places along the Great Wall, including its furthest northwestern point, almost on the border of Xinjiang, which dates back 2,000 years.

It reminded me a bit of the poem "Ozymandias" [by Percy Shelley], where statues and buildings in the desert sand were blown away; and then, after 2,000 years, the question is: What remains of what a person did with his life?

It had a very profound effect on me. In any case, it was all very, very inspiring and instructive, because the Chinese government is obviously making extraordinary efforts to keep alive and strengthen in the population the awareness of its heritage.

A Giant Construction Program

We also, of course, were extremely enthusiastic to see the Lanzhou-Dunhuang railroad being built, which will reach Urumqui—i.e., it is really the ancient Silk Road to Xinjiang, but now connected by a high-speed rail system.

On the way from Lanzhou Airport to the city, a bus ride of about an hour, we saw the frenzied pace at which the railroad is being built. You can see bridges, then a few kilometers further there are embankments for the railway, then just marked-out routes or fortifications—everything going up at an incredible pace, in complete contrast to the way our projects are built [in Germany]. For example, it took ten years to build the ICE railroad from Cologne to Frankfurt, while China is obviously pushing ahead the development of its interior regions, and also the upgrading of the Silk Road, at a rapid tempo and also with high quality.

In the second week, we had many meetings and attended conferences in Beijing itself, and I will summarize my impressions.

The West's Geopolitical Thinking

This is very important: We must get people in Germany and the rest of Europe and America to have a really correct understanding of what's going on in China with the Silk Road and the space program. In a few days, there

will be a big conference on space in Beijing, with all the astronauts, cosmonauts, and taikonauts who were ever in space, and who were invited by China to take part in the future Chinese space station.

But if you listen to the think-tanks in the West, from America and Europe, they all say: "Yes, China wants to increase its influence now: It wants imperialist expansion." But nothing could be further from the truth. Because the think-tanks' characterization of the Chinese policy of the New Silk Road, or other Chinese initiatives such as the space policy, show that everything is being judged from the standpoint of projecting their own geostrategic interests, such as the EU's desire to expand. Now, the Balkan countries are also supposed to join. I believe it was [Javier] Solana [former NATO General-Secretary], and later also [European Commission President José Manuel] Barroso, who said that there is no limit to the expansion of the EU.

The EU is a neo-imperial entity pursuing geopolitical interests, which it sees in a blatant contradiction to the supposed geopolitical interests of other countries such as the United States, Russia, China, the BRICS. And that's simply wrong.

China's Development Perspective

Thus we encounter the question of what Chinese policy actually is, a policy which has now really become the beacon for the BRICS and many other countries that are joining this new combination. This is not geopolitics at all! People in the West cannot imagine that there are nations that don't operate on the basis of neo-liberalism, monetarism, positivism, and geopolitics, but rather on axioms that may not be quite identical to, but are yet very similar to the ideas and principles that Gottfried Leibniz upheld at the end of the 17th and beginning of the 18th centuries—namely a true development perspective for the universal history of mankind. This was comparable to the policy of the American Revolution or John Quincy Adams, one of the first Presidents, who said: We need an alliance of sovereign republics, which jointly work for the common aims of mankind.

And that is emphatically what China is doing today.

I know that many people don't understand or believe that, nowadays. But I can really say, to my best of my knowledge and conscience: China is operating at the moment on the basis of 5,000 years of Chinese history. One must realize that China is the only culture that has survived as a continuum for such a long period, without interruption and without major territorial shifts.

This is noticeable, among other things, in the crucial role of Confucianism for China's identity. It is noticeable in such nice things as the excellent, world-famous cuisine. In China you can eat thousands of dishes, which are all excellent, and which are always new, and with hundreds of regional differences.

This is, to put it simply, a cultured nation, which is not imperialistic, but which has an interest in the development of mankind. And this concept of the New Silk Road is something that China has in a sense experienced itself, in its development since the Cultural Revolution, or overall, since the founding of the People's Republic in 1949. There were of course some initial problems, such as the Cultural Revolution. But at the latest since the reforms of Deng Xiaoping, China has applied correct scientific principles to bring about the largest economic transformation that has taken place anywhere on this planet.

They are now at the point where they say: We are going to transform the remaining underdeveloped regions of China, so that the standard of living of the population is increased, but we are also going to make this model of development available all over the world, in the form of the New Silk Road, in the tradition of the ancient Silk Road. And that is an open concept: that anyone can work with them, because everyone is invited to join. It is explicitly included and not directed against the alleged geostrategic interests of other nations or groups of nations.

That is a very important distinction. It is just not geopolitics, but a dynamic concept of the upward development of the human species. And I challenge all of our viewers who do not believe me: Send me your questions! I am eager for a dialogue, because it is really a question of existential importance for Germany, that we understand this.

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Russia, China, Japan To Help India With Infrastructure Modernization

by Ramtanu Maitra

Sept. 14—Since Narendra Modi became Prime Minister of India in May, world events have propelled India and Modi into the association of a group of nations that are keen to advance nation-building activities around the world. The most important was perhaps the gathering strength of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa), and their stated intent to push forward large infrastructural developments in the regions where they are located, as well as in many other developing parts of the world. Their objective is to restart defunct economic activities by building up the world's physical economy, and setting the stage for more equitable economic development.

On the flip side of the coin are the nations of North America and Europe—the mixed bag of developed nations. Headed by the Obama-Cameron-Hollande trio, steeped in destructive/self-destructive geopolitics, and floundering under economic recession for years, this group is busy trying to undermine the BRICS nations. But this triumvirate increasingly resembles, in the eyes of the world, inept cowboys who, in their attempts to lasso those whom they label as "rogues," are, in fact, lassoing themselves. Instead of giving up their dangerous geopolitical games and contributing to the economic recovery process initiated by the BRICS, they are itching to pick a fight, with the hope of undermining the process.

Modi's Mission

Modi emerged on this scene during India's general elections, projecting himself as the "man of development." He drew the attention of India's youth, who constitute almost 50% of the electorate, and are demanding development to ensure their future. Having succeeded in convincing a vast majority of the electorate that he would indeed put India on a fast developmental path, and take measures to achieve the level of development that China has achieved in recent years, Modi won by a landslide. The victory, however sweet it was, also required him to carry out at a fast clip what he had promised.

Besides the helping hands that were extended by BRICS nations, such as Russia and China, his own initiatives in smaller nations to India's east, and his recent foray to Japan, have helped him to create an environment in which he could indeed put the country on the right track to develop high-quality infrastructure. As *EIR* pointed out more than three decades ago in its report *India: An Agro-Industrial Superpower in 2020*, a modernized infrastructure remains the single-most critical ingredient that would allow India to bridge the yawning gaps among the country's various economic sectors.

Cooperation with Russia

On the sidelines of the mid-July BRICS summit in Fortaleza, Brazil, Modi met with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping—two leaders whose support is crucial to kick-start India's infrastructure modernization. According to India's state-owned news agency, PTI, Modi conveyed to Putin his commitment to broaden the strategic partnership between the two nations in the areas of nuclear power, other energy sectors, and defense, besides stepping up people-to-people contacts.

The two leaders reportedly discussed the possibility of India's procuring more nuclear power plants from Russia to ease India's massive power shortages. In December 2012, Russia and India had agreed on an ambitious roadmap for deepening their cooperation in civilian nuclear energy, by jointly constructing 16 to 18 nuclear plants in India, each of 1,000 MW or larger capacity.

PTI reported that Modi invited Putin to visit Kudankulam, where the first Russia-supplied 1,000-MW VVER nuclear plant has gone into full operation, and the second plant of the same make and capacity will be commissioned before the end of this year. Putin, who will be in India in December for the annual Russia-India summit, said he thought a visit to Kudankulam was "a good idea."

A few days later, Modi received more good news.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets with Chinese President Xi Jinping (left) and Russian President Vladimir Putin (right) on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Brazil, July 14-15, 2014. China and Russia are stepping up cooperation with India in the vitally important areas of energy and infrastructure.

TheBRICSPost.com reported on Aug. 5 that Russian and Indian officials were negotiating a $40 billion gas pipeline project from Russia to India. "Russia so far has directed the majority of its oil and gas supplies to the West . . . however, the scenario may be quite different in the coming years especially in the wake of its gas pipeline to China and the one now proposed to India," an Indian government official said. Putin and Modi are expected to announce a massive natural gas deal during their summit in December, Indian media reports said. Earlier in the year, Moscow and Beijing had struck a $400 billion deal, under which Russia will supply 38 billion cubic meters of gas to China over 30 years.

Although the route of the expected Russia-India pipeline has not been specified, two possible lines have been cited. Moscow prefers a pipeline to India "through the Himalayas," which could become the "biggest-ever energy project in history," Russian Ambassador to India Alexander Kadakin told *The Hindu* (July 20). The article also said that Putin and Modi, during their meeting at Fortaleza, had discussed the pipelines to follow the route of the planned TAPI—the pipeline that will transport Caspian Sea natural gas from Turkmenistan through Afghanistan to Pakistan, and then to India. The project would take an estimated five years and $40 billion to construct, but has long been hanging fire because of the instability in Afghanistan under the NATO occupation, and the reticence of an equally unstable Pakistan. "We are planning to examine the feasibility of the Indian initiative to construct a land pipeline which would run from Russia's southern border to India either along the projected TAPI route or through the Himalayas," Kadakin said.

Cooperation with China

China has been watching Modi's rise. While he was chief minister of the Indian state of Gujarat (2001-14), Modi visited China a number of times, and brought in Chinese investment to his state. In the process, he got to know some of the Chinese leaders. Some in China believe that Modi will seek to learn from Chinese growth, and will focus on integrating the two economies. "Modi will have a major impact on China-India relations," says scholar Wang Dehua. "For China, it will be good news—because he will put the focus on economic relations."[1]

Modi's economic stewardship of Gujarat, which grew rapidly during his tenure, was widely cited in Chinese coverage of the Indian election, and the concept of Gujarat as India's "Guangdong" province—referring to the southern Chinese province in which economic reforms were tested under the late leader Deng Xiaop-

1. Jonathan Ward, "Chinese Analysts Interpret Modi's New India," *China Brief*, June 19, 2014.

ing—has been circulated alongside the idea that Modi's India will chose the "Chinese model" for growth.

It seems that Modi's prior exposure in China and the favorable impression he created there are ready to pay dividends. Perhaps the most important investor in the world, cash-rich China has since expressed keen interest in investing in Modi's infrastructure modernization plans.

Xi Jinping is scheduled to arrive in India on Sept. 17 to work out various Chinese investment projects in India. He will be coming to Modi's home state, Gujarat, and he and Modi are expected to visit Vadhnagar, the village where Modi grew up and which, interestingly enough, was visited by the Chinese philosopher Xuanzang in 641 AD. President Xi's arrival on Sept. 17, the Indian prime minister's 64th birthday, is considered a gesture of respect.

At the time of writing, media reports indicate that the two will sign agreements for large-scale Chinese investments in Indian railroads, setting up industrial parks, and mega-infrastructure projects, including a long-planned river water diversion project, which really never took off, that would transfer water from the water-surplus north to the water-short rivers of India's southern peninsula.

What will be the exact volume of Chinese investments is unknown at the time of writing, but it is to be noted that both sides have carried out extensive preparatory work to make the Chinese President's visit a potential "game changer." India's National Security Advisor A.K. Doval, who spent almost a week in China in early September, and met with President Xi, as well as former Foreign Minister, and now State Councilor, Yang Jiechi, among other Chinese leaders, told journalists that there would be an "orbital" jump in Sino-Indian relations following this visit.

The visit "will definitely enhance the bilateral political mutual trust, establish a closer partnership for development," said China's Assistant Foreign Minister Liu Jianchao in Beijing on Sept. 14.

Prior to Doval's visit, Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had visited Beijing twice, including once early this month, to do the spadework for Xi's visit. Sitharaman held extensive talks with Chinese officials on the package of investments, as well as on measures to address India's growing trade deficit with China.

Beijing has indicated that it will continue discussions with the Modi government on India's participation in the New Silk Road Economic Belt project, which could bind China and India to resource-rich Central Asia, a trans-Eurasian project spanning from the Pacific Ocean to the Baltic Sea. "If these two countries strengthen cooperation to achieve peaceful, cooperative, and inclusive development, they will benefit the 2.5 billion Chinese and Indian people as well as Asia and the world," Jianchao told reporters.

In addition to the planned Chinese investments in India's transport, industrial, and water sectors, China and South Korea have offered pressurized water reactors (PWRs) to India. In fact, South Korea made its first such offer earlier this year, and has repeated it at least thrice. India, busy negotiating with France and the U.S. on India's nuclear liability law (which they contest), has not turned it down. According to an unnamed Indian official familiar with the offer, cited by the *Calcutta Telegraph*, "We're not taking up the offers right now, but if there is no progress in our talks with Washington in particular, then we will reach a stage where we cannot wait any longer.... Then, we are ready to explore these other options," the official added.

Modi's Initiatives in India's East

Modi's efforts to bring in investments and develop India's infrastructure include the issue of development corridors through nations that lie east of India, in order to establish a firm land-link with Southeast Asia and East Asia.

Within this short span of his tenure, Modi has already visited Nepal and Bhutan and has sent his Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj to Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Afghanistan, and Vietnam. It must have been encouraging for the prime minister to receive the warm welcome accorded him and Swaraj in these countries, whose people and leaders are eagerly waiting for India to establish a mutually beneficial economic link with them.

In Nepal, where his visit led to concrete agreements, Modi offered a $1 billion loan to the government, and on Sept. 4, Nepal and India signed a landmark Power Trade Agreement (PTA), designed to boost energy ties between the two energy-starved nations. The agreement will enable Indian investors to develop Nepal's 40,000 MW or so of hydropower potential. The Indian Energy Ministry has already given permission to promoters of Upper Karnali GMR Energy Limited and Arun III Sutlej Hydropower Corporation Limited, to sell electricity generated in Nepal to India. Moreover, the two countries have agreed to expand their power trade to regions and sub-regions, paving the way for

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Prime Minister Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Kyoto, Japan, Aug. 31, 2014. Japan wants to introduce its Shinkansen system (bullet trains) to India. Modi's approach is to work with all countries that are willing to contribute to his development program.

Nepal to conduct power trade with Bangladesh and Pakistan through India. Bangladesh has already proposed to buy 5,000 MW from Nepal.

Did Modi Activate Japan in South Asia?

Modi's. Aug 31-Sept. 3 visit to Japan was another crucial ingredient in his quest for modernized infrastructure. As a personal friend of Japanese Prime Minister Shinjo Abe, Modi was eagerly awaited in Japan. Japan is India's fourth-largest investor, with cumulative foreign direct investment (FDI) of about $16 billion in the last decade and a half. The Indian automobile sector owes a lot to Japanese investments in terms of development of advanced supply chains, growth in ancillary units, and technology transfer. In 2011, India and Japan signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.

During Modi's visit, Japan reportedly promised investment and financing for India's infrastructure sector of around $35 billion over five years. "Lauding Prime Minister Modi's vision for development of world class infrastructure in India, including a High Speed Railway system, Prime Minister Abe expressed his hope that India could introduce the Shinkansen system [bullet trains] on the Ahmedabad-Mumbai route," said the joint declaration of the two leaders. Abe expressed his "readiness to provide financial, technical, and operational support to introduce the Shinkansen system, for which Prime Minister Modi expressed his appreciation."

The declaration also said that the leaders welcomed progress in the ongoing flagship projects of India-Japan economic partnership, such as the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC), Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC), and Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC), and committed themselves to accelerate their implementation.

Modi also succeeded in conveying to Abe the importance of greater Japanese investment in India's economically weaker eastern neighbors, particularly in the infrastructure sector.

Abe, accompanied by dozens of top corporate executives, arrived in Bangladesh Sept. 6, and confirmed plans to invest in the construction of an industrial district around the Bay of Bengal. Bangladesh, which described Abe's tour as a "milestone" in relations, hopes to win Japanese investment for infrastructure projects which include a railway bridge and a tunnel under the mighty Brahmaputra River.

Uranium from Australia

One of the other important successes for Modi in recent days occurred when Australia, after years of reticence, signed a deal in early September to sell uranium to India. While imported reactors from Russia, China, France, and South Korea, for instance, could provide some immediate relief from India's vast power shortage, Modi should realize that this could only act as a supplement to India's six-decade-old indigenous efforts to generate power using its own reactors.

Modi has seemingly acknowledged the crucial role of India's nuclear power program for the nation's future

power requirements. He visited the Bhabha Atomic Research Center, India's premier atomic energy research and development center, on July 21. He must have come to realize that for the Indian program to develop the necessary potency, it has to move quickly to the second stage, involving extensive use of breeder reactors, before it could get to the third stage—at which a multitude of indigenous advanced heavy water reactors (AHWRS), using India's abundant reserves of thorium as fuel, could be made operational.

However, in order to put an unlimited number of thorium-fueled reactors on line, India needs to produce and store large quantities of plutonium-239. AHWRs, which are designed to be the mainstay of India's power generation, will require plutonium-239 to trigger reactions that convert fertile thorium-232 to fissile uranium-233.The second stage of India's atomic power program is the fast breeder reactor, whereby India plans to generate the large amounts of plutonium-239 needed for the third-stage AHWRs.

Some plutonium now gets produced in the first stage Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs), but that would not suffice. A 500-MW prototype fast breeder reactor will be commissioned next year, and will produce plutonium-239 from uranium-238. More breeder reactors will follow. However, the problem lies in the fact that India does not have enough uranium-238 reserves to develop the plutonium it requires.

On Sept. 5, Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott, visiting India, signed a uranium deal with Modi, assuring that India will receive uranium in large quantities. Australia has about one-third of the world's recoverable uranium resources and exports nearly 7,000 tons of it annually. It was evident from Abbott's statement that Australia finally decided to sell uranium to India because he is convinced that Modi is keen to develop atomic power in order to meet India's huge energy shortages.

It has become clear from the way Modi has proceeded in the early days of his tenure, that his domestic or foreign policy will not be centered on any particular group of nations' political ideology, but will try to be all-embracing. His foreign policy will be what he calls *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*—a Sanskrit phrase which shows up in the ancient Hitopadesha parables—which means "the world is my family." In other words, his approach will be to work with all countries that are interested in becoming a part of his economic development program, and are willing to contribute to it.

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Inside the Saudi/Londonistan Terrorist 'Suicide Factory'

by Michele Steinberg

The Suicide Factory: Abu Hamza and the Finsbury Park Mosque
by Sean O'Neill and Daniel McGrory
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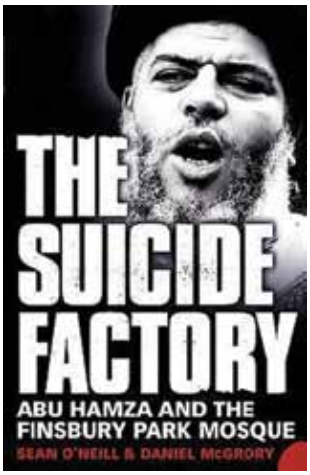
Sept. 14—Abu Hamza al-Masri, the imam of the infamous Finsbury Park Mosque in London, was convicted last May in New York City on terrorism charges dating back to the 1998 kidnapping/killing of four American and British tourists in Yemen by the al-Qaeda affiliate, Army of Aden.



Convicted in May 2014 of a terrorist conspiracy that was carried out in 1998—a gap of 16 years: That chronology should be chilling. In the intervening time, thousands have perished in terrorist attacks carried out by the "graduates" of Abu Hamza's "Suicide Factory," and as the following report shows, of other mosques and safehouses in London. Abu Hamza was not hiding—he was openly preaching jihad at Finsbury Park from 1998 to 2003.

Even more chilling is the story documented in *The Suicide Fractory: Abu Hamza and the Finsbury Park Mosque,* by Sean O'Neill and Daniel McGrory, two veteran British reporters for the *Times* of London, which shows that the evidence of Abu Hamza's involvement in the Yemen attack was *already known in 1999*. The British secret services, MI6 and MI5, knew; Scotland Yard knew; conversations between Abu Hamza and Abu Hassan, the jihadi commander of the Army of Aden, had been captured by GCHQ, the British electronic spying agency, and turned over to the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA). The CIA and the FBI also knew about Abu Hamza's Finsbury Park recruitment center.

The trial of Abu Hamza (aka Mustafa Kamel Mustafa) in New York was a farce. Not because he is not a key terrorist operative, but because he was protected. According to *The Suicide Factory,* he was Informant #910 for MI6. He also was used as an "asset" by Scotland Yard, the authors report, "to keep the streets of Britain safe." But he didn't keep Britain safe; and furthermore, to correct an unfortunate impression readers might get from the information that Abu Hamza was a British government asset and informant—being Agent #910 was not the reason he was protected. Nor did his informant status—which his defense attorneys asserted in the recent New York criminal trial—protect him from prosecution and a probable life sentence.

Abu Hamza's freedom to operate in London stemmed from far greater strategic considerations. As *EIR*'s authors established in a Jan. 11, 2000 Memorandum, "Put Britain on the List of States Sponsoring Terrorism," the British Empire uses terrorism (by giving safe haven and other support to terrorists active in countries *other than* Britain), as surrogate warfare in its imperial designs.

If the British Empire, in its London headquarters, didn't nurture and protect radical Islamic terrorism, hundreds of terrorist attacks in the U.S., Europe, the Middle East, and even on today's nightmarish battlefields of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), might not have happened.

The names of the groups change, as one morphs into another; the foot soldiers and commanders use numerous aliases, but the footprint of the London role in the recruitment, financing, and dispatching of foot soldiers to the training centers of Pakistan, Afghanistan, and other countries remains the same.

Case Study: 'Londonistan'

In a chapter titled "Londonistan," the authors provide details of this process, which must be put at the

forefront of every current assessment of Islamic terrorism, as well as of assessing the networks that produced al-Qaeda and the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The authors write that terror suspects living in the United Kingdom were wanted "by over a dozen friendly governments. Russia claims prominent Chechens, who helped organize bombings on civilian targets in Moscow, are sheltering in London. The Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Israeli, and Turkish authorities, together with half a dozen European allies and the U.S. government have all presented to Whitehall lists of suspects whom they want to put on trial, but those governments are still waiting. Prominent French anti-terrorist investigating magistrate Jean-Louis Bruguières described Londonistan as the safe haven for Islamic terrorists, and a place 'full of hatred.'"

The authors provide an excellent summary of some key details of how Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda were openly operating in London behind the facade of a rich Saudi national, Khalid Fawwaz.

"The British authorities ignored the turgid bulletins Fawwaz would pump out, including the fatwa dictated by bin Laden in 1996 against the Americans for keeping troops in Saudi Arabia. In February 1998 ... Fawwaz published another fatwa, this time threatening all Americans, which he issued in the name of the International Islamic Front for Jihad on the Jews and Crusaders. Again this caused little stir in Whitehall."

Among the many other jihadis operating in London, the authors report on Omar Bakri Mohammed, who was both a rival and defender of Abu Hamza. Bakri became head of al-Muhajiroun, the Salafist-Wahhabi organization that financed some of Abu Hamza's operations, and whose associates have been involved in terrorist actions from Tel Aviv to India to London itself. As late as May 2013, the long-term effects of Londonistan's radical sheikhs were out in the open: British authorities arrested Michael Adebolajo for beheading British soldier Lee Rigby in London on May 22. Al-Muhajiroun co-leader, Anjem Choudary, told the *Guardian* that Adebolajo had attended meetings of the group from 2005 to 2011, and according to Bakri, had listened to his views on Islam.

Case Study: Yemen

As to Abu Hamza, one case of the West's ignoring the anti-terrorist pleas of Middle Eastern countries documented in *The Suicide Factory,* is especially important—Yemen, 1997.

In January 1997, British nationals, all radical Islamist jihadis, were going on trial in Yemen, along with Yemeni extremists, for a plot to bomb multiple sites, including hotels frequented by American and British tourists and businessmen. The bomb plot was busted up by Yemeni authorities, and involved Abu Hamza's stepson, Mohsen Ghailan, as well as his 17-year-old son, Mohammed Mostafa Kamel.

Just before the trial, "the Yemeni president had written a personal letter to Tony Blair imploring him to send Abu Hamza to Aden," where he could be prosecuted for supporting, organizing, and dispatching young jihadis from London to foreign countries for training, and for carrying out suicide terrorist attacks. Not only did Blair not help the Yemenis prosecute Abu Hamza, but his Finsbury Park mosque/training center/recruiting station continued to flourish.

At the bombers' trial itself, "The prosecutor's opening sentence was: 'This offence started in London in the offices of SoS [Supporters of Sharia], which is owned by Abu Hamza and who exports terrorism to other countries." But the trial was disrupted repeatedly, and dissolved in chaos, leading to a long recess. Altogether, ten members of London's SoS were involved. Meanwhile, Abu Hamza had purchased a satellite phone and other equipment for Army of Aden leader Abu Hassan, his old friend from the mujahideen battles in Afghanistan. Abu Hassan was the leader of the terrorist kidnapping and killing in December 1998 in Yemen. In 2014, that satellite phone was one key piece of evidence in the New York trial of Abu Hamza.

"The Yemenis also handed on to the FBI their 137-page dossier on Abu Hamza [in 1997, at the time of President Salah's letter to Tony Blair], which London ignored in the early weeks of 1999. Those were the weeks during which Abu Hassan killed the kidnapped tourists."

Case Study: The Shoebomber

On Dec. 22, 2001, Richard Reid, a clumsy, hulking 28-year-old Briton, tried and failed to ignite a "shoe bomb" on an American Airlines flight from Paris to Miami. Wrestled down and subdued by passengers and members of the flight crew, Reid fit the profile of a weirdo terrorist "wannabe," but *The Suicide Factory* authors show that his service to Abu Hamza and Finsbury Park was much broader.

Reid converted to Islam in prison sometime before 1996, while he was serving time for numerous small-time burglary counts. After being released, he joined the Brixton Mosque and Islamic Cultural Center, but in

1998, finding Brixton too "passive," he "transferred his allegiance" to the Finsbury Park mosque—he had already become a follower of the radical rhetoric of Abu Hamza al-Masri, whose tentacles reached into many of Britain's mosques.

At Brixton, Reid joined the entourage of Zacarias Moussaoui—the notorious "20th hijacker," who trained to fly in the United States, but who was not on board any of the hijacked planes in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. When Reid moved over to Abu Hamza's Finsbury Park mosque, he was one of Moussaoui's "acolytes."

At Finsbury Park, Reid was personally taken under Abu Hamza's wing and tutored. He was sent to bin Laden's training camps in Afghanistan, where he was judged willing to blow himself up in a suicide mission. But before that, there were other missions for al-Qaeda that the authors reveal.

"In July 2001, he was sent on a spying mission for al-Qaeda." First, he was to acquire a new British passport—which he successfully did at the consular office in Brussels, after putting his old passport with its suspicious visa and entry stamps through a washing machine. Then, "posing as a holidaymaker, Reid flew to Tel Aviv to test El Al's security." He also toured Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Jerusalem, where he took notes and photos. From there he visited Egypt, Turkey, Pakistan, Belgium, and the Netherlands. "He has never said who funded his travels," the authors report, and since he pleaded guilty after he was arrested for attempting to blow up the trans-Atlantic jetliner, no details came out in trial. As of 2006, Reid was in the same prison in the U.S. as his old hero, Moussaoui, but the "20th hijacker" is sequestered, allowed no contact with other prisoners.

There are many other case studies of jihadis who planned and failed, or carried out terrorist attacks. In London, on July 7, 2005 (known as the 7/7 attacks), three of the suicide bombers who killed 52 passengers on trains and buses, had studied at the feet of Abu Hamza and attended Finsbury Park meetings. In May 2003, two other suicide bombers linked to Finsbury Park carried out a bomb attack in Tel Aviv. Bomb plots against targets in Dubai, Brussels, and other European capitals are covered—all linked to Finsbury Park.

In 2003, British authorities raided the Finsbury Park mosque, arrested Abu Hamza, and then released him. Eventually, he was incarcerated, after the blowback from the 9/11 attacks in the United States forced the British to take some cosmetic steps against some of the jihadi recruiters operating with impunity in the U.K.

Abu Hamza was not extradited to the U.S. until 2012. Two other terror suspects, Khaled al-Fawwaz (the former "ambassador" and fatwa-distributor for Osama bin Laden) and Adel Abdul Bary (implicated in the 1998 attacks on U.S. embassies in Africa) were also extradited.

Despite these extraditions, the U.K. remains a source for, and a hotbed of, terrorism. It is estimated that some 500 Britons are fighters for the ISIS. One of those fighters may be the ghoul who beheaded one or more of the American and British prisoners held by ISIS.

The jihadi terrorists of today have a history, one which is critical to understand if the disease of this extreme, murderous ideology is to be defeated. Just as the classified 28 pages of the 2003 Congressional Report on 9/11 are still not only relevant, but critical, in investigating and stopping terrorist armies, the dossier on Finsbury Park mosque and Londonistan is vital.

The O'Neill/McGrory book has some shortcomings, but its encyclopedic look into the crucial decade when jihadi terror was nurtured and grew in Britain, is an invaluable aid to understanding the story.

Retired Intelligence Officer Reflects On How We Came to the Current Crisis

Ray McGovern, co-founder of the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS), was interviewed by EIR Berlin Bureau Chief Rainer Apel in Berlin, Germany, on Sept. 6, where McGovern had been invited to speak to anti-war groups.

EIR: You worked for a long time in the analysis section of the CIA. Maybe you can tell our audiences a bit more about what you have been doing, and especially, when did the shift come, that you decided to become one of those who speak out? You're also a founder or co-founder of the whistleblowers award. So if you could tell us more about it, this would certainly be interesting.

Ray McGovern: Sure. Well, let me start with the posting I had here in Germany, in Munich, in Pulach, where I was the *Verbindungsmann,* I was a liaison officer to the Auswertung [analysis division] of the BND [Germany's intelligence service]. So in other words, I wasn't engaged in the operational activity, but rather was in control of the substantive exchange of the analysis between what we did in Washington, and what the analysis division, the Auswertung, did for the BND.

So that distinction is important, because it relates to the primary function of the CIA, and that has to do with being able to give the President an appreciation of what's going on in the outside world, without fear or favor. In other words: telling it like it is, speaking truth to power, all those clichés.

Well, people find it hard to believe, but I worked in the vineyard, where the byword was speaking truth to power. I had career protection for telling it like it is, and many times I would. Because I tried to speak the truth, it would not go down very well with the generals with three or four stars on their lapels. They would come to my supervisors and say, "You have to silence this McGovern, he doesn't know that we're winning the war in Vietnam"; and my superiors would say, "No, we think he's right, we stand behind him." So it was a very, very—well what should I say—enthusiastic atmosphere, it was a very unusual atmosphere in Washington, because we had no axes to grind.... We had no political agenda other than to tell the truth.

And when you tell someone that in Washington, the response is: "Yeah, right, everybody has an agenda, come on!" Well, to the degree we had an agenda, it was to tell the truth. And that's really hard for people to appreciate. That doesn't speak to the operations people.... That doesn't speak to the people who were case officers, and their stock-in-trade is playing around with the truth. So, that's a different sort of thing.

I was able to do that starting under President Kennedy when I came to Washington and started at the CIA. Up until Bill Casey and Robert Gates took over the analysis, and that was in the '80s, and in those days, the analysis started to become a little strange, because they thought that the Russians, the Soviet Union, was just as bad as the Nazis....

The real professionals, the ones who I knew worked on Soviet matters, could see that [former Soviet President Mikhail] Gorbachov was the real deal, okay? And they were able to speak with their own voice, so that people weren't completely surprised when the Soviet Union fell. But that was about the time that I saw that the political winds were letting malleable managers sort of float to the top. And the reason that I mention that, is because it takes about 20-25 years to corrupt an institution. Now, Casey [CIA Director 1981-87] and Gates [Deputy Director 1986-89] came in 1981. So, if you fast-forward 21 years, you're at 2002, when Dick Cheney and George Bush said, "We want to make a war on Iraq, and it's your job to manufacture the intelligence to support that war."

The Intelligence Was Not Mistaken

So, please realize that the intelligence was not mistaken. The intelligence that said that there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, or that Saddam Hussein

had operational ties with al-Qaeda—no, *that* was a fairytale; these were fairytales specifically designed to justify the kind of war that Nuremberg called a "war of aggression."

I watched that. I had retired by then, and some of my colleagues said: This is not only a corruption of our analysis profession, it's a prostitution of it, because what they're doing is selling this to our Congress to trick them on the matter of their constitutional prerogative to declare or otherwise authorize war. And there is nothing more important than this.

And that's when we formed Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity. We just put our 32nd corporate issuance out. That's not too many, 12 years, 32 memos; we're very, very particular about which subjects we address.

This last one, we addressed to [German Chancellor] Angela Merkel, because we wanted to tell her, "Look, we're eight intelligence officers, retired, with the combination of 225 years of serious intelligence work. If you want our advice, you would be very careful before you believed the kind of 'evidence' that people like [NATO Secretary-General] Anders Fogh Rasmussen are serving up with these blurry photographs, that indicate a 'Russian invasion' of eastern Ukraine."

Ray McGovern: We had no political agenda other than to tell the truth.

The story on that is very simple: It was not the case that the Ukrainian forces were winning, that they were going to mop up the resistance in southeastern Ukraine. The rebels, so-called—they're called pro-Russian separatists, but that's not right. They don't want to separate from Ukraine, they don't want to be part of Russia. They may be pro-Russian because they have Russian roots and they speak Russian, but what they are is anti-coup, all right? They don't like coups d'état in Kiev orchestrated by the West. And nor do they like people in Kiev who are obviously anti-Russian.

So, it's an anti-coup federalist that we're talking about, and the anti-coup-federalists were beginning to win the war about two weeks ago. And it became clear about one week ago—my God, what happened? The Western press and the Western statesmen were all saying that Kiev is winning, and now they are not only losing, they're losing big-time. They're surrounded, they're fleeing, they're writing letters home, saying "Mommy, I'm coming home." You know, these colonels don't know what they're doing, and they're leaving their rockets and open cases. How do you explain that?

Obviously, "The Russians are coming! The Russians did come, the Russians came in with their tanks and their self-propelled artillery." *That's all a big fable.* Are there Russians there? Yeah, they are supporting; but we don't see any invasion. The federalists didn't need any invasion, they were doing quite well. And in turning the tide of the battle, they got [Ukrainian President Petro] Poroshenko's attention; and thank God, yesterday, they worked it out, so there is a ceasefire. There is a better chance of this ceasefire persisting than it has been with the earlier ceasefires.

So that takes you around to why we exist, why we told Angela Merkel, "Really, be aware that there is no Russian invasion."…

When the Wall Fell

EIR: Two days ago you were at an event here in Berlin, and you told a story about the Malta summit between George Bush the elder, and Gorbachov, at which summit, apparently some deal was struck (although many people say the deal was never struck). The deal, in short, would have been no extension of NATO, in return for the unification of Germany. I think you have an interesting background story on that.

McGovern: Well, it's very clear to me, that when the Berlin Wall fell, just 25 years ago now, there was a chance for peace. Now, in hearing myself say that, I have this real wrenching sensation in my stomach, because that was the most profound disappointment in my professional life. George H.W. Bush had talked about peace: Europe, whole and free, from Portugal to the Urals. That was in Mainz, six months before the Berlin Wall fell, but you could see that Eastern Europe was falling apart.... You could see possibilities already happening, and then the Wall falls! What does George H.W. Bush do? He calls up Gorbachov and says, "Mikhail, I'm really sorry about your trouble. Rest assured, we wouldn't try to take advantage of it," actually his words were, "I'm not going to dance on the Berlin Wall." Wow!

"Now Mikhail, we need to get it together right quick, because we're afraid you've got the 24 divisions in East Germany and we know what happened in Hungary in '56; we know what happened in Prague in '68. We don't want you to do any of this stuff, and so I'm going to send my Secretary of State, James Baker. How soon can you see him?"

Now, this is early December. Three weeks after the Berlin Wall fell, and Gorbachov said: "Well, give me two months, and I'll talk this over with my folks, and we'll be ready for Baker in two months."

First week of February, Baker shows up. Who else was there? Jack Matlock, the U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union at that time, and later to Russia. He, too, was in Malta for the summit in early December. So two months later, Baker shows up and, according to Matlock, who was with him when he made this proposal, they said: Look, we are going to ask you to not give us any trouble over the reunification of Germany. We know that's a bitter pill for you. I'm old enough to remember that you had some problems with Germany—like they killed 25 million of you Russians—but once you accept the reunification of Germany, how would it be, if we promise not to move NATO one inch further east than Germany?

And Gorbachov said: I don't know about that, and I'm going to have to sell that to my military and the others. And Baker said: Listen, if there's a reunified Germany, we keep it in NATO, that means, they won't develop their own nuclear potential, they will be a much better Germany. We'll keep NATO control of it and, you know, we won't move NATO one inch. Of course you're going to have to pull your 24 divisions out of East Germany, but I think you were going to do that anyway....

So, what happens is, Gorbachov says to Baker: Look, give me another day, I need to go back and talk to my folks. And as he leaves, Matlock turns to Baker and says: My guess is, you got a deal, you got a deal.

Next day, the deal was concluded: No NATO encroachment further east, in return for a Germany in NATO, unified, and those 24 divisions—that comes to about a 260,000 highly recognized people. So, this was a big deal. You can imagine the generals, how they thought about that, protecting the route into the Soviet Union, and now Russia, from the likes of Hitler and Napoleon and whoever else wanted to come through there. Pull all those troops out? Well, they did! Okay, that was the deal.

Now, a couple of years later, Bill Clinton comes into office, and the Poles and the Czechs and the Hungarians say: You know, we would like to be in NATO. Meanwhile, the Warsaw Pact, which involved the Eastern European countries and Russia, dissolved. There was no more need for the Warsaw Pact, because NATO was very benign and NATO promised not to move further east! Wow!...

A couple of years later, you have those three; then 8 or 10 years later, you have 12 new members of NATO, all of them more than one inch to the east of the reunited Germany.

So next thing that happened, 2008—so that is just six years ago—there are rumors that Ukraine and Georgia are going to be invited into NATO. Now, these are pretty much close to the soft underbelly of Russia and the Soviet Union earlier on, and so Sergei Lavrov, the foreign minister in 2008, and still today the foreign minister, he calls the US ambassador in—it was Bill Burns at that time; he is now Deputy Secretary of State. So he said: Ambassador Burns, we're hearing a lot of rumors that you are going to incorporate Ukraine and Georgia into NATO. Let me put it this way: *Nyet.* And *nyet* means *nyet*. Because if you do that, there's going to be hell to pay. It will split the population in Ukraine, they will be at each other's throats, and we'll have to face the possibility of having to intervene there, because we just can't afford to have NATO on that kind of doorstep. So, *nyet* means *nyet.*

An Illegal, Unconstitutional Putsch

Now, how do we know all this? Well, WikiLeaks! WikiLeaks furnished the cable. It was a cable from

Moscow, it looks exactly like all the cables from Moscow and there must be 5,000 of them, that I read through my career. And it's sent with "Immediate precedence"—that means very important. There is routine, there is priority, and there is immediate. This goes back to Washington, and Bill Burns, the ambassador, plays it straight, he says: This is the red line for the Russians. And he titled the cable "Nyet means nyet."

And so that was Feb. 1, 2008. April 3, 2008, NATO meets in Bucharest, issues a declaration: Ukraine and Georgia will become members of NATO. So, Russian concerns were not taken very seriously.

So that's the root of the crisis, because when there was an illegal, unconstitutional putsch, a coup d'état in Kiev on the 22nd of February, and the Assistant Secretary of State of European Affairs, Victoria Nuland, named, in an intercepted conversation, "He's the guy, Yats," Yatsenyuk, he becomes the prime minister; four cabinet post are filled by proto-fascist people, who led the riots on the last day on the Maidan. And then they start making noises about prohibiting Russian as an official language. Some of them even said: Let's kick the Russians out of Crimea.

Red line! Red line! Russians aren't going to tolerate that, okay?

Now, that was the 22nd of February. It was, if memory serves, almost a month later, that the Crimeans voted for rejoining Russia, and the point is simply, that there was no evidence at all, before the coup on the 22nd of February, that Putin, or any other Russian, had any notion of taking the Crimea back.

So, [some people] start history with Russia grabbing territory for the first time since World War I—but you know, that's not where you start. You start with the putsch! And the Russian reaction to that was totally predictable....

The so-called neo-conservatives don't like that at all, so they were predisposed to blacken Putin, and if it turns out that they can accuse him now of grabbing territory and invading eastern Ukraine, they will do that, and they will have a very, very docile mainstream press, in the United States, in Germany, in Britain, which will tell us the fairytale, that Putin wants to reestablish the Soviet Empire, which is very far from the truth; it's quite the opposite.

NATO, the EU, and the United States would like to expand; *they're an empire*, and just went one coup too far. We don't say "coup," we say regime change, one regime change too far, when they kicked out a duly elected president [of Ukraine, Victor Yanukovych]. Sure, he was corrupt, but if you're a democracy, you don't get him out by a coup, you have an election, right? And you elect a new person, hopefully not so corrupt. Well, in this case, they chose a coup, and the reaction of Putin was totally predictable, and they were just not going to do without their one and only [Black Sea] port in Crimea....

Conspiracy Against Peace

EIR: Don't we have here a case of a conspiracy against peace? I must say that in Germany, conspiracy against peace is a crime against the Constitution. If Germany had something like an impeachment, that would be an impeachable offense. For the USA, what would be the logical consequences of making sure that people who have acted like this can no longer act in the future?...

McGovern: Now, having failed to impeach and convict a President guilty of such war crimes [as in Iraq—G.W. Bush], and I use the term advisedly, now Obama comes in, and we have great hopes for him. And what does he do? Well, he makes nice noises about closing Guantanamo. Is it closed? No. Is torture going on? He doesn't like torture.... People have been force-fed. That's torture. People are wanting to leave Guantanamo in a box just so that they can get out of there. That's pretty serious....

Worse still, our President is violating the Fourth Amendment against unreasonable searches and seizures by the NSA, and the Fifth Amendment, which says no one shall be killed, or deprived of life or property without due process. Now, the fancy lawyers say, "Well, that doesn't say, 'judicial process.'" Up until now, it's always said judicial process. So, we do have a judicial process, thank you very much. "We have a list every Tuesday: The President approves of [killing] these five suspected terrorists, so, we do have due process right here, so, thank you very much." Crazy!

So, what I'm saying here is that impeachment is what our forefathers realized would have to happen, every generation, they expected. The Executive is vested with such powers, that human nature being what it's like, they said at every generation they would have to impeach someone for cheating his authority, his power as the Executive, and that's Congress's duty, because it is where the people speak....

Why We Are Losing the Battle Against Ebola

by Debra Hanania-Freeman

Sept. 12—As the deadly Ebola epidemic in West Africa widens, it has completely overwhelmed and outstripped the ability of humanitarian aid groups and already fragile government health systems to treat the sick and contain the spread. In fact, the opposite has occurred. The spread of the disease, and the deaths resulting from it, are growing exponentially.

Last week, in separate emergency sessions, officials of the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. National Institute of Health, the United Nations, and the medical charity Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières/MSF) all declared that the outbreak is spreading out of control and headed for catastrophe.

The hardest hit countries continue to be Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, but the virus has begun to spread to other countries, and there is a growing danger that these so far smaller outbreaks will ignite new epicenters. The virus popped up in Nigeria, apparently when an individual who had been infected in Liberia flew to Lagos. Although international officials initially downplayed an outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, they are now being forced to rethink that assessment. The number of cases there has more than doubled in the last week, and over half of those infected have already died.

In an even more worrisome development, a new model from Oxford University, published in the journal *eLife,* predicts that the epidemic is likely to spread to at least 15 additional countries, including Nigeria and Congo, where cases have already appeared, as well as Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ghana, Angola, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Burundi, Madagascar, and Malawi.

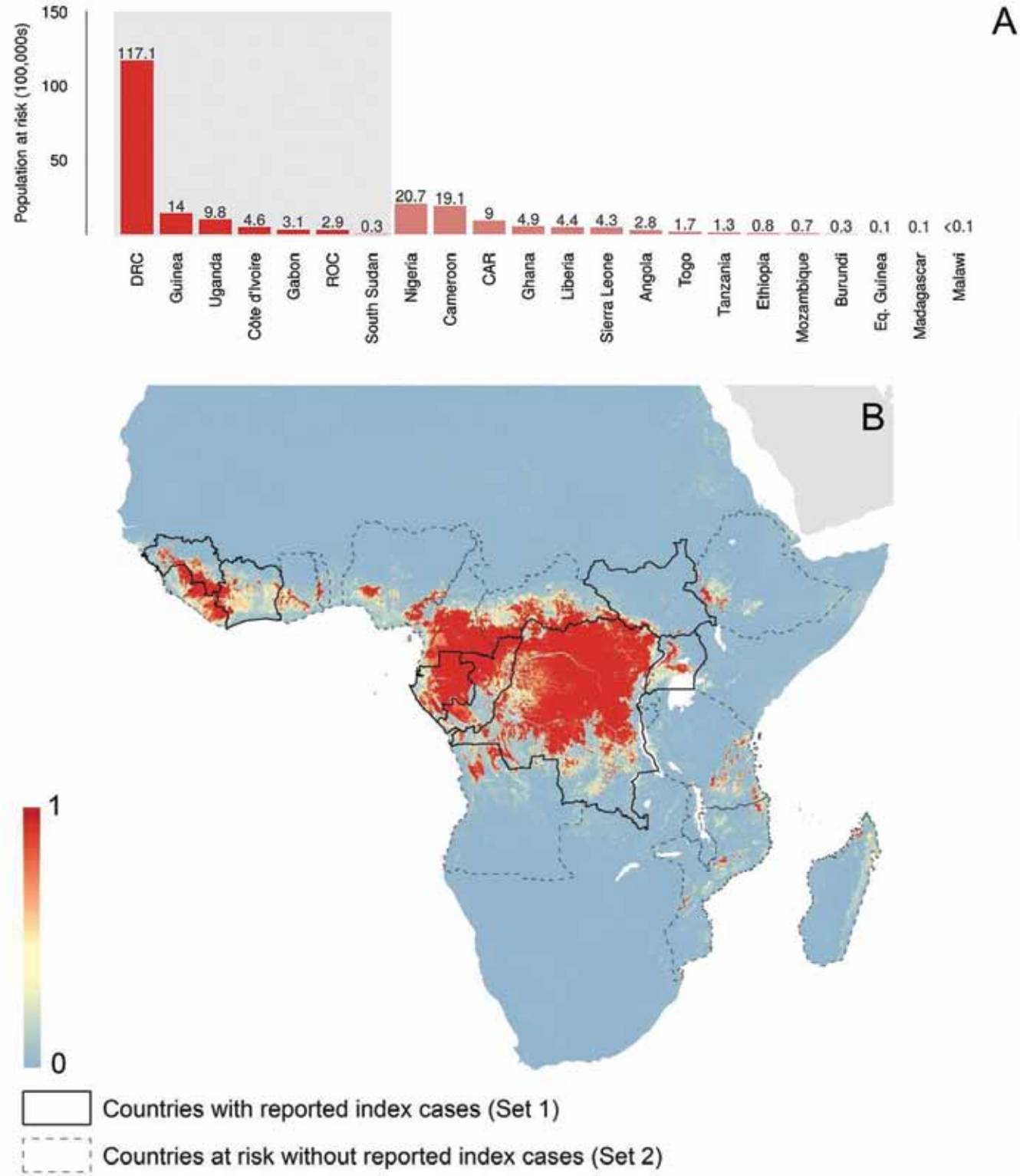
Where It Came From

Since the disease was first identified in 1976, five known strains of Ebola have emerged, and the one currently causing the West African outbreak, the Zaire strain, is the most virulent. Three other strains—Sudan, Tai Forest, and Bundibugyo—have caused outbreaks in Ivory Coast, Sudan, and Uganda in the past, but those outbreaks were in rural areas and were contained. The fifth strand, the Reston species, has not caused any known outbreaks, according to the WHO.

Until this year's epidemic, Ebola did not exist in West Africa and, even as it rages out of control, scientists still don't understand how Ebola arrived from Central Africa, where outbreaks of this strain of the virus had occurred in the past. Researchers have discovered that the strain of Ebola responsible for this current outbreak apparently separated from a related strain found in Central Africa as early as 2004, and continued to mutate and gain virulence over a decade.

Although the discovery provides some valuable information that can help track emerging viral outbreaks, and inform public health decisions and actions, it is also true that a great deal of time and money has been wasted on advanced genomic sequencing techniques, in an attempt to identify what researchers are referring to as

FIGURE 1
Oxford Ebola Study



An Oxford University study of Sept. 8, 2014, predicts that the Ebola epidemic is likely to spread to at least 15 additional countries, beyond Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone.

Patient Zero. Using this methodologically flawed approach, NIH has announced that a single animal-to-human transmission was responsible for the ongoing outbreak in West Africa.

In truth, the current situation, though catastrophic, is not mysterious.

UNDP

Health workers have made heroic efforts (this photo is from Liberia in August), in attempting to treat Ebola, but nothing short of a full-scale mobilization to rapidly build the necessary health infrastructure will stop the spread of the epidemic.

Ebola's Hard Lessons

As early as 1974, Lyndon LaRouche warned of the potential for a biological and ecological holocaust as a result of the imposition of vicious austerity by the IMF and other international financial institutions aimed at depopulating entire regions of world.

By the 1980s, the consequences of those policies were becoming more and more apparent as the AIDS pandemic began its devastation of Africa, and brought with it the reemergence of new, more virulent forms of old diseases. In 1985, *EIR*'s Biological Holocaust Task Force published a Special Report detailing the potential epidemics and pandemics that would arise from collapsing economies in both the industrialized and developing sector nations. At the time, LaRouche and his associates advocated massive water, power, and infrastructure projects, along with the installation of in-depth modern public-health and sanitation systems for Africa and other regions. The failure to do so, we warned, would likely turn these regions into breeding grounds for potentially species-threatening diseases.

Just as AIDS was (and continues to be), the Ebola crisis in West Africa is a case in point. Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea are three exceptionally poor, contiguous countries, each with acutely inadequate public-health and other basic infrastructure (see last week's *EIR*). Civil war and regional conflicts have exacerbated what was already a prescription for disaster. Although the first cases are believed to have occurred in the region as early as December 2013, with surveillance and laboratory capacities virtually non-existent, it wasn't until four months later, on March 21, 2014, that a confirmed case was reported.

The WHO, the lead international body responsible for organizing the response to pathogenic outbreaks, has seen its capacities significantly eroded. Its worsening budget crisis meant that seasoned senior staff who retired were never replaced, and indeed, international health experts have reported that the organization is essentially bankrupt. The NGO Doctors Without Borders has been the only major international organization on the ground, having deployed over 300 personnel into the region. Its efforts have been widely recognized as heroic, but it has reached the outer limits of its capacity. Overall, medical personnel have been violently attacked, suffered high infection rates, and continue to struggle with wholly inadequate protection. Over 250 have died from the virus.

Looting Leads to Disease

But, even this lack of medical and public-health infrastructure doesn't explain how this tragedy unfolded. The Oxford study begins to provide the basis for understanding what is occurring, by first taking a close look at Ebola's animal reservoir—fruit bats. Several species of fruit bats carry Ebola without showing symptoms, whereas humans and other animals who are likely to die from an Ebola infection. The bats can carry the disease and infect other bats and animals, like monkeys and rodents that inhabit the dense forest that spans 22 countries in the region.

Bats, along with other animals, especially monkeys, are one form of "bush meat" increasingly consumed in these countries, where meat is scarce. And, although consuming cooked bush meat is unlikely to spread the virus, hunting and preparing raw meat for consumption vastly increases the likelihood of infection. However,

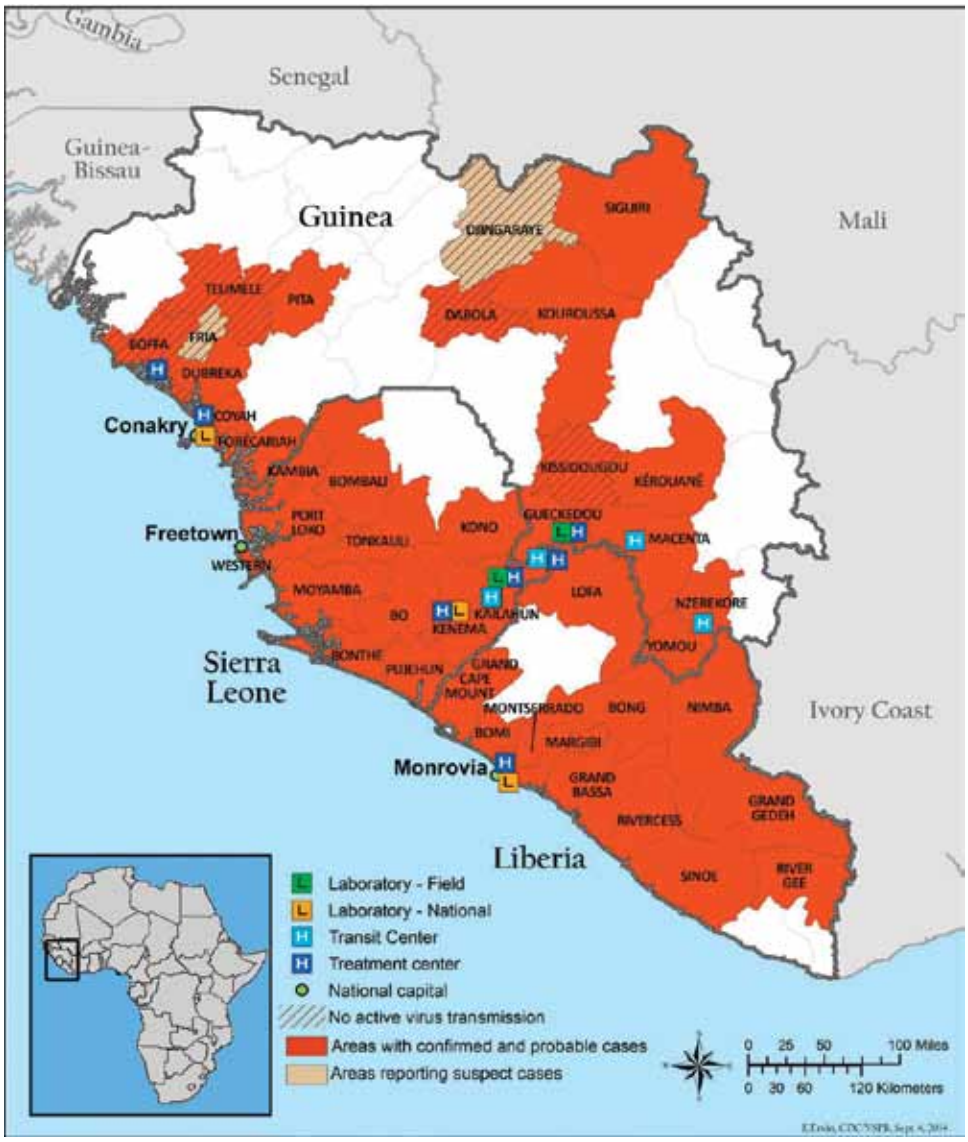
while this provides some explanation for past contained outbreaks in more rural areas, it doesn't explain why this elusive assassin has moved from deep inside African forests, where it is has been circulating in animals for a long time, into densely populated cities.

The answer lies largely in the policies of looting and primitive accumulation that have been imposed on this region, and which play a major role in the outbreaks of zoonotic diseases (those that jump between animals and humans). Humans are venturing farther and farther into the African forests, putting more and more pressure on local ecosystems through small-scale gold, diamond, and mineral mining, deforestation, and political conflicts, bringing them increasingly into contact with animal reservoirs.

More than half of Liberia's forests have been sold off to industrial loggers under President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's government. Logging, slash-and-burn agriculture, and chopping down trees to meet increased demand for firewood, since no other fuel is available, are all driving deforestation in Sierra Leone, where total forest cover has dropped to just 4%. According to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), if deforestation continues at current rates, Sierra Leone's forests could disappear altogether by 2018. One overall result of this is that the bats, which are literally everywhere in these forest areas, are being driven to find new habitats among human populations.

The 1994 outbreak of Ebola, which killed 31 people, occurred in gold-mining camps deep in the rainforest. Mining also appears to be a feature of this latest outbreak: Its epicenter is in the southeast of Guinea, close to iron ore reserves.

FIGURE 2
Ebola: West African Distribution (as of Sept. 6, 2014)



Mining has become an important livelihood activity across Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea, over the last couple of decades. And, according to epidemiologists, that not only means more mines in the forest, but also "immense movement: people going seasonally in and out of mines, coming in and out, young people coming from all over the country." Guinea is the world's top exporter of bauxite, the raw material used in aluminum production, according to Reuters.

Iron ore mining boomed in Liberia last year after a surge in public and private investment. According to a

Bloomberg report, the nation gets most of its income from mining, with several international players in the market, alongside smaller gold and diamond mines. The international Monetary Fund said mining spurred a 20% growth in GDP in Sierra Leone in 2013, after a flood of investment from British companies into iron ore.

The deforestation has also affected weather patterns in the region. Although much of the picture is yet to be filled in by scientists, there are now more seasonal droughts, strong winds, thunderstorms, landslides, heat waves, floods, and changed rainfall patterns—all thought to drive the bat population to migrate to areas populated by humans.

Another factor that is rarely discussed is the 15 years of thug warfare that has virtually destroyed the governments (and government institutions) of Sierra Leone and Liberia. In an effort to escape the barbarism of thugs like former Liberian President Charles Taylor, people fled to the cities, where they were crammed into slums and shantytowns, with no access to sanitation and clean water and an increasing reliance on bush meat. It has been pointed out by *EIR*'s Africa experts that the map of the initial disease outbreak area overlays very closely with the area in which Taylor's thugs ran their primitive mining operations to finance their assaults.

Why Isn't Ebola Containment Working?

Standard public-health measures that have helped contain diseases like SARS and smallpox are simple enough. Find everyone who had close contact with infected individuals and quarantine them for 21 days. If any of these contacts comes down with the disease in question, isolate them from the community and repeat the process by tracking the contacts' contacts.

But such measures have proven to be completely ineffective and inadequate in this Ebola outbreak. This is partly due to the nature of the disease itself. By the time someone infected with Ebola becomes symptomatic, they are often within days of death. Additionally, the early symptoms of Ebola infection are almost identical to those presenting with malaria and a host of other diseases, themselves at epidemic levels. But, even when an infected individual is identified, there are no contact tracing systems in place in these countries, and even where a database is established, the lack of any viable infrastructure has meant that, at best, only 20% of contacts are even followed.

An effort to quarantine a large slum in Monrovia, Liberia, using troops to keep people penned in, proved a disastrous failure, which probably made things worse. After the years of conflict, people distrust the military. And the government had no means, and still doesn't have the means, to provide food and supplies to containment areas. Health-care workers still lack even the most rudimentary protective clothing when treating sick patients, driving nurses in Sierra Leone to strike, in a desperate effort to get more help. The only thing not in short supply, it seems, are horror stories as to the situation on the ground.

Up to now, the international response hasn't just been inadequate, it has been criminal. In August, when President Obama brought the leaders of 50 African nations to Washington for his much-publicized Africa Summit, an occasion that should have been, at least in part, dedicated to mapping out the emergency measures needed to contain this catastrophe, he refused to even place Ebola on the agenda. Instead, he chided young African leaders for "whining" and not doing enough to help themselves.

And, while the race to develop an effective treatment and vaccine against Ebola is on, to date there is no known effective treatment. About 800 doses of a still-experimental vaccine (VSV-EBOV), which is not known to be effective against the Zaire strain, were delivered to health officials in Liberia, as a donation from the Public Health Agency of Canada, but that donation completely depleted its stockpile.

Mapp Biopharmaceuticals sent its entire stock of the experimental drug ZMapp (the drug used to treat, and apparently cure, the two American medical personnel who were transported back to the U.S. last month) to the government of Liberia. Left undetermined is which individuals will receive the drugs.

Ultimately, however, there is no approved, or scientifically proven treatment, for Ebola, and no vaccine. Whether the setting is a primitive one, or one in a developed country's advanced hospital, existing treatment is primarily supportive: giving fluids, carefully monitoring vital signs, and responding to acute medical crises. The likelihood of successful treatment? There is a very big difference in the effectiveness of experimental drugs like ZMapp combined with supportive care, when the patient is a relatively healthy American health worker, and when the patient's immune system is already severely compromised due to repeat exposure to a myriad of infections, poor nutrition, and overall ill

health. In either case, these measures do not have the capability to stop the epidemic today.

What Must Be Done

So, the question remains, is there any effective course of action?

The answer is yes. Last week, *EIR* reported on the recommendations presented by Dr. Joanne Liu, the International President of Doctors Without Borders, to a special briefing at the United Nations on Sept. 2. The emergency international mobilization that Dr. Liu called for is long overdue. A full-scale effort to build the necessary state infrastructure is mandatory. This includes scaling up isolation centers, deploying mobile laboratories to improve diagnostic capabilities, establishing dedicated air bridges to move personnel and equipment to and within West Africa, and building a regional network of field hospitals and establishing MASH units to treat suspected or infected medical personnel.

Timothy Flanigan, an infectious disease researcher at Brown University, put it accurately when he said on National Public Radio Sept. 11: "The U.S. Military is uniquely poised to help with this disease.... The Department of Defense runs a sophisticated health service for its own troops. Its staff includes infectious disease experts, doctors, and nurses. It can set up massive field hospitals almost anywhere. On top of that, the military can do logistics like no other: It can move fuel, food, and supplies *en masse*."

Almost all advanced-sector nations, most especially the United States, Russia, and Japan, have invested heavily in biological threat response efforts. The military in both the United States and Russia, and likely, other countries, have developed very advanced expertise in bio-hazard containment in response to the potential threat of biological and/or chemical warfare. Those assets, along with civilian disaster response teams backed by the full weight of available logistical capability, must be deployed, obviously in close collaboration with the sovereign governments in the area.

Nothing short of that scale of deployment has any hope of getting this epidemic under control. A failure to do so will result in an unfathomable catastrophe with social, security, and economic implications, not only for Africa, but for the entire world.

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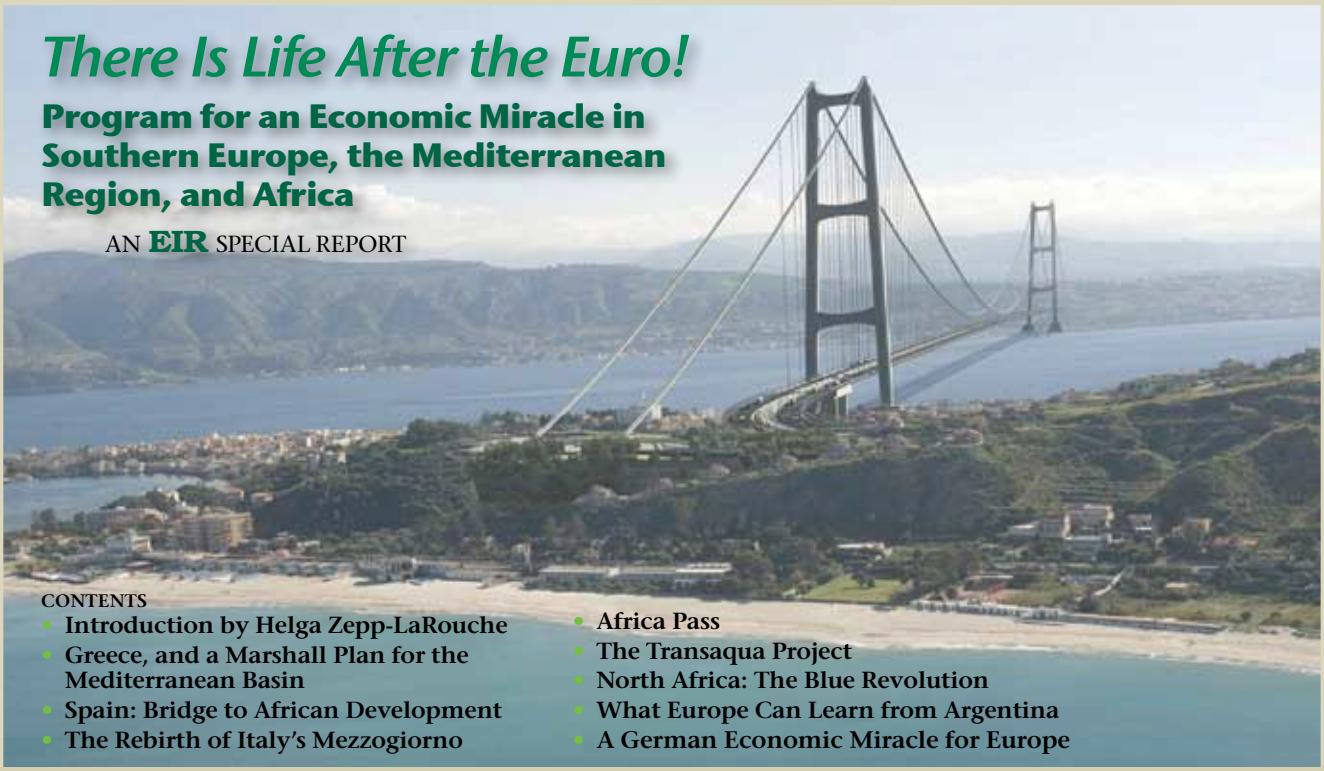

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China, Russia Outflank Financial Sanctions

by Paul Gallagher

Sept. 10—The BRICS nations continue to beat off the attempts at crippling financial sanctions directed at Russia, from the actually crippled London- and Wall Street-centered trans-Atlantic financial system. While other anti-Russia sanctions have boomeranged especially against the EU economies, U.K. and U.S. Treasury experts have spoken boastfully of "the atomic weapon of financial warfare," cutting off Russia's banking system from the global interbank payments system known as SWIFT—Secure Worldwide International Financial Telecommunications. Now, in a visit by Russian Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvalov to Beijing, China and Russia are creating an alternative to SWIFT, as reported by Reuters, ITAR-TASS, and other media. The alternative, for now, is Russian banks using China's own UnionPay interbank transfer system.

Already in April, an independent Russian capability to make interbank payments and credit card payments were points 6 and 7 of a 15-point program of financial and economic defense presented to Russian President Putin by advisor Sergei Glazyev (see box), a nationalist economist, who, in June 2001, brought U.S. Lyndon LaRouche to Russia to address the Duma.

The Chinese and Russian finance ministers met in early June to discuss investment projects, and also, bilateral currency and credit swap arrangements.

Intense Diplomacy

Since then, these steps have been taken between Russia and China in parallel with another vital step taken within the BRICS and other countries attracted to the development policies of China, in particular: exchanging currency swaps among central banks to support settling trade with Russian rubles, Chinese yuan, Indian rupiahs, etc. This was Glazyev's point 5. In late June, Russian Central Bank head Elvira Nabiullina briefed Putin publicly that the Chinese and Russian central banks were developing such swaps. She then visited China in early July to complete the policy, which was actually announced around the mid-July BRICS Summit, when both a New Development Bank and a Currency Reserve Agreement were initiated.

At a Rhodes Forum meeting in 2013, Glazyev separated measures to defend economic development, from creating an "anti-dollar" system of alternative reserve currencies. He said that regional currencies were all very well, but they would *not* fund development if controlled by financial oligarchies. The role of the state is crucial, Glazyev said, given the scale of investment that is needed. Who will pay for modernization and infrastructure? It has to be those who issue the money.

In the past two days, Russia's Shulakov and Chinese Vice-Premier Zheng Gaoli have agreed on a pact to advance both goals, ruble-yuan trade settlements, and an alternative payments system. Shuvalov says that China's UnionPay is "ready for a full-scale collaboration and will provide all infrastructural capacities for that." Since Russia's national interbank pay-

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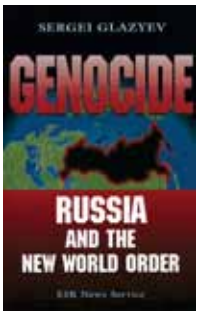

Russia in the 1990s: "The rate of annual population loss has been more than double the rate of loss during the period of Stalinist repression and mass famine in the first half of the 1930s . . . There has been nothing like this in the thousand-year history of Russia."
—Sergei Glazyev

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ments system is not yet deployed, Russian banks will meanwhile set up accounts in Chinese state banks, and Chinese firms will be able to make loans directly to Russian companies, thus effectively opening the Chinese payments-transfer system to the Russian banking system.

The Chinese National Petroleum Company (CNPC) also was enabled to invest $1 billion into one of the largest and most developed petrochemical fields of Russia's Rosneft, the Vancor field. This investment is also refinancing credit for Rosneft, which has been cut off from borrowing for more than 90 days by London and similarly disposed banks.

An Entirely New System?

Thus, it appears that even the Obama-British "atomic-bomb" launcher of financial warfare doesn't work—but Europe is finding it does have a heck of a recoil kick when they attempt to fire it.

And more is likely to come, as the following outline of Glazyev's plan, published in *Vedomosti* last April, shows.

Vedomosti's Summary of 'The Glazyev Plan'

1. Move dollar- and euro-denominated state assets and accounts from NATO countries to neutral ones.

2. Repatriate all state-owned valuables (precious metals, works of art, etc.) to Russia.

3. Sell the bonds of NATO countries before the imposition of sanctions.

4. Halt the export of gold, precious metals, and rare earth elements.

5. Arrange a credit and currency swap with China in order to finance critical imports and shift to settlement in national currencies.

6. Create our own interbank information exchange system, analogous to SWIFT, for payments and settlements within the Customs Union[1] and the CIS,[2] and with other partner countries.

7. Create a payment system for bank card settlements within the Eurasian Economic Community,[3] which would incorporate and fully process settlements made using Visa or MasterCard.[4]

8. Limit the foreign currency positions of banks and require prior declaration of major non-trade currency transactions. Subsequently introduce a tax on capital export and financial speculation.

9. Shift to settlement in national currencies in trade within the Customs Union and with other countries. Denominate new hydrocarbon export contracts in rubles.

10. Arrange credit and currency swaps with individual countries to finance trade.

11. Rapidly reduce the portion of our reserves held in dollar-denominated instruments and bonds of countries supporting sanctions.

12. Replace the dollar and euro borrowings of state corporations and state-owned banks with ruble loans on the same terms, making a targeted monetary emission for this purpose and utilizing VEB Bank to float the loans.

13. Conduct a publicity campaign on the advantages of shifting euro and dollar deposits into rubles. In the event that Central Bank and state-owned bank assets are frozen in the USA and the EU, freeze dollar- and euro-denominated bank liabilities.

14. In response to a trade embargo, carry out critically important operations through Belarusian and Kazakstan companies.

15. Bring the ownership of strategic enterprises, subsurface resource operations, and real estate, currently registered in offshore locations, under Russian jurisdiction.

1. CU: Belarus, Kazakstan, Russia
2. Commonwealth of Independent States: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan (associate), Uzbekistan
3. EurAsEC: Belarus, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan
4. In a March 26, 2014 interview with the Russian News Agency (RSN), Sergei Glazyev explained this function as analogous to China's UnionPay system: "You adopt a law requiring all bank card settlements within a country to go through a national operations center. Visa and MasterCard can't do anything about it. That is, within China those cards function as Chinese cards. Abroad, they work as international cards."

ECB's Draghi Pumps The Final Bubble

by Claudio Celani

Sept. 12—The European Central Bank (ECB) announced desperate measures to pump the global financial bubble on Sept. 4: a discount rate of 0.05%; an interbank lending rate of -0.2%; quantitative easing ("QE") in the form of ECB purchases of private asset-backed securities (ABS), starting in the fourth quarter; QE in the form of ECB purchase of covered bonds (usually issued by banks), starting in the fourth quarter; another LTRO (long-term refinancing operations) wave of ECB ultra-cheap lending to banks, to start in two weeks. This last is euphemistically labelled "funding for lending," and is supposed to increase credit to the productive sector. In fact, it is copied from the British model with the same name, which has not worked. After its implementation, bank credit to the economy in the U.K. was lower than before.

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ECB President Mario Draghi

The intention behind the ECB move was candidly described in a 104-page study issued by Deutsche Bank strategist Jim Reid on Sept. 11. The financial system is a single, giant bubble, and the bubble must be pumped, otherwise the system collapses. "*We think this bubble needs to be maintained to ensure the solvency of the current financial system,*" Reid wrote.

"Over the last couple of decades the global economy has rolled from bubble to bubble with excesses never fully being allowed to unravel. Instead aggressive policy responses have encouraged them to roll into new bubbles. This has arguably kept the modern financial system as we know it a going concern," the report says. The bubble has now migrated into the bond market, and it has become "a necessary condition for maintaining the debt laden financial system."

There is nowhere left for this bubble to go, given that it is now in the hands of governments and central banks, the Deutsche Bank strategist wrote, and thus, "we think this bubble needs to be maintained to ensure the solvency of the current financial system."

Accordingly, stock and bond markets surged after the announcement of the ECB liquidity expansion. According to some sources, it is not only private banks and hedge funds which are speculating, but central banks themselves, which are directly buying futures and other derivative products in order to prop up the markets.

Banks are particularly eager for the ABS program. On Sept. 12, Jean-Claude Juncker, president-elect of the EU Commission, stated that a priority of the Commission will be to revive the ABS market. The program has been drafted for the ECB by BlackRock, itself a major owner of ABS papers, and will allow banks to package their toxic loans into securities, which the ECB will buy. ECB President Mario Draghi has announced a first purchase of about EU800 billion.

However, the ECB has already earmarked at least part of that debt to be paid by taxpayers. On Aug. 28, ECB Executive Board member Benoit Coeuré said that for an ABS-purchasing program to reach its full potential, governments must guarantee at least some of the debt.

"Europe is facing a very fundamental choice if it wants to move to an ABS market that is as deep and liquid as the U.S. market," Coeure said in an interview with *Risk* magazine, distributed by the ECB. "To reach this goal, the securitization market will require a significantly different amount of public sponsoring than is currently the case."

In other words, the ECB is pumping the final bubble, partly by printing money, partly with government (taxpayers') money, in a futile and desperate move which will not prevent the bubble from bursting. Meanwhile, the recession in the EU is becoming a depression, unemployment in some countries has reached a real figure of 25%, and in several cases, democratic institutions have been irreversibly compromised. The threat of war is increasing.

Get the mad driver out of the driver's seat before it is too late!

Nuclear Power Needed In a Tumultuous World

Matthew Ehret-Kump and Liona Fan-Chiang report from the Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference in Vancouver. While many nuclear experts are hunkering down, great potential exists in the BRICS countries.

Sept. 1—The Biennial Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference was held this year in Vancouver, Canada the week of Aug. 25-29. More than 600 nuclear scientists, engineers, vendors, and regulators gathered to discuss the recent advances in the field, as well as challenges that have emerged. This year, the conference is especially opportune, as it is held in the wake of the recent BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) nations' economic agreements and related motions to create an entirely new world economic and strategic system. Although not explicitly discussed in the plenary sessions, as anyone who has looked at nuclear energy development over its history knows, nuclear energy has never been able to distance itself from the political environment, and this was no exception.

Fukushima was perhaps one of the most oft-repeated words throughout the conference. The general hysterical reactions, as well as those to the contrary, in the aftermath of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan,[1] corresponded very closely to the political split among the world's largest nations.

Many of the sessions dealt not only with safety, but also with the public perception of safety. Since the two are often starkly divergent, regulators and engineers have been caught between trying to provide maximum safety, and explaining to a very vocal "anti" lobby what "safety" means. Some, after having provided multiple layers of safety mechanisms, have come to realize that the issue of safety is being manipulated by some opponents of nuclear power, to permanently stall it, regardless of its merits.

Tim Gitzel, President and CEO of Cameco, America's largest uranium producer, called for the scientific community to develop "tougher skins" when taking on the irrational arguments of the environmentalist movement. He pointed to the German and Japanese nuclear systems, which were shut down *not* for scientific, but rather for political reasons, and that if the scientific community doesn't learn how to get more polemical and tackle this problem, then this industry will fail.

This point was accentuated in an interview with *EIR* by Juan Eibenschutz, Director General of Mexico's National Nuclear Regulatory Commission, who made the point that the scientific illiteracy of the population with respect to nuclear power was being driven by political forces that have embedded themselves into many regulatory institutions, creating a vast bureaucracy which has prevented the development of nuclear power in the West. Speaking to the fear of radiation which has swept the population since the Fukushima disaster, Eibenschutz said that an irrational double standard had ingrained itself in the regulatory

1. The 9.0 earthquake and ensuing tsunami damaged the Fukushima nuclear plant, and washed away large parts of Japan's coast, killing 15,889 (as of 2014), see data from the National Police Agency of Japan, http://www.npa.go.jp/archive/keibi/biki/higaijokyo_e.pdf).

Committee for the Republic of Canada

Matthew Ehret-Kump reports from the Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference in Vancouver, Canada, on Aug. 28, 2014.

institutions since Three Mile Island (March 1979), and is now being made worse by the media hype over Fukushima (from which not a single radiation fatality has yet been reported):

"In the case of nuclear, [the regulators] do things like stopping the same kinds of power plants in the world. Three Mile Island was very interesting from that point of view. The accident at Three Mile Island did no physical harm to anybody. In spite of that, the nuclear industry in the U.S. stopped. Period. Two weeks after Three Mile Island, there was this accident of a DC-10 that lost an engine and killed 230 people. The DC-10s stopped flying for one week. That was it—because it was not nuclear!"

Not only were there no fatalities at either Three Mile Island or Fukushima, but the fear that erupted created a monster which is at the heart of the current shutdown of all 48 nuclear reactors in Japan,[2] and all German reactors by 2022.

Selling Green

As a result of this environment, great engineering advances have been cloaked by a "small and green" advertising campaign, as though trying to trick the public into accepting nuclear power.

For example, the development of Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) was heralded by various speakers, including Jacques Plourde, President of the Canadian Nuclear Society, who proclaimed that the SMR is the future of nuclear technology in Canada and globally. The SMR is attractive since it can be used in remote regions such as the Arctic, or in developing countries, to provide efficient and reliable energy for small communities, as well as for powering mining operations in such regions, which no other source can accomplish. Although powerful in a top-down national strategy to develop remote areas, the primary problem with the SMR is that it is being advertised as a replacement for large reactors, tangent to a nation-building policy.[3]

New fuel sources, better designs, and other efficiency-improving innovations were presented by dozens of speakers. AREVA Canada Inc.'s Vice President Jean-François Béland gave an interesting presentation on the recycling of spent fuel, discussing the necessity of closing the fuel cycle, and demonstrating new techniques in reusing spent uranium and other "waste." Closing the fuel cycle is a real engineering issue. However, many in the nuclear community also hope that advertising the ability to clean up radioactive waste will finally squelch opposition to nuclear power. Unfortunately, in the example of the United States, that has not been the case. While other countries have been reprocessing spent fuel for decades, in the United States the fuel cycle is not closed, and spent fuel is wasted, entirely due to political barriers.

The extension of the operating lives of CANDU reactors (Canada) beyond their planned 30 years was showcased by senior engineers of Ontario Power Generation, Inc., with many innovative approaches to managing fuel channels better and slowing the aging pro-

2. This may perhaps explain why a very small delegation from Japan attended.

3. An example is that just about all of the designs involve preventing the receiving country from knowing anything about the reactor, bowing to non-proliferation concerns. SMRs are being proposed for non-nuclear countries to have a reactor, for example, buried underground. They receive a black box, never touch it, and it is refueled and serviced by the company that sold it to them. In contrast to China's aggressive education program, this results in *no* education of nuclear engineers, no integration into the economy, and no use for other applications—just a black box.

cess of reactors. This parallels advances in nuclear reactor designs, which have made them incredibly efficient, such that, for example, U.S. nuclear power plants, even though new power plants have not come on line for over 30 years, continue to supply 20% of the nation's growing electricity demand. Unfortunately, these advances are tainted with the feeling that these may be the only employment outlet for nuclear engineers who work in countries where there is a low chance that new large reactors will be approved, under the currently collapsing economic system.

BRICS Move Forward

Although the argument that the public has caused nuclear power to ground to a halt has been used to explain the sluggishness in the United States, Canada, Germany, and other formerly industrialized nations, the facts show otherwise.

Every country has an anti-nuclear lobby, even China. However, while the United States, after a four-decade dry spell, plans to have three new nuclear plants by 2017. As of Aug. 21, 2014, China has 27 new plants under construction, with a plan to triple the current capacity by 2020.[4] Although this would still only provide 3.6% of China's electricity use, the rate of progress, not only in nuclear power, but in rail construction, fusion research, education, and space development, is phenomenal.

Unlike the defensive posture taken by Canada, the United States, and others, China has launched an aggressive campaign to educate the population and integrate them into the new economy. As outlined by Deputy Secretary-General of the Chinese Nuclear Society Lixin Shen, such educational endeavors include Summer camp programs, tours of facilities, classroom programs, and a wide variety of media. For those who are older, this should remind you of the mobilization in the United States in the 1950s and '60s, which produced a series of educational videos on Atoms for Peace, Project Plowshare, advanced agriculture, etc., from which the skilled nuclear workforce of today emerged.

The necessity of a forward drive toward thermonuclear fusion is well recognized by China, although fusion was a very small part of this conference.

Dr. Michel Laberge, founder of General Fusion (the only fusion facility in Canada intending to eventually produce power), who titled his presentation "Nuclear Fusion: No Longer 30 Years Away," stressed the global developments in fusion power, and his own company's innovative approach to incorporating both inertial confinement (e.g., laser fusion) and magnetic confinement (e.g., the tokamak) into one single design. Two representatives from China, Dr. X.M. Shi (Institute of Applied Physics and Computational Mathematics, Beijing) and Z.C. Yu (Tsinghua University, Beijing) presented a design for a fission-fusion hybrid reactor. This was followed by a presentation by Prof. R. Fedosejevs (University of Alberta) on the advantages of spin-polarizing fusion fuel.

In general, while the United States and Germany have taken the lead on fusion research, China has taken some bold steps. While a partner in the International Tokamak Experimental Reactor (ITER), it also sustains a domestic fusion program, with one of the most advanced tokamaks in the world (one of the only two superconducting tokamaks); is well on the way to a laser fusion facility; and intends to graduate 2,000 fusion scientist by 2020. The vitality of the program is in stark contrast to the diminishing number of students and facilities in the United States.

Russia is currently the world's second-most active developer of nuclear power, behind China, with 10 units currently under construction. Of the 27 plants under construction in China, 3 are Russian reactors.

India's nuclear power strategy was outlined at the W.B. Lewis Lecture by Dr. Srikumar Banerjee, Homi Bhabha Chair Professor at Bhabha Atomic Research Center. Dr. Banerjee began with an historical overview of the collaboration between Canadian nuclear pioneer Dr. W.B. Lewis, the principal architect of the Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR, or CANDU reactor), and Dr. Homi Bhabha, the father of India's nuclear program. Dr. Banerjee emphasized the importance of the PHWR technology for India's plans to assure the energy supply for a growing population by closing the fuel cycle, thereby reducing dependence on imported uranium; expanding the domestic supply of new fissile isotopes; and making the maximum use of every neutron, in what he dubbed "the neutron economy."

Dr. Banerjee laid out India's three-stage path for the development of nuclear power. First is to use PHWR systems to generate power from the fissile uranium-235

4. http://www.world-nuclear.org/info/Country-Profiles/Countries-A-F/China—Nuclear-Power/. It is not surprising that CANDU is building its prototype CANDU 6 in China.

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The conference ran a tour bus for participants to visit General Fusion, Inc. Shown here are scenes from the company's research facility.

(0.7% natural abundance in uranium), while using the fission neutrons to transform the 99.3% of the uranium which is non-fissile, uranium-238, into fissile plutonium-239 (Pu-239). Second is to use the Pu-239 obtained from reprocessing the used fuel of the PHWR reactors in fast breeder reactors to breed additional Pu-239, as well as to convert non-fissile thorium-232 into fissile uranium-233 (U-233). India is building a Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakkam, which is scheduled to go into operation early next year. Third is use of both fissile isotopes, Pu-239 and U-233, for power generation in an Advanced Heavy Water Pressurized Reactor (AHPR), whose design has recently been completed.[5]

The importance of India's adoption of a thorium fuel strategy is multi-faceted. 1) Thorium is three to four times more abundant than uranium in the Earth's crust, with India possessing, in the monazite sands along its south and east coasts, an estimated 850,000 tons of thorium resources recoverable at $80/kilogram (the largest share, 13.7%, of the world total). In comparison, India's estimated 80,200 tons of uranium resources recoverable at $140/kilogram is only 1.5% of the world total. 2) Compared to uranium, in a thermal reactor (e.g., PHWR), thorium generates much less of the long-lived trans-uranic radioisotopes. 3) While this simplifies reprocessing of the irradiated thorium in some respects, the unavoidable presence of trace amounts of uranium-232 also poses technical challenges to provide shielding from some of its strongly gamma-radiation-emitting decay products.

Dr. Banerjee also highlighted the collaborative role that India is playing both with Russia in the development of its vital fast-breeder technology, and with China in regards to molten salt reactor technology. He also noted India's leading involvement in ITER. Most importantly, Dr. Banerjee reminded the audience that were it not for Canada's nuclear collaboration with India on the CANDU-PHWR system, which must continue to advance now more than ever, none of India's current dreams could succeed. This outlook provided a reminder to the attendees that Canada's only hope for a real nuclear future is found in collaboration with the BRICS.

The contrast of outlooks at this conference highlights the significance of the recent developments led by the BRICS nations, while showing the potential in the trans-Atlantic nations for a renaissance, were these governments to turn away from the currently dying Wall Street-based financial system, into the direction laid out by the BRICS, fueled by productive credit generated to increase the energy-flux density of mankind's power usage and production, throughout the Earth and beyond. Whether this contrast continues to brew toward existential conflict, or resolves in a new era, is an outcome that hangs on a decision we must make.

5. Ramtanu Maitra, "India Looks to New Energy Frontier: Fusion Power," *EIR*, June 6, 2014.

Nuclear Fission: Humanity Is Missing Out on a Good Opportunity

Dr. Banerjee gave this interview to EIR, at the Aug. 25-29, 2014 Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference in Vancouver, Candada.

Dr. Srikumar Banerjee

EIR: Dr. Banerjee, at the Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference here in Vancouver, B.C. today, you gave the luncheon lecture in honor of Dr. Wilfred Bennett Lewis. You are the Homi Bhabha Chair Professor at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in India. In your lecture, you said that these two people—Dr. Homi Bhabha from India and Dr. Wilfred Bennett Lewis from Canada—are the people most responsible for the development of the Heavy Water Pressurized Reactor (HWPR), also known in Canada as the CANDU reactor. Could you tell us something about who these two people were and what they did?

Dr. Srikumar Banerjee: For me, Dr. Bhabha was definitely the main architect of the Indian nuclear program. I mentioned in my lecture that he and Lewis were together at the Cavendish Laboratory. Then Homi Bhabha came back to India, just before the war, and stayed on; although he came for a vacation, he could not go back to Europe. Then he continued his work on physics, and later he got involved in the development of the atomic energy program in the country.

He was a great scientist. He was a good artist. He had a tremendous taste in architecture. And the most important of his contributions was in building great scientific institutions.

At that time, of course, it was just after the Second World War, when Bhabha and Lewis were thinking of the prospect of nuclear energy, primarily nuclear fission energy. Both of them also talked about fusion, but the emphasis was on fission, which was almost realized at that time as a deployable source for electricity generation. Their concern was, how to control the way of doing it on a commercial scale, and getting the energy solution for the world.

Both Lewis and Bhabha put a big emphasis on the issue of sustainability of nuclear energy.

It is not often stressed, but if you are only taking into account the uranium 235 as the fissile isotope, and that's the only fissionable isotope available in nature, then nuclear energy's life will not be very long. With the global increase in demand for energy, uranium-235 will get exhausted very quickly. Of course, I am not taking into account the large uranium reserves in seawater. But extracting uranium from seawater and exploiting that energy is perhaps a bigger challenge than something which is competitive, even with fusion.

But if you take the fertile isotopes into account, uranium 238 and thorium 232, then we have really an inexhaustible form of energy in nuclear fission. Early in this period, both Bhabha and Lewis realized that, and have emphasized this point in their papers.

Nuclear Is Declining in the West

EIR: At the conference today, it was mentioned that there are presently 72 new nuclear reactors under construction in the world today. However, it is notable that almost two thirds of these new reactors are being built in just a handful of countries, namely, the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) and Argentina.

Do you have any thoughts on why one part of the world would be undergoing this kind of development, which largely does not exist in the rest of the world?

Banerjee: You see, it is due to the development aspiration in a large part of the world. In places like Canada, the United States, and Western Europe, energy demand is not growing! And it will not grow in the foreseeable future. The reason is the population in these places has stabilized and in some cases is slightly declining. Per capita energy consumption has reached a level of saturation; machinery and buildings are becoming much more energy efficient. I am often asked this question: When Germany is gradually reducing the contribution of nuclear energy and finally has a plan to abandon it, why in India are we talking of expansion in the nuclear contribution?

The point is, one cannot compare the situations in Germany and India. If you look at the German situation for the last ten years, if I am not incorrect, there is a decline in the total electricity demand in Germany, whereas in India, total electricity consumption has more than doubled during this period.

Germany also has the option of imports of a lot of energy, from France, from the Czech Republic—they are nuclear. So one can manage the total supply; particularly, supplying the base load.

Solar and wind energy have a very important role to play and nobody should neglect them. They have to be exploited to the fullest extent. But the point is, even if you exploit them to the fullest extent, you cannot meet the base load requirement in countries where the growth in demand for energy is phenomenal.

In India, in the last six to seven years, total energy production has doubled. Even now there is a big scarcity. I just showed in my presentation, that from today to 2032, another 18 years, the total electricity production has to increase four times to sustain an economic growth of 8-9%. But if all the additional capacity is built on the basis of thermal power, we will be generating 3 to 4 billion tons more of CO_2 annually. A major part of the coal needs to be imported, as Indian coal has about 40% ash. We must, therefore, increase the share of primary energy sources, namely, solar, wind, and nuclear, substantially, though thermal power will continue to dominate in the immediate future.

In China today, of the total electricity, only 2.1% is nuclear. But the expansion programs in nuclear, solar, and wind are quite impressive.

EIR: China is now building 27 new nuclear reactors, which sounds like a lot. But, if you ask how many new nuclear plants they are building per capita; that drops it dramatically.

Banerjee: Yes. And then you have to see how much nuclear is going to contribute. Even for China: They will still be depending on coal burning to a substantial extent. India also cannot avoid it.

EIR: Something like 79% of China's electricity production comes from coal.

Banerjee: Growth in electricity consumption cannot be slowed down. It is the most essential ingredient for development. It is not in the domain of luxury. Consumption is 700 kilowatt-hours per capita in India, which is one-fourth of the world average. This is what is available for everything. Electricity is needed for transportation, education, health care, agriculture, and industry, and each of these sectors is growing rapidly. Such growth scenarios are not there in countries where these basic needs have been grossly met.

As far as other forms of primary energy are concerned, India is rapidly expanding the installed capacity in wind and solar. But one cannot exceed the capacity factor beyond 25%. The Sun does not shine all the time. Neither does the wind blow. What is the implication of that? Say you need 100 megawatts. But, if the capacity factor is 25%, you have to install 400 MW and also have suitable means of storage.

EIR: At the conference today, the share of nuclear power in electricity generation by 2030 was actually projected to go down, which is an alarming trend. If there were a significant increase in demand for new nuclear plants, would there be enough capacity to build them?

Banerjee: The big damage which has been done worldwide is to the supply chain. The manufacturing places are now extremely few, for example, for the light water reactors, which are, I would say, the fastest to construct.

EIR: The pressure vessels.

Banerjee: Pressure vessel manufacturing is now available only in a limited number of countries—Japan, Korea, China, and Russia. India still doesn't have it, but we have a plan to enter into that. Steelmaking in India is reasonably good; also, the forging and making the large welded vessels of specialty steels. These technologies are available. A joint venture company is set up which can take up manufacturing of nuclear pressure vessels, and Indian industries have the capability of making many critical components of nuclear reactors.

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"It is very easy to debate on this in the comfort of an air conditioned room," said Dr. Banerjee. "But if you have a really cold Winter in Europe or America, then you realize the importance of power." Shown: the Kalpakkam prototype fast breeder reactor in Tamil Nadu, India.

Right now the limited manufacturing capability is an impediment in the rapid growth of nuclear power in the world.

Fourth-Generation Reactors

EIR: Do you see a role for fourth-generation nuclear reactor technologies, for example, the molten salt thorium reactor?

Banerjee: Enhanced safety, better utilization of fissile and fertile materials, and reduction of radioactive waste burden, are the major incentives for the development of fourth-generation reactors. The molten salt reactor is very important because it addresses all these points. It is inherently safe, as the molten salt core can be dumped through some passive frozen valves in a few safe storage units in case of any temperature rise beyond a safe limit. The reactivity in terms of fissile content in the core can be precisely adjusted with on-line introduction of fuel and removal of poison. The reactor operates at near ambient pressure and there is no issue of high-pressure containment structure. It has on-line reprocessing facility and, therefore, facilitates conversion of fertile to fissile and incineration of long lived radioactive waste. Finally, it can use thorium, which gets converted into fissile uranium-233 and can operate with a rather small addition of extra fissile material. But the molten salt reactor requires reprocessing. If you are not doing reprocessing on-line, then the molten salt reactor is no great fun.

We have just started work on the molten salt reactor. But in the initial phase of thorium utilization, India has made quite a bit of progress, as we have irradiated thoria fuel in PHWRs, studied their performance, and also studied reprocessing of the spent fuel. The design of the advanced heavy water reactor, to which I devoted some time in my lecture, is essentially a technology demonstrator in which about two thirds of the energy output will be from thorium. This, however, will be in solid oxide fuel.

Fusion and Helium-3

EIR: Perhaps you could also say something about the role of thermonuclear fusion in the longer term, particularly given China's recent lunar landing and their interest in setting up the space infrastructure to mine the lunar surface for helium-3, an ideal fusion fuel.

Banerjee: It is very important. India is also a partner on ITER [the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor], as China is. So we are working as a community of nations towards fusion. I fully support that as a scientific endeavor. But, as an energy solution, that is still way ahead of us. And while you are talking of fusion, you must also see, where will the fuel come from? In fact where do we get tritium from, for first-generation deuterium-tritium fusion?

If you look at the PHWR, it is a good source of tritium. If you use deuterium, when it is neutron irradiated, it becomes tritium. We always say that there is plenty of fuel available in seawater. Deuterium is only a tiny portion of seawater. But you can collect it, like we are doing.

India is the largest producer of deuterium today in the form of deuterium oxide [heavy water]. Now deuterium alone is not enough; you need tritium. And tritium production, again, requires neutrons. So neutron is a very important resource, as I emphasized in my lecture.

EIR: I was just thinking about the role of China, Russia, and India, which you have just mentioned. There are common themes which we have seen in the investigation into molten salt thorium reactors, into breeder reactors, into fusion. What ways do you see the collaboration of these countries and other countries with India into the future?

Banerjee: It is happening. One is a scientist-to-scientist interaction, and doing something for curiosity satisfaction. But once it becomes a major effort, the resources are to be shared, and things like that, then it means an interaction on a much higher plane, a government-to-government level. Fortunately, with ITER, this has happened. There are seven members in ITER. It has a big price tag. We know that India is not a rich country. But, I think we give fusion its due importance. That's why, in spite of that, India is providing the finance which is required, towards the development of fusion power.

With fusion power, when they ask, "Can you give us a time when it will tie your city to the grid?" I think if somebody gives an answer, it will be premature.

In my opinion, in the energy debate we are definitely neglecting something that is technologically proven, environmentally benign, commercially attractive, and has a very good overall safety record. That is fission energy, which may need a little bit of tweaking, I would say. With that you can make the molten salt reactor and the breeder reactor, and make them successful and commercially operative.

But I think that some doubts come in terms of fear. Fear of radiation or fear of accidents. This is why I think that humanity as a whole is perhaps missing out on a good opportunity. Fifty years ago these fears were not there and we could go forward to make energy available in plenty in many countries.

EIR: Well certainly we need a society that is much more educated in real science if this is going to advance properly.

Banerjee: Yes. See, it is very easy to debate on this in the comfort of an air-conditioned room. But if you have a really cold Winter in Europe or America, then you realize the importance of power.

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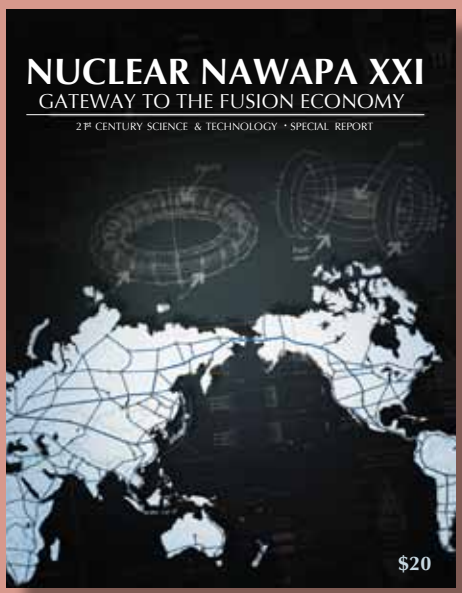

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Editorial

The Next Revolution

On Sept. 17, 1787, two-hundred and twenty-seven years ago, the revolutionaries who fought and defeated the British Empire on the American continent, signed the U.S. Constitution, thereby establishing a republic which became the inspiration for the world. The giants who created this extraordinary document—Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, George Washington—knew that they had created an imperfect union, but they also staked their very lives on making it a model, a gift, for all mankind.

The fight to maintain that Constitution has not been easy. From the battle for its ratification, to the secession movements of the 19th Century, to monetarist subversion of the 20th Century, patriots have been forced to mobilize to defeat enemies determined to destroy the very idea of the United States. Thanks especially to a wave of assassinations, orchestrated by the British Empire, over the last 50 years, the founding principles have been increasingly attenuated, to the point where our initial Constitutional commitment to sovereignty, and the general welfare for ourselves and our posterity, has almost faded from view.

Barack Obama, a virtual tool of the British Empire, appears determined to finish it off—and with his current policies of war and economic destruction, seems poised to succeed.

Yet, there *is* a revolution sweeping the globe which can reverse this situation, if we but choose to cooperate with it. It is a revolution against the global, imperial monetarist order, a revolution that is resurrecting the ideas of sovereignty, technological progress, and scientific optimism which were once associated primarily with the United States. This revolution is occurring in China, in Egypt, in India, in Russia, and in Argentina. These nations are adopting the principles and practices of the American System of economic and constitutional practice, even as we as a nation seem resigned to letting them die.

Most Americans, and Europeans, of course, do not recognize this revolution. They continue to be gulled by the "establishment" media which tells them that these nations are run by dictators and corruption, and are about to lose all their money anyway. (That didn't stop our young republic! We set up a credit system.) The clueless remain in ignorance of the offers of cooperation in economics and space which nations such as China and Russia have made to the United States, blindly ascribing their actions to hostile competition.

Only in isolated cases, where individuals have visited China, for example, and seen the enormous pace of economic progress and scientific optimism, has this brainwashing been broken through. Even AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, normally wed to the idea of "China taking our jobs," has been shocked into saying that Americans should be emulating China, as in their high-speed rail projects.

We at *EIR* have the first-hand testimony of Helga Zepp-LaRouche, who has just returned from one of her many trips to China, to report on the revolution there. The Chinese are aiming to not only lift up their own people, in self-conception and living standards, but to share their accomplishments with the whole world. Their outlook is more American than that of many Americans themselves!

The next revolution must be the one Americans make to join with China, Russia, and the others—to return to the principles that created us as a nation, and bring the world into a new era of peace and cooperation.

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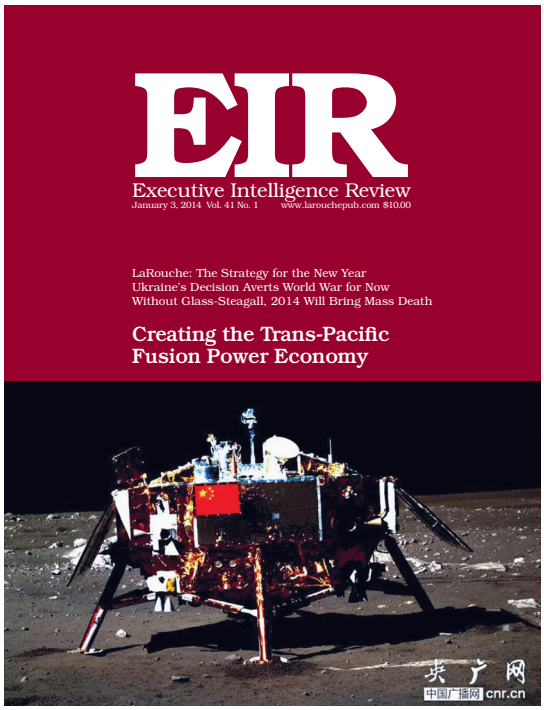

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