

Are Britain's 'Tigers' Threatening Malaysia?

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A small radical faction of the Indian minority in Malaysia has unleashed a blatantly British-instigated destabilization of this Southeast Asian nation, with evidence that the group is working with the Tamil Tigers (LTTE)—the Sri Lankan ter-

rorist group which gave birth to the “suicide bomber” phenomenon over the past decades, including the suicide bomber assassination of Indian President Rajiv Gandhi in 1991, and several assassinations of Sri Lankan officials since then.

The Hindu Rights Action Group (Hindraf) led demonstrations in November against alleged “ethnic cleansing” by the Malaysian government of the Indian minority (which makes up 8% of the population), and in particular, against the destruction of Hindu temples on land which was being cleared for development. The government arrested several demonstrators, and announced that there were links to the Tigers. Malay sources told *EIR* that some of those arrested are LTTE members. Five members of Hindraf are now being held under Malaysia’s stringent Internal Security Act.

In Sri Lanka, meanwhile, the government this week broke its ceasefire with the LTTE, set in 2002, reporting that the Tigers had used the ceasefire for a significant rearmament. LTTE chief Velupillai Prabhakaran reportedly delivered a speech in November stating: “Now, with abundant monetary and military aid from several countries, it has rehabilitated its destroyed military and has prepared itself for war again.”

British Provocations

One of the leaders of Malaysia’s Hindraf, the lawyer P. Uthayakumar, was charged with writing seditious letters to British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, accusing the government of attacks against Indian-Malays by “Government-backed Islamic extremist violent armed terrorists,” destruction of Hindu temples, and ethnic cleansing, while calling on the British to “refer Malaysia to the World Court and International Criminal Court.”

Also, the neocon’s favorite Malaysian dissident, Anwar Ibrahim, close friend and ally of fascists Paul Wolfowitz and Al Gore, flew off to India to call on the Indian government to take action against Malaysia’s “repression” against the Indian minority.

The provocations have all the telltale signs of British intelligence destabilizations, with neither the Hindu radicals nor Anwar attempting to hide their loyalties to the British and the neoconservatives. The charge of Tamil Tiger connections has been denied by the Hindraf, however.

Malaysian Works Minister Samy Vellu, who is of Indian origin, has strongly rejected the claims of the Hindraf, and is travelling to India, where he is expected to meet Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and others on the sidelines of an annual gathering of the Indian diaspora, beginning in New Delhi on Jan. 7, and to counter the Hindraf charges. The Indians are equally concerned about the LTTE terrorists, but are also expecting Malaysia to address grievances of the Indian minority with increased care while dealing strictly with the Hindraf.