

## U.S.S.R. and Iran deploy thousands for terror wave

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Under Soviet intelligence services' control, a pool of several thousand would-be kamikaze terrorists has been put together in recent weeks for deployment in the Middle East and the advanced sector. The Dec. 12 series of bombings in the Gulf Emirate of Kuwait have initiated, according to intelligence experts, a new international terror wave to culminate in Europe and the United States around Christmas and the New Year. Considered key targets following the Kuwaiti bombings of Dec. 12 are France, the United States, Britain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Pakistan. In more than half a dozen countries worldwide, regular law enforcement and police agencies as well as military installations have been put on alert to face this unprecedented terror wave, unleashed by the Soviet Union and its allies in preparation for an early 1984 global military crisis.

As pointed out by the French daily newspaper *Le Matin* on Dec. 13, the almost simultaneous explosion of six remote-controlled bombs in Kuwait at the same time that a dynamite-filled truck driven into the compound of the American embassy caused four deaths, required a high level of logistical organization generally not available to fringe terrorist groups. Such organization was necessary merely to bring the weapons used into Kuwait, to say nothing of using them. Thus, *Le Matin* posed, the supposedly Lebanese or Iranian origins of the Jihad al-Islamiyya group which claimed responsibility for the bombings are nothing but a cover for a direct Soviet KGB deployment from its regional headquarters in Damascus.

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The Dec. 12 bombings are the result of a reorganization of Iranian international terrorist operations, determined some

seven to eight weeks ago at a Teheran meeting of the newly created Islamic Institutions Unified Movement with most of Iran's ambassadors. Next there were several high-level planning sessions in Damascus under Soviet and Bulgarian sponsorship. Then came the Oct. 23 Beirut bombing attack on the U.S. and French peacekeeping forces there—and a gathering of international terrorists, which also took place on Oct. 23 at the Hôtel Président in Geneva under the chairmanship of Ali Duba, chief of Syrian intelligence.

The Teheran meeting was led by Ayatollah Khomeini's appointed successor, Ayatollah Montazeri. The latest achievements of the terrorist training operation at the University of Persepolis—run by North Korean, Soviet, Bulgarian, and Vietnamese teachers—were presented at the gathering. In addition, a reorganization of the Iranian diplomatic corps was imposed. Diplomats including Hossein Navab, the Iranian ambassador to Bonn, who were characterized as "too diplomatic," did not return to their posts. Navab's replacement was none other than Salari, a veteran of the taking of the American hostages in 1979!

At a more recent Dec. 6 meeting in Damascus, Foreign Minister Abdul Salam of Libya, representatives of South Yemen and of the PFLP-general command of Ahmed Jibril, and Hussein Zadeh, deputy foreign minister and chief of the Iranian pasdarans (Revolutionary Guards), gathered under the Syrian leadership. Hussein Zadeh was in Damascus days before the blowing up of the American embassy in Beirut last April and again in October. With him was "Ayatollah" sheikh Azari-Ghomi, chief of the Iranian revolutionary court. Azari-Ghomi left Damascus for Baalbek after the meeting, clandestinely entering France on Dec. 11. *This session to coordinate terrorism pooled 1,000 to 4,000 would-be kamikazes*



*The early stages of Islamic fundamentalism in Iran produced the women soldiers above. Now Iran—with full use of the resources of Soviet terrorist-training capability—has created thousands of fanatics to carry out suicide bombings against the West.*

ready to be deployed in the Middle East and in Europe.

The Palestinian forces of Yasser Arafat were meanwhile still besieged in Tripoli. There are conflicting reports about Arafat's stance toward the Dec. 7 bombings of civilians in Jerusalem. The bombing was claimed to have been done by Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization, but the day after the atrocity, the Palestinian leader's chief spokesman, Abdul Rahman, told the press that Arafat definitely did not authorize the bombing. "The official PLO policy is not to hit civilian targets. We have not hit civilian targets for four or five years. We do not, as the leadership of the PLO, sit down and put civilians as the target for our resistance."

Other intelligence sources have reported, however, that a recent strategy session of Arafat's Fatah concluded that the only way for the organization to survive was to join in the mainstream of international terrorism, under the cover of fighting Syria, and that this is why Arafat's Palestinian faction claimed responsibility for the bombings which had in fact been perpetrated by the PFLP-GC of Ahmed Jibril, in an attempt to show that their forces were still able to strike at Israel. Further, Arafat is reported to have given an interview to the Tunisian magazine *L'Action* in which he boasts that without his PLO, Khomeini's Iranian revolution would never have been possible. It is possible Arafat is merely giving in to the plans of the Soviet and the Nazi/Communist international which fostered the PLO split in the first place with the aim of creating dozens of small Palestinian terrorist organizations.

The terrorism wave planned in Teheran and Damascus has several aims: 1) to spread the three-year-old Iraq-Iran war to the entire Gulf, especially Saudi Arabia, igniting the region including those countries considered "Western allies"; 2) to

put the international peacekeeping forces in Beirut in such an untenable situation that either a wider confrontation is unleashed or the troops withdraw; and 3) to target those countries which have troops in Beirut at home.

Although the Iranians, Libyans, and Syrians will be the vanguard of this operation, there is no doubt that local terrorist groups in Europe will participate. *Die Welt* recently reported that members of the Red Army Fraction (Baader-Meinhof), of Action Directe, and of the Italian and Japanese Red Brigades have been intensively trained in the Middle East by the Syrians and the Bulgarians. Most of these European terrorists are reported to be on their way back to Europe, to support if not participate in the planned kamikaze bombings. The kind of support the Europeans will give to the kamikazes was demonstrated by such blind terrorist attacks as the Irish National Liberation Army's planting a bomb in the middle of a busy shopping area in London Dec. 9. Irish terrorists are known to have developed extensive contacts with the Iranians in the last months, using Madrid as a key interconnecting point.

In the last few weeks, several Iranian commandos are known to have arrived in Europe via East Berlin and have reached West Germany for further deployment. In the European center of Iranian activity in Cologne, the commandoes were given new instructions. Some returned to the Middle East and may have gone to Kuwait to cover their tracks, but others remained in Germany. They will be put under the leadership of Azari-Ghomi, a close associate of Hojatessalam Khoienia, the leader of the students who took over the U.S. embassy in Teheran. In Paris itself, Ghomi has no less than eight former "students" who work out of the embassy as diplomats and represent the local command structure.