

Middle East Report by Mark Burdman

Intelligence war rages in Israel

Finally, a crackdown has been mounted against the Israeli terrorist underground—which intersects Sharon's machine.

The first shots have been fired in the battle leading up to crucial national elections this July.

On April 27, the Shamir government, reversing the prevailing policy of the past seven years of Israeli Likud Party governments, announced that it had cracked a Jewish-Zionist terrorist band that had been on the verge of exploding bombs on six Jerusalem buses and killing upwards of 300 people.

Several Israeli newspapers and *EIR* contacts in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv asserted that the government had acted under strong pressure from a faction of the Israeli intelligence establishment fearful that the "Jewish terrorist underground" was getting out of control. For the first time in years, the government has adopted an active policy of sending undercover security professionals into suspected terrorist groups to preempt planned atrocities against Arab and Jewish individuals alike.

Israeli Interior Minister Yosef Burg announced after the April 27 government action that the hard core of the 35 arrested individuals were former army men, well trained in demolition and explosives.

At least three known terrorist organizations were caught in the police action: the Gush Emunim, the fanatics who insist on annexing the occupied West Bank for mystical, fundamentalist reasons; the Kach group, the legions under the control of madman Rabbi Meir Kahane of the U.S.-based Jewish Defense League; and the "Lif-ta" gang, one of several groups that have sprouted up recently in Israel ad-

vocating blowing up the Dome on the Rock and al-Aksa mosque, Muslim holy shrines on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, so that these fanatics can "rebuild Solomon's Temple" on that spot.

The crackdown set in motion significant ripples throughout Israel, since the captured gangsters are all part of the political machine standing behind former defense minister Ariel Sharon, now vying for the Herut-Likud Party nomination for prime minister.

Sharon has been a board member of an American-based organization known in past years under the Orwellian acronym PEACE, which is a funding conduit for Gush Emunim's subversive activities.

Sharon is currently working intimately with another former defense minister, Ezer Weizman. Both Sharon and Weizman's Yahad Party received substantial financial backing from U.S.-based pornography-and-gambling mobster Meshulam Riklis in efforts to bring down Shamir.

The two men, along with cult archaeologist Yigal Yadin and Minister of Science and Technology Yuval Neeman, are the center of the British Freemasonic faction in Israel, aiming to make a cold coup on behalf of British and British-allied Soviet interests in the period leading up to the elections. Their aim would be to increase the fundamentalist cultism in Israeli society, and to establish geopolitical deals with the U.S.S.R. against the United States.

On April 13, Weizman called for Israel to establish close contacts with the U.S.S.R. and other East bloc

countries, nominally to trade off increased Soviet influence in the Middle East for an agreement to allow more Jews out of the U.S.S.R.

In this context, it is most interesting that two Israeli sources told *EIR* during the first days of May that it "was not to be excluded" that Kahane's Kach madmen are receiving covert funding from the KGB. Soviet links into the Kahane group may be mediated through growing connections in New York between the Soviet émigré Odessa-origin mafia and the Israeli émigré mafia.

The more the Sharon-Weizman coalition would be hurt, the more chance for strengthening the forces around Shamir and opposition Labour Party leader Shimon Peres who are concerned with distancing Israel from fundamentalist lunacy.

Hence, on May 2, the pagan alliance of the KGB and the Assad regime in Syria struck, to give Sharon a boost. The Syrians abducted three Israeli diplomats from a village north of Beirut and held them captive inside Syria.

Given that this happened barely a month after Syrian-backed terrorists had committed a major atrocity inside Israeli territory, the May 2 action sent shocks throughout Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. The *Jerusalem Post* and other Israeli papers began to speculate on the unthinkable: an Israeli retaliation directly into Syrian territory, and/or what the *Post* warned could be a "war by miscalculation" between Israel and Syria.

Whatever the outcome of this increasingly perilous situation, the May 2 event is in accordance with warnings by Mideast intelligence sources in discussions with *EIR* that Sharon would be planning a "June surprise" to strengthen his bid for state power. It may be the case that the surprise came one month earlier than anticipated.