

Who's behind the attempt to dismember India?

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As the Indian armed forces search through the Sikh Golden Temple in Amritsar, Punjab, the evidence is coming to light showing that, as a statement released June 14 by the Indian Home Ministry reports, the Sikh separatist movement based in the Golden Temple was a "deep-seated conspiracy to create terror in the state of Punjab with the help of certain foreign powers and ultimately try for a separate state." "If the army action had not been resolute and determined," the report stated of the June 6 assault on the terrorist stronghold, "the movement would have moved towards full-scale insurgency."

Who are the "certain foreign powers" that have propelled the Sikh separatists, a minority within the Sikh community of India, who have propelled the movement into a near-insurgency? Who are the powers that want to destroy the nation-state of India, the world's largest democracy and a leader of the Non-Aligned Movement and spokesman for the aspirations for development of the entire Third World?

The answer to that question cannot be found in the Golden Temple but more efficiently in Great Britain, where Chauhan Singh, the self-appointed president of the "Khalistan"—the name Sikh separatists give to their state—holds his headquarters. By his own admission in interviews with the *EIR* last year, Chauhan is supported by a broad alliance of forces, ranging from the Muslim Brotherhood and the Swiss-based Nazi International to the American Heritage Foundation. Results of a full investigation of Chauhan's financing will reveal a cross-sectional cut of the oligarchical faction internationally.

Threats of escalation

With the murder of the Golden Temple's terror-leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, Chauhan's role and prestige are rising rapidly. On June 11, Chauhan led a 30,000-person demonstration of Sikhs brandishing swords in London against the Indian government. He promised the death of Prime Min-

ister Indira Gandhi and her son Rajiv, a secretary general of the ruling Congress-I Party, declaring that a special fund had been prepared to reward anyone who killed them and brought their dead bodies to the Golden Temple. "The assassination will not be carried out by our organizations; it can be carried out by any member of the Sikh community anywhere in the world. We have already received messages from angry women, men and children who are ready to carry that out themselves," Chauhan declared in an interview.

Chauhan's calls for the murder of the Gandhi family have been widely publicized by the British Broadcasting Company. On June 16, the Indian government lodged a formal protest to the British government concerning the broadcasts, pointing out that Chauhan's demands for murder are being heard by 20 million people inside India.

Chauhan and his Sikh followers in India have declared Sunday, June 17, to be a Sikh Day of Mourning, for which mass protests in London, Washington, D.C., New York, and San Francisco are expected. Sikhs are to sleep on the floor during that night, and all Sikh men are to wear black turbans and the women black shawls.

Within India, the next two weeks will prove whether the government will ride the storm of initial reaction to the army's action. The most positive sign in that regard is the announcement by President Zail Singh, a Sikh from the Punjab, that he would not resign under pressure from the Sikh community and his denunciation of the use of the Golden Temple as a "military center." But in the Punjab itself, Sikh separatists are using the relaxation of the state's 24-hour curfew to continue a terror campaign against Hindus, despite the fact that the army has swept through towns and villages and arrested up to 5,000 suspected terrorists. Between June 15 and 17, terrorists have killed four people, including a local Hindu leader of the Congress-I. Reports are also coming from

New Delhi that the mutinies of Sikhs in the army have not yet been totally quelled, although the reported rebellions involved only 1,000 men so far, a tiny proportion of the 10% of the Indian army that is comprised of Sikhs.

The terrorists' capability, as evidenced by the army's findings in the Temple after the battle, was considerable. A small explosives factory was discovered in the basement of the Akal Dhat, the most sacred of the temples. The Sikhs' arsenal included sophisticated weaponry—anti-tank missiles, Chinese-made AK-47 automatic assault rifles, and long-range sniper rifles with telescopic sights. Most of the weapons bore Pakistani markings.

In the Temple's hidden rooms, the army found millions of dollars worth of heroin and other illegal drugs. The heroin had come from northern Pakistan where it is grown by Afghan refugees, through the Pakistani border into the Punjab, where drug addiction, particularly in the southern section of the state, has skyrocketed over the last three years. The drugs were traded for weapons.

Who backs Chauhan?

Even in the face of this evidence of an armed insurgency against the central government, the liberal press in the West, led by the same BBC that incited Iranians against the Shah, has attempted to portray Bhindranwale as a "religious martyr" who led "Sikh militants" in the pursuit of their "religious freedoms." On June 14, the *New York Times* attempted to portray Mrs. Gandhi as a worse oppressor of India than even the British empire! Writing of the army assault on the terrorists in the Temple, the *Times* correspondent comments that "In any event, the death toll is sure to rank among the worst in the long history of civil strife in India. Fewer than 400 died in 1919 in a massacre at Jallinawalla Bagh Park, a few steps from the Golden Temple, in an incident that gave impetus to the movement for Indian independence."

This attempt to liken the army's crackdown on heavily armed terrorists to the British surprise massacre of 400 unarmed men and women in 1919 has a double significance. The Western liberal media are working to provide the cover for the assassination of Mrs. Gandhi, and the Sikh terrorists have friends at the highest levels of oligarchical power. That support is concentrated in the person of Chauhan Singh.

Chauhan, who is known to talk about himself, too much say some of his Sikh friends, is very reserved about one period of his life—the years 1970 to 1977 when he first exiled himself to London to create the Khalistan movement. Reports indicate, however, that during that period he had already been picked up by then-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger whom he met with several times. That alone is to signify that Chauhan and his "Khalistan" has been a willing servant not of the Sikhs, but of an international oligarchical network that runs from Moscow, through Teheran, London, and Washington, D.C.

From Moscow: Chauhan himself has stated that from 1970-1977, he traveled frequently to Tashkent in the Soviet Union, the headquarters of Soviet intelligence for operations in the Middle East and the Subcontinent. Tashkent is also the training site for 12,000 Iranian mullahs, establishing a Soviet connection which plays an important role in the current destabilization of both India and Pakistan. It is also known that the World Council of Churches, a front organization for the Russian Orthodox Church, has come to the aid of the Sikh separatists. According to one source, the World Council's Sikh task force is now "in retreat" to make decisions in the wake of the Indian government's assault on the Golden Temple.

From the United States: Chauhan's public connections emerged in the spring of 1982, when an invitation from Sen. Jesse Helms enabled him to acquire a State Department special traveling document to visit the United States. While in the country, he met with AFL-CIO Chairman Lane Kirkland, the staffs of the Heritage Foundation and the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies, which thereafter created a special "Taskforce on Khalistan." Gen. Danny Graham, a close associate of the Heritage Foundation, is also reported to be one of his "supporters." He also addressed the American Jewish Committee, the Stanford Research Institute, and Harvard.

From Great Britain: London is the chosen domicile of Chauhan Singh and his newly formed "government-in-exile," and certainly Chauhan could have no complaints about the BBC or the British police. Chauhan also receives support from the networks of Sir Nicholas Bethell, a free-lance "writer" in the human rights circuit with multiple ties to Yugoslavia and Afghan rebels. It is through Bethell's mistress, the Golem-like Carrie McKay, that Chauhan was introduced into the Washington, D.C. Heritage Foundation.

From the Nazi International: Chauhan states that he is working a group in Lausanne, Switzerland, centered around the De Maurex banking family, which made its wealth in investments in coffee plantations in Ethiopia, and Madeleine Chevallaz, sister of the Swiss Defense Minister and friend of Swiss banker François Genoud, head of the Nazi International. Chauhan further coordinates his activities with the entire plethora of pro-terror groups backed by Genoud, among them the Islamic Council of Europe, a fundamentalist organization led by Genoud protégé Ben Bella of Algeria; the CIRPO, a newly organized group dealing with minorities and "resistance" in the developing sector which is led by Pierre de Villemarest; and other separatist operations, including the Nagaland separatist movement in India.

In 1982, after his visit to the United States, Chauhan toured several countries in Europe to establish what he called a network of "supporters." This included the International Department of the Institute of Otto von Hapsburg in Munich, the Hanns Seidel Stiftung.

From the Muslim Brotherhood: Chauhan also reports that he coordinates with the Indian Muslim Federation in London and the International Islamic Center in London. Both organizations are receiving financial support from the Saudi Arabia-based World Muslim League, headed by former Syrian fascist leader Maarouf Dawalibi. Dawalibi was a co-founder of the Geneva-based neo-Nazi organization, Islam and the West, whose other directors have included the late Aurelio Peccei of the Club of Rome; Swiss gun-running banker Nicholas Krul; and the British "Arab handler" Lord Caradon.

The center holds

From the Soviet Union to Washington to the European bases for the Muslim Brotherhood, these forces are united in their goal to bring down the Indira Gandhi government—with the full knowledge that there is no alternative force that can maintain the unity of the country. The goal is to tear the country into warring *politically and economically powerless entities* based on religion and ethnic identities.

It is therefore not surprising that the same forces turn up supporting the other entities that are working against the central government.

In Assam in eastern India, the Muslim Brotherhood is calling a strike of Muslims against the Hindus. Communal tensions between Hindus and Muslim immigrants from Bangladesh reached such proportions in 1983 that tribal groups carried out a massacre of some 4,000 Muslims.

The state government of Tamil Nadu is now in the control of a state regional party which has separatist leanings and tends to support the Tamil separatists in Sri Lanka, which are in turn funded by Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Escalating terror and tensions in Sri Lanka therefore immediately spill over into Tamil Nadu in southern India, creating a crisis for and between both governments.

In late May, the great industrial center of Bombay was the site of Hindu-Muslim riots which killed hundreds and left 15,000 people homeless. Bombay is also growing as a drug transit center, as funds flow into the Muslim community from the Muslim Brotherhood. Radical Hindus in the state are represented by the Shiv Sena, a self-avowed fascist organization.

The gravest danger point could be the state of Jammu and Kashmir, which is contested territory with Pakistan. In London, its exiled and pro-Pakistani separatist groups all showed up at Chauhan's June 11 demonstration, and Muslims joined with Sikhs in Kashmir on June 9 to riot against the Gandhi government.

The eruptions of violence in these hot spots are orchestrated by oligarchical forces from outside India. Conversely, their defeat hinges not only upon the proven statesmanship of Mrs. Gandhi, but the unqualified and effective support for India's unity as a great nation-state from republican forces worldwide.

Anti-missile tests

by Susan Welsh

The first successful test intercept of a missile in space, carried out by the U.S. Army on June 11, has unleashed a storm of controversy in Western Europe, and particularly in Britain. Supporters of President Reagan's Strategic Defensive Initiative (SDI) who had hitherto remained in their foxholes in the face of widespread propaganda about how the "Star Wars" system was unworkable, are now moving onto the offensive. The London *Times* editorial of June 13 marks the most significant endorsement of the SDI yet by a leading British institution.

European opponents of the beam-weapons program scrambled to regain the high ground. The London *Financial Times* issued its own editorial the following day, titled "The dangers of space war," which denounced the *Times*' piece and insisted that strategic defense is impossible, since even if only 50 missiles went through the defensive shield, "it would be the end of civilization as we know it." Said a spokesman for the British defense ministry: "The piece in the *Times* was rather speculative. I would say very speculative. We have no comment. We've been skeptical on the whole thing, and we remain skeptical."

The House of Commons is scheduled to debate on June 18-19 what the London *Guardian* newspaper called "the recent 'star wars' invention by the Americans which could knock out interballistic missiles in space." This is the first time that the parliament has held an open discussion on the subject. *The Guardian*, a left-liberal paper, commented June 15 that "the governments of Western Europe must be extremely apprehensive about the development of an American Star Wars system which fails to provide an effective shield for Europe, and which imposes the wrong priorities for European defence. They should say it now before it is too late."

One London observer told this news service that the current shift underway in Britain is based on two factors: "first, the realization that there is no way the Soviets could be prevented from acquiring the weapons system themselves; and second, that the SDI will if anything enhance the American guarantee of European security."

Equally significant, however, is the *Times*' perception that the American public is solidly behind the SDI—indeed that opinion polls show 86% of Americans supporting the idea (a fact which the U.S. press tries its best to cover up)! This perception also figures for the first time in the latest