

# International Intelligence

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## ***Israeli analyst: Arabs did not provoke massacre***

The official Israeli line that the Oct. 8 massacre of Palestinians at Jerusalem's al-Aqsa Mosque resulted from a "planned Arab provocation," was demolished by Israel's leading military commentator Ze'ev Schiff, writing in the daily *Ha'aretz* on Oct. 10. Schiff cited new evidence showing that the Palestinians had merely intended to defend themselves against the "Temple Mount Faithful," a group of Jewish terrorists vowing to rebuild Solomon's Temple on the site of the mosque.

Schiff ridiculed the Israeli police explanation that Arabs had been massing stones on the Temple Mount for an attack on Jewish worshippers at the Wailing Wall. According to Schiff, stones are easily available there and need not be massed, since there is ongoing work at various construction sites.

In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp. on Oct. 11, Schiff added that the claim by Israeli police, that they had only sent a few men to the Temple Mount in the early hours of Oct. 8 because they didn't want to send police onto religious sites, was "not good enough for me." He wondered why the police reaction was so tough, minutes after the Palestinians began throwing stones. His implication was that the police were deployed to act in a provocative manner, after allowing the confrontation to occur.

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## ***Purges hit Cuba's Communist Party***

The leadership of the Communist Party of Cuba announced plans to purge up to 50% of its bloated bureaucracy, as the party enters the most serious crisis in its history.

Even the important military committee is being dissolved. Advisory departments to the Central Committee are being cut from 19 to 9, and the secretariat to the CC, which has the real power, is being restructured so that it will be run by Fidel and Raúl Castro and three secretaries. Eliminated from the

body are Jorge Risquet, who was thought to have been a rising star in the bureaucracy after negotiating Cuba's withdrawal from Angola, and Carlos Rafael Rodríguez, known as Moscow's man in the hierarchy and who has been the head of the CP since before Castro came to power. A large number of those being purged will be used in the fields for agricultural labor.

Soviet Chief of Staff Mikhail Moiseyev headed a military delegation to Cuba in early October, vowing support for the Cuban Communists. "We are faithful to the roots of our friendship and particularly the agreements . . . regarding economic, political, and military relations," he said.

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## ***Top Stasi 'mole' is arrested in Germany***

The arrest of Klaus Kuron, a high-level operative of the Stasi, the former East German intelligence service, proves *EIR's* contention that the Stasi and the KGB are working to establish a "Trojan Horse" network in united Germany.

On Oct. 6, three days after the unification of Germany, Kuron met one of his Stasi liaison officers, who handed him DM 10,000, and also met a KGB liaison officer at the Red Army base at Berlin-Karlshorst.

The 54-year-old Kuron was the number three officer at the BfV, the West German counterespionage agency in Cologne, and has worked for the Stasi since 1982. Kuron's official BfV assignment was to supervise Stasi spies that had been "turned" by Western agencies, to be able to monitor Stasi operations in the West. In reality, Kuron was guiding Stasi spies that were believed to be turned, to monitor the functioning and operations of the BfV for the Stasi and KGB.

Heribert Hellenbroich, head of the BfV in the early 1980s, said in several interviews that the Kuron case is a very grave one: "It is the prime objective of any intelligence service to have a man in the enemy's counterespionage center, and this was exactly where Kuron was working."

Nine of Kuron's agents were also arrest-

ed, most of them highly placed engineers in the military-industrial complex of the former West Germany, at companies like MBB and MTU. Among the secrets they sold to the Stasi and the KGB, were data on the Tornado jetfighter, on a new main battle tank project, and on helicopter development.

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## ***Indian groups blast Spanish colonization***

Indian delegates from several Ibero-American countries met in Mexico City early in October, to denounce the upcoming 500th anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America, and the evangelization of the continent.

Representatives from Cuba, Argentina, Paraguay, Honduras, Peru, Venezuela, Panama, and the Dominican Republic gathered at the headquarters of the Independent Central of Agricultural Workers and Peasants (CIOAC) of Mexico, a Communist Party-linked group, to organize their campaign of "500 years of Indian and popular resistance."

They issued a call to Mexican organizations to demand constitutional recognition and respect for the identity and self-determination of the Indian peoples. They also called on "the social and intellectual forces of Mexico to convoke a national dialogue" on the question of Indian and popular resistance to the Spanish colonization.

As *EIR* reported in our *Feature* of Oct. 19, the anniversary of the evangelization is being used by the Anglo-American Establishment, in an assault against Christianity in South and Central America.

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## ***'British troops in Gulf lose their pants'***

The crack British troops known as the "Desert Rats," sent by Margaret Thatcher to take the point in the Anglo-American Gulf confrontation, cannot keep their breeches up, according to a report by the Italian news agency ANSA published Oct. 19.

"They ran out of the Italian-made buttons for their uniforms, and in order not to risk the loss of their image, and their pants, in the face of the enemy, it was necessary to pull them back from the front lines."

The report adds that "the warriors, who move among the dunes, were given combat uniforms for the virgin jungles of Malaysia and Belice: green, black, and brown camouflage uniforms, with branch-covered helmets." For the press corps, tired of the endless desert, where "not even a green shadow is ever seen, to see the leaf-covered infantrymen, gives one a pleasant, refreshing, feeling." The problem is that Cookeon and Clegg, the Lancashire firm responsible for manufacturing the sand-colored uniforms needed for the desert, was unable to get from its supplier sufficient buttons of the type ordered by the British Defense Ministry, in time to suit the Desert Rats when they were shipped from Germany to Saudi Arabia.

"In any case, the brigade cannot leave its base camp for at least two weeks," reported ANSA. "Beside the uniforms, they also need to retrofit their tanks and armored vehicles for desert warfare and, in many cases, that could prove even more important than the buttons."

## Services in Moscow's St. Basil's Cathedral

The first church services since 1917 were held in Moscow's St. Basil's Cathedral on Oct. 14, in a move that the London *Times* says brings the Orthodox faith a step closer to being restored as Russia's state religion.

Construction of the golden domes of this cathedral was commissioned by Ivan the Terrible in 1555, to celebrate the victory of "Holy Russia" over the Tartars. The services on Oct. 14, says the *Times*, were in celebration of the Virgin Mary's intercession to alleviate human suffering, "in particular her reputed appearance on an airborne shroud to save the Greeks of Constantinople from an Arab invasion in 910."

In an editorial Oct. 15, the *Times* emphasized that the Soviet Union is now "in the

grip of a titanic religious reformation," but expresses the hope that the church will not "abuse its new-found freedom" to resume its classical historical role as "an arm of the imperial Russian state," whether under the leadership of Gorbachov or his successor.

## Growing anger in France over Gulf war policy

Former French Prime Minister Maurice Couve de Murville has accused the French government of craven subordination to Washington's aims in the Middle East.

Couve de Murville, a Gaullist, charged that French President François Mitterrand is pursuing a policy of *suivisme*, or "followism." Speaking of the Gulf crisis, he stressed that a political solution is possible, if Iraq wins the concession of access to the sea. But he warned that the situation has been made worse by the French government's subservience to the U.S. operation in the Gulf, an operation which he labels "very brutal and even violent."

Mitterrand's policy also came under heavy criticism from another leading Gaullist, Jacques Chirac, who questioned the supposed "autonomy" of French troops deployed in the Gulf.

## Pol Pot gang lays siege to major city

The Khmer Rouge, who killed an estimated 2-3 million Cambodians during their brief reign (1976-78), now equipped for the first time with tanks, have bulldozed a network of supply roads through the jungle to lay siege to Siem Reap in northwestern Cambodia. The People's Republic of China has supplied the Khmer Rouge with the tanks in the past two months, according to a report in the *Bangkok Post* on Oct. 15.

A journalist who accompanied Sihanoukist guerrillas into Cambodia the week before, confirmed that the Khmer Rouge had bulldozed a road to the outskirts of the city, one of Cambodia's largest.

● **THE TRILATERAL** Commission met in Venice in mid-October, to discuss the "problem of world government 'in the new era,'" reported the Milan daily *Il Giorno* on Oct. 20. For the first time in the history of the commission, representatives of the former communist world will be present: the foreign ministers of Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia.

● **THE FIRST** Franco-German brigade was inaugurated by Defense Ministers Jean-Pierre Chevènement and Gerhard Stoltenberg, in a ceremony at Malsheim Air Base in southwest Germany on Oct. 17. After two years of preparation, the highly mobile brigade of 4,200 men is now fully operative, and its first field exercise is scheduled for spring 1991.

● **THE COMMISSION** to Investigate Human Rights Violations will hold an international conference in Paris on Nov. 23-24, under the slogan "Fight for human rights and freedom in East and West—America must free political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche!"

● **A BRITISH COURT** found George Washington not guilty for his role in leading the American Revolutionary War, AP reported on Oct. 19. In a mock trial in London before three judges, Washington was charged with treason to the Crown under the Treason Act of 1351, and, after lengthy argument, was acquitted.

● **A SHIP** belonging to the ecological terrorist group Greenpeace was expelled from Soviet waters Oct. 13. It was seized during a protest against the resumption of nuclear testing on islands in the Barents Sea, according to the KGB. The ship then headed for Norway. Greenpeace, infamous for its multimillion-dollar fundraising operation and its phony film footage about alleged cruelty to animals, opened an office in Moscow earlier this year.