

# International Intelligence

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## ***Israeli settlers seize Arab homes in Jerusalem***

A group of 50 Jewish settlers seized control of seven Arab homes in East Jerusalem on Oct. 9, evicting their tenants. The group, El Ad, was joined by Yuval Neeman, Israeli minister of science and technology. They were later ousted by the police. The event took place one year and a day after the Israelis slaughtered 21 Arabs at al Haram al Sharif—Jerusalem's Temple Mount—after a settlers' group attempted to attack the Al Aqsa mosque, one of Islam's holiest sites. Israeli authorities banned all Arabs from Jerusalem on the anniversary of the massacre.

On Oct. 11, an unidentified Arab driver drove his van into a group of Israeli soldiers in Tel Aviv, killing two and injuring 11. The Israeli government is reportedly considering banning all Arabs from the city.

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## ***Croatian Jews denounce Serbia's genocide***

Croatia's Jewish Congress in Zagreb issued an appeal to the world on Oct. 7 to stop Serbia's aggression. Representatives of this 200-year-old Jewish community "state with sadness, desperation, and shock that the Republic of Croatia, of which we are citizens, is being attacked by a brutal army force which is conducting genocide," according to the statement. "That the population of the Republic of Croatia is being exposed to heavy physical and psychological and economic slaughter without regard for nationality, race, color of skin, religious or political beliefs. That the Jews of Croatia and their institutions, their private and state property, are suffering from the same danger. And that this damage to Croatia and her cities and villages can mark the end of Jewish heritage which has existed on this soil since ancient times."

This appeal says that "even though claims are made trying to show that the Republic of Croatia is anti-Semitic and neo-fascist, the Jewish community has enjoyed all rights of a

religious and ethnic minority without obstruction or any kind of discrimination. Therefore, we express our full support for the declared policies of the Republic of Croatia, which desires to build a new and democratic state in which human and political rights, and ethnic and religious rights for all citizens or groups will be honored.

"In particular we are appealing to our brothers in the Jewish community and individuals around the world, including public opinion, to put pressure on their governments and international organizations to achieve a ceasefire in Croatia leading to the protection of human life. We will never forget how the Jewish people perished in the Holocaust before the eyes of the world, who stood silently watching on. We do not wish that this tragic history be repeated in Croatia."

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## ***Britain's 'skinhead' movement is spreading***

"Britain has an appalling record for exports in recent years, but in one field she has done remarkably well, namely in spreading the racist and violent sub-culture of the skinheads," states a European Parliament report compiled by British Parliamentarian Glyn Ford. The London *Sunday Times* of Oct. 6 reported that a number of the skinheads involved in recent racist attacks in Germany were actually Britons.

Ford's report on *Racism and Xenophobia* states: "Skinheads first appeared in Britain in the late 1960s and were involved in what was known as 'Paki bashing.' . . . In the early 1970s they went into decline but found a natural home in the British Movement from the late 1970s until about 1982. . . ."

"Over the next five years the racist skinheads built up their organization by means of a series of bands playing racist music. . . ."

"During the 1980s the skinhead cult spread from Britain to West Germany, Belgium and Holland and then to Scandinavia. The cult also gained popularity among young unemployed racists in France, and it eventually reached Hungary, Poland and

East Germany. . . .

"What has been one of the most startling developments has been their success in the U.S.A. About three years ago . . . they had about 400 followers. Within a year this has grown to 4,500. . . ."

"The established racist groups see them as cannon fodder . . . which can cross international borders. . . . They are also viewed as a huge financial benefit for the racist movement. In Britain they are capable of generating income to the tune of around £1 million a year from sales of concert tickets, videos, shirts, boots, records, and tapes. They also sell protection for other people's concerts and public events."

As *EIR* has documented, such groups as the skinheads are cannon fodder, not only for what Ford identifies as "established racist groups," but also for intelligence services engaged in dirty tricks. It is notable in this regard that the British press has taken the lead in accusations that recent racist outbreaks by skinheads in Germany are a "characteristically German" phenomenon.

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## ***Red Army challenged to leave Transcaucasus***

The Parliament of Azerbaïdzhân on Oct. 10 rubber-stamped a series of provocative decrees by President Ayaz Mutalibov, directly challenging the Soviet Armed Forces based in Azerbaïdzhân. The move is fraught with the potential for creating a new round of inter-ethnic warfare in the area.

The decrees ordered the Soviet Army to leave behind all stored arms and equipment in its garrisons once troops leave Azerbaïdzhân, so that this equipment can be transferred to the newly created Azerbaïdzhân National Guard. They furthermore placed all Soviet Army forces in Azerbaïdzhân under the control of President Mutalibov. Mutalibov, who had publicly supported the Aug. 19 Moscow coup attempt, gave as an excuse "a tense situation" in the capital of Baku.

Other measures in the decrees called on all 140,000 Azeri conscripts now in the So-

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viet Army to be sent home (which Russia had intended to do over the next year) and appealed to all Azeri officers to leave the Army and to staff the new National Guard. Not in the final published version, but included in the first draft—and possibly retained as a secret protocol—was an order positioning Azerbaidzhan Guard units along the border with Armenia.

### **Mexican daily slams 'Americas Watch'**

In response to the escalating campaign of the international human rights lobby against Mexico, the daily *Unomasuno* fought back with a front-page article published Oct. 3, exposing the "selective" nature of this lobby's human rights campaign, giving as an example biased treatment of the case of U.S. political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche by the private human rights group Americas Watch. The article, part of a series by Washington-based journalist Rodolfo Medina, begins:

"There are those who resent Americas Watch in the United States. One of these is Lyndon LaRouche, a former contender for the presidency of the United States, a political activist, and currently a prisoner in a prison in the state of Virginia [sic], near the U.S. capital.

"LaRouche has alleged he is a victim of a political conspiracy by President George Bush. The former attorney general Ramsey Clark, followers and sympathizers of the political activist, who is described as 'radical' in certain circles, feel that there is a political hue to the accusation of fraud against him.

"The LaRouche case was submitted to Americas Watch for consideration as a violation of human rights, but no positive response was forthcoming.

"Juan Méndez, director of Americas Watch, points out that the investigations they carry out are based on priorities. The resources of the organization are devoted to those cases where charges of violation of

human rights are most frequent.

"There are urgent cases. For example, in Mexico—he says—there have been denunciations of human rights violations against the population."

### **Moscow reverses policy on Kurile Islands**

The Soviet daily *Izvestia* on Oct. 4 reversed longstanding Moscow policy and effectively recognized Japanese claims to the Kurile Islands. The newspaper published documents from Russian czarist times substantiating the claim that the four islands are indeed Japanese. The paper said that the Soviet Foreign Ministry had found the documents, and asked *Izvestia* to publish them. The paper stressed that the Soviet public has been indoctrinated for decades with inaccurate information about the Kuriles.

The islands were seized by the Soviet Armed Forces in the final days of World War II, and the issue has been an obstacle to diplomatic and financial relations between the two countries ever since. Japan and the Soviet Union never signed a postwar peace treaty because of the issue of the Kuriles.

The most important document published by *Izvestia* is a secret handwritten instruction by Czar Mikhail I, in 1853, to Admiral Count Putyatin, for negotiations with the Japanese. Russia was then trying to gain access to Japan, in the wake of the British and the Americans. The admiral was told to inform the Japanese that the borders in the Kuriles should be north of Iturup and south of Yurup, as Japan has always insisted.

On Oct. 8, Japan announced a \$2.5 billion aid package to the Russians, reversing their own previous policy. A Japanese spokesman said that the islands are no longer an obstacle in relations with Moscow, and that the turning point in the situation was the failed coup.

Also, according to the London *Guardian*, a Japanese mission has been to the Soviet Far East, to investigate the food and medical needs there.

● **FORMER STASI** operatives are a fertile ground for extremism and terrorist actions, says a new report of the BfV, the German agency for constitutional protection, which lists two groups of former East German intelligence officers, the ODOM and the ISOR, as a threat to domestic security.

● **SEVENTY PERCENT** of the Russian KGB "gave notice" on the first day of the Aug. 19 coup that they would support President Boris Yeltsin, said Sergei Stepashin, chairman of the Russian Republic's parliamentary committee on state security.

● **TURKEY'S** former top secret intelligence official, Gen. Adnan Ersoz, was assassinated at his home in Istanbul on Oct. 13. The terrorist organization Dev-Sol claimed responsibility. General Ersoz, who retired as head of the MIT intelligence agency in 1979, is said to have played a role in the military coup of September 1980. Ersoz was the fifth senior army general assassinated this year.

● **CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S** Civic Democratic Party is making a bid to ban for five years from public functions all those who may have collaborated with the communist political police in the period 1948-89. According to the French daily *Le Monde* of Oct. 11, the move is a power play by Finance Minister Vaclav Klaus, who wants to replace Prime Minister Marian Calfa, and put "his people" in all the key government positions.

● **OTTO HAPSBURG** charged that the policy of the Serbian leaders resembles the Khmer Rouge of Cambodian dictator Pol Pot, referring to the "indiscriminate slaughtering of the population" and "the destruction of churches, historic monuments, and cemeteries." The interview with Hapsburg, a German member of the European Parliament, was published in the daily *Deutsche Tagespost* of Oct. 8.