

Resistance continues to Bosnia-Hercegovina partition

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On the weekend of Aug. 14-15, the President of Bosnia, Alija Izetbegovic, announced that he has agreed "in principle" to accept the so-called Owen peace plan, the plan for partition engineered by the two "mediators," Lord David Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg. Izetbegovic said that the plan will be sign on Aug. 30. After the announcement he left for Bosnia to consult his parliament and his people.

According to many sources who spoke to *EIR*, the large majority of Bosnians, both in Bosnia and outside, are dead set against the Owen plan. According to legal experts very close to the negotiations, the plan would "deprive Bosnia of the last thing it has: international recognition. It will in fact deprive Bosnia of its U.N. membership. At that point the Serbian genocide will become easier, the world will not have an institutional reason to get involved." Though Izetbegovic—pressed ferociously by Owen—said that he intends to sign so that his people can "finally have peace," the way the plan is formulated would hardly guarantee peace. Says Djenana Campara of the Bosnia Information Center in Ottawa: "Once Owen has obtained the surrender of the Bosnian delegation, the British supported Greater Serbians will escalate the war, to what remains of Bosnia, to Kosova, to Croatia. . . . The way things are now, Bosnia's resistance is the only thing that guarantees potentially the reestablishment of peace."

The dismemberment of Bosnia was set into motion by the Bush and Thatcher administrations and was run by the Anglo-French alliance and the United Nations under Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. The Clinton administration has backed down at least twice on its pledge to allow air assaults against the logistic and artillery bases of the Serbian fascists, and to lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian government.

The vice president of Bosnia, Ejup Ganic, spoke very clearly concerning the pressures on Izetbegovic. "Neither

our army, nor our government, nor our young people will agree on ethnic division," Ganic said in an interview to the German weekly *Der Spiegel*. "They [Owen] intended to pen us up in a ghetto in order to be able to kill us more easily later." Despite the terrible conditions—no ability to defend themselves from the Serbian genocide—created by the arms embargo and the escalating strangulation of Sarajevo and the other main Bosnian cities, Ganic was adamant. "We capitulate? Never! We must hold out for an other year, then we have won."

U.N.-Karadzic deal

It was Ganic and his people who guaranteed the presence of a capable leadership in Sarajevo in the recent terrible weeks, while the other Bosnian leaders were in Geneva for the "negotiations." This was the period when the Chetniks of Radovan Karadzic and forces from the Serbian "Yugoslav" army, armed to the teeth, assaulted the two key Bosnian defense positions, Mount Igman and Mount Bjelasnica. An increasing number of source reports have reached *EIR* indicating that the Serb capture of the two mountains was the latest of many tricks engineered by Lord Owen and his gang, in order to break the Bosnians. The Serbians had received the green light, if not the encouragement—some say even the "order"—to capture the two mountains. And when Karadzic presented his "peace" proposal—to turn over the captured positions to the U.N.—even the *Times* of London admitted that the plan had in fact been cooked up by the U.N. bosses. On Aug. 7, the *Times* wrote: "United Nations officials drafted Radovan Karadzic's offer, a senior U.N. official said yesterday. 'We drafted it, not Karadzic,' said the official. 'He [Karadzic] changed two words, but it was done by us.'" The *Times* has to concede: "The U.N.'s complicity in what was ostensibly a Serbian offer raises substantial questions about

the organization's political motives. The proposal has been interpreted as an attempt to take the wind out of the sails of pro-interventionists in the West. The U.N.'s involvement in Dr. Karadzic's proposition appears to be part of a growing campaign to persuade western leaders that military action is unnecessary."

Indeed, just when the threshold seemed to have been reached for a military intervention, the whole Owen apparatus was activated. The British psychological warfare apparatus started the unspeakable campaign concerning the Sarajevo children. While Britain is doing close to nothing for the Bosnian refugees, suddenly from London arrived the "order" to transfer wounded children on the spot to the country in order to stage a propaganda campaign that would take the pressure off. Obediently, almost all the world's news media concentrated on the "rescue of the children." At the same time, war criminal Karadzic announced that he was ready to give up the conquered mountains south of Sarajevo to the United Nations.

And thus the actual goal—to stop the genocide and to start air strikes against the authors of the massacre—was suddenly forgotten. How many more children will die because of the sickening show planned by London?

As if this were not enough, the U.N. rushed to demonstrate that the siege around Sarajevo was now over. The ongoing strangulation of the city was now just an "encirclement," as the U.N. spokesman in Sarajevo, Commander Barry Frewer, put it. His criminal statement, which meant the downgrading of the already less-than-insufficient help to Sarajevo, prompted a reaction from Ganic, who declared Frewer *persona non grata*. During a news briefing in the Bosnian capital on Aug. 17, Ganic stated that "Lord Owen insists that ethnic cleansing be accepted as complete. . . . [U.N. mediator Thorvald] Stoltenberg is behaving similarly—trying to legalize the results of ethnic cleansing, and that is the blackest page of these Geneva negotiations. This behavior leaves little space for longstanding peace in this region. U.N. control of Mount Igman means our citizens cannot go back. We are deprived of the right to defend ourselves. So we are a small country that finds itself in the jaws of the United Nations!"

British intelligence's role

According to several observers, Lord Owen and his apparatus are scared by the international reaction triggered by their organized slaughter against Bosnia. They are trying everything to defuse it. But every day that this appalling situation continues, more and more pops up in the media on how this war was really organized. It is a "historical scandal," as a Bosnian source put it. "In the sense that it clarifies an historical truth, how the system based on the Versailles Treaty of 1919—the dogma of geopolitics—still dominates the world." The source was referring to the recent revelations on the role of the British MI-6 in triggering the war between

Bosnian and Croats (see p. 32). In fact, more exposés are to be expected on the role of British (and French) intelligence in organizing the explosion of the Balkans and the unleashing of the Greater Serbs. That the Serbs are being used by the British, in the tradition of the British colonial empire methods, has become common knowledge in Bosnia and Croatia.

"The British want to create chaos in the Balkans, and they need the Serbian cowboys for that. Germany is to be forced back," said Ganic in his interview with *Der Spiegel*.

While the story on the MI-6 involvement was being reprinted all over the world—from Australia, to the United States, to Latin America—a new flank in the battle was opened. *EIR* has learned that the spokesman of Radovan Karadzic, Jovan Zametica, is a high-level British operative. Zametica, who, according to local sources, is more than just a spokesman for Karadzic, is a former officer of the Yugoslav army, who was trained in London up to the point of becoming a member of the most powerful British think-tank: the International Institute for Strategic Studies. On behalf of the IISS, Zametica authored in 1991 the "Adelphi Paper 270" on the subject of the conflict in Yugoslavia. Since 1991 he has also been part of the Polytechnic Center of London. Originally a Muslim, Zametica became later a "secular Orthodox," and ended up in charge of liaison with the Karadzic gangs.

Again, this is only another piece of the puzzle of the role of the British intelligence in the genocide in Bosnia. "Much more is going to come out," says our source. "Lord Owen, or Dr. Death, as we call him here, will have to hurry up to end the game, or all the dirty secrets of his controllers are going to be exposed!"

International mobilization

A declaration in support of U.S. Congressman Frank McCloskey (D-Ind.) is being signed by parliamentarians all over the world. The declaration stresses, "McCloskey called on President Clinton to ask the European Community to remove David Owen as the mediator in the talks on Bosnia-Herzegovina, charging that 'Owen, who is cravenly calling for the dimemberment of the sovereign Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, has egregiously exceeded his mandate as a mediator by pressuring the parties to talks to agree to the alteration of international borders. In effect . . . Owen has become a de facto proponent of Serb genocidal interests.' " The parliamentarians state: "We wish to express our support for and agreement with the congressman's statements. The world community cannot continue to look the other way as Sarajevo faces its latest Serbian onslaught. We cannot allow our governments to accept the forceful dismemberment of a European state and will not accept a continuing failure to act against genocide and the Serbian officials who perpetrate it. It is time to restore morality to world politics."

Bosnia's resistance is ensuring that day by day, a movement against genocide is emerging, and not only at a parliamentary, but also at the popular level.