
Bosnia-Hercegovina

Stop the holocaust, stop geopolitics, boycott Britain! says new movement

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While Bosnia is entering the worst period of the holocaust it has yet experienced, winter is raging, Britain's MI-6 is escalating its evil tricks in central Bosnia, and international "negotiators" push for its final partition, a new, coordinated push to stop the genocide is emerging in Europe, America, and Asia. Though there is no guarantee that these initiatives will be successful, it is to be underlined that participants are focusing on the key question behind the ongoing genocide in former Yugoslavia—British geopolitics.

The credit for the initiative to a large extent must go to the government, the Parliament, and the prime minister of Malaysia, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. Dr. Mahathir has taken a moral stand on the issue of Bosnia, and thus has taken responsibility to denounce the executioners of Bosnia. *EIR* has already reported the courageous words he addressed to British Prime Minister John Major during Major's visit to Kuala Lumpur on Sept. 21, and his speech at the United Nations (see *EIR*, Oct. 22). We publish below excerpts from his recent speech at the meeting of the British Commonwealth countries in Cyprus. His stand is supported by the Malaysian people.

Such a heavy foreign policy responsibility—to stop the genocide—that should have been taken by the United Nations Security Council or by the United States, a "superpower," was instead taken on by a relatively small Asian country. Malaysia has done more to solve the crisis in former Yugoslavia than the big powers, all of which are under the spell of British geopolitical dogma. The Malaysian Parliament unanimously voted up on Oct. 28 a motion calling for concrete measures to stop the genocide. Many parliamentarians called for a boycott of British goods, including the cancellation of multibillion-dollar contracts.

On the same day, in a press conference in Washington, the secretary general of the Malaysian Foreign Ministry issued a friendly challenge to the United States to free itself from British influence. "I am most concerned about a tendency of the United States to see this situation mainly through British eyes," he said. The diplomat deflated the myth that Europe is unified behind the British and their mediator, Lord Owen. "I have been to the European capitals. I can tell you

there is no unity of support for the European Community's official position regarding Bosnia. There is great dissatisfaction with the Owen peace package." The United States would have a lot of support if they were to seriously oppose the British bloody diktats, he indicated.

'Isolate the Brits'

As if responding to these arguments, the young German parliamentarian Stefan Schwarz stated: "The Bosnians are paying the price for Britain's balance-of-power politics." Schwarz, who is under 24-hour security protection following innumerable death threats from Serbian terrorists, called for a U.S.-German common initiative. Its aim, he said, should be to "isolate the Brits and keep the French neutral," and intervene to stop Serbian aggression.

The same strategy was proposed by Roberto Formigoni, Italian deputy minister for the environment and a member of the European and Italian parliaments. In an interview with the German newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, Formigoni accused the United States and, above all, the British, of having "prevented the pacification of the Balkans out of political calculations." He warned against a war of religion, and accused those same Anglo-Saxon financial interests that are opposing peace in former Yugoslavia of fomenting this scenario.

The key issue thus becomes whether U.S. foreign policy can be changed and changed fast. The Bosnia disaster is closely connected with the strategic foreign policy disasters in Russia, Somalia, and Haiti. It is part of the same new world order insanity that is imposing genocidal conditions on Iraq through the embargo.

The international forces that want to save Bosnia are now applying pressure on a strategic singularity: to change Bill Clinton's foreign policy. A courageous congressman, Frank McCloskey (D-Ind.), requested exactly this. "As a loyal Democrat and supporter of Bill Clinton, I believe the secretary of state, Warren Christopher, should resign," he wrote in the Oct. 24 *New York Times*.

The battle to save Bosnia and, quite possibly, to save the world from World War III, is now on. McCloskey, Formi-

goni, and Dominic Puthuchery of Malaysia are the three co-chairmen of the International Parliamentarians against Genocide in Bosnia (IPGB). The IPGB has promoted a visit of an international delegation to Sarajevo, and is now promoting a series of initiatives and conferences in several parts of the world, including Kuala Lumpur.

That forces from the Third World, Europe, and America are joining in a political fight against the horrors of the new world order and its geopolitical dogma, is awakening hope in many quarters. Representatives of all the main religious organizations, for example, are expressing their willingness to work together to put a stop to the holocaust in Bosnia. Muslims and Catholics are in the forefront of this effort.

The historical challenge now is to create from the sacrifices and pain of this battle, a new set of relations among the nations involved in this effort, so that a just world order can finally emerge from the ashes of the Versailles and Yalta geopolitical agreements.

Malaysian government pleads case of Bosnia

Tan Sri Ahmad Kamil Jaafar, secretary general of the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has been "traveling as the special envoy of the prime minister of Malaysia to plead the case of Bosnia-Herzegovina" for the last six months. During the last week in October, he visited Washington and New York City. His message was direct: "Only the United States can bring an equitable peace to Bosnia. It is immaterial whether the Americans go through the U.N. Security Council, or act unilaterally. The quickest, most efficient way is the best way; the diplomatic niceties do not matter."

The following excerpts of the secretary general's plea to the Clinton administration and U.S. lawmakers, were delivered at a Washington press conference Oct. 28.

. . . A [Malaysian] journalist named K.P. Waran was in Sarajevo less than two weeks ago with an international group of parliamentarians. Here's part of what he wrote: "A drive from the Sarajevo Airport to the presidential palace about 5 kilometers away revealed a once-thriving city reduced to ruins. Shells of buildings stood—many with gaping holes and shattered glass panes while others were mere piles on the ground. Houses, no longer habitable, with collapsed roofs, partially or totally destroyed, stood as eerie portents of the final destruction. . . . Except for a sprinkling of U.N. armored personnel carriers and tanks, not a soul was about—a far cry from Sarajevo's heyday as capital and cultural center

of Bosnia-Herzegovina. . . ."

The conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina is part of the grand plan of Slobodan Milosevic—a plan well documented over the years—to bring into being a Greater Serbia. This plan is by no means supported by all Serbs.

Although most defenders of Sarajevo are Muslims, many Serbs and Croats are included in their number. This mix is also reflected in the government. They are all Bosnians. The point I am making is that the bloodshed in Bosnia is not about war between the Muslims and the rest. It is about people and certain powers with evil designs toward a once-peaceful, multi-ethnic, and multi-religious nation-state.

Today the Bosnian Muslims are confronted with the choice—either accept the tattered remnants of Bosnia-Herzegovina, or risk being wiped off the map of the world. How has this happened? Three main reasons come to mind:

- First, the European Community and the United Nations Security Council failed to respond decisively to the Bosnian government's desperate appeal for help.

- Second, Cyrus Vance and David Owen inexplicably accepted the spurious case for the "cantonization." In the Geneva negotiations, Owen has consistently ignored one of the basic principles of the London Conference—that no territory gained by force would be recognized by the international community.

- Third, a well-conceived and successful strategy to split the peoples of the newly formed country—to cause Bosnian Croats to abandon the Bosnian part of their identity and to dissolve their traditional alliance with Bosnian Muslims. . . .

In Bosnia-Herzegovina the aggressors hold sway and commit crimes with impunity. The Serbs have devoured territory through savagery. A holocaust has taken place in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The American people know well what a holocaust means: One of the largest holocaust museums in the world is right here in Washington, only a short walk from where we meet today.

Has America lost its will for leadership?

As I visit this great country, here are questions that are on my mind: 1) Is President Clinton waiting for somebody else to set the stage for an American entry into Bosnia-Herzegovina? 2) Has America lost its will for leadership in international affairs? 3) Is Bosnia-Herzegovina so strategically unimportant to the United States—so distant—that even despicable international behavior and blatant disregard for international humanitarian law do not cause the American government to act?

Bosnia-Herzegovina is not a mere geographical hole between Serbia, Croatia, and Albania. It is one of Europe's oldest countries. The Bosnians are southern Slavs. They came into the area from central Europe at about the same time as did the Serbs and the Croats. And they settled in the territory that is now Bosnia-Herzegovina. . . . Bosnia-