

International Intelligence

Brits won't send back troublemaker to Pakistan

According to Pakistan Press International (PPI), reporting from Islamabad, Britain has turned down a request from the government of Pakistan to extradite the self-exiled leader of the Mohajir Qaum Movement (MQM) leader Altaf Hussein who remains sitting in London. The MQM has been largely blamed by Pakistan for the bloody and anarchic situation in Karachi, Pakistan's commercial center.

"When Altaf sits in London and he gives a call for a strike [in Karachi] and his militants enforce that strike and kill 30 innocent people a day, I think the British government has a moral responsibility to restrain him," Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said on BBC Television on July 31. Bhutto told BBC that Hussein "cannot use your soil for violence."

In a dispatch over the previous weekend, PPI quoted a British Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying that the MQM leader had not violated any British law and hence could live in the country. The spokesman also said that Britain was not aware of any evidence of Hussein's involvement in "terrorism" in Pakistan.

Argentine military about to close shop

Efforts to completely smash Argentina's Armed Forces have reached new levels of insanity. The Menem government is about to impose the fourth budget cut this year, which according to the heads of the three branches of the military, will mean the virtual paralysis of all operations. In an attempt to meet International Monetary Fund targets, Finance Minister Domingo Cavallo demanded a further \$31 million cut in the military budget, on top of the \$130 million already cut from the 1995 budget.

La Nación commentator Eduardo Barcelona reported Aug. 5 that not only will the U.S.-Argentina maneuvers have to be called off, but the cuts could mean closing

down the Naval College and the Naval Mechanics School. The Air Force has canceled all flights until September. The young men and women of the new volunteer Army will receive food and housing, but no military training, because there are no funds available to finance it!

Unrest is such that, according to Barcelona, "some military communiqués have begun to ask whether the government in Argentina 'wants to have Armed Forces.' " If the goal were to destroy the military, Barcelona continues, "these actions would be more coherent . . . because you don't invest in something which doesn't exist: defense."

On Aug. 4, a proposal by Argentine Labor Minister Armando Caro Figueroa was published: to draft 25,000 unemployed into the Army and put them to work as janitors who will maintain barracks at a monthly pittance of \$200.

Baroness Chalker acts brutish in Kenya

The Kenyan government blasted Britain's Baroness Lynda Chalker for "bullying" behavior, with her threat, even before meeting President Daniel arap Moi, to cut off all further development aid to Kenya, unless "reforms" be implemented in the economic and political domains.

The statement, released Aug. 1, said that Nairobi "takes great exception to the breach of diplomatic etiquette by Baroness Lynda Chalker," Britain's minister of overseas development. It said that her behavior in Kenya, the week before, was "impolite and contemptuous, and likely to hurt the relations between the two countries."

The *Financial Times* on Aug. 2 quoted a second Kenyan government statement: "The country has carried out reforms in various sectors for the last four years. But since this is not appreciated, the government will think twice before carrying on with the reforms, which cause suffering to our people." The statement pointed out that Kenya "attained independence from Britain in 1963."

"White people see blacks as nothing. See, this British lady, just a woman, comes to Kenya and says, 'Do this and do that,' " Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi told a group of farmers in Nairobi. "It is as if she is handling kindergarten school kids, she is like their headmistress," Moi said in remarks relayed on the state Kenya Broadcasting Corporation and the Kenya Television Network of the ruling KANU party.

A spokeswoman for the British High Commission would not comment on newspaper reports that the row could affect a long-standing agreement allowing the British Army to train in northern Kenya.

Pol Pot twist on Burundi 'ethnic cleansing'

According to Burundi Communications Minister Germain Nkeshimana, Bujumbura University, the premier university in the country, has been completely cleansed of any Hutu students, after a terror campaign waged by squads armed by former Tutsi Prime Minister Jean Baptiste Bagaza. Bagaza returned to Burundi in 1993, after six years of exile in Libya. Hutu professors were also murdered. Hutus are also now fleeing other campuses. During the 1970s rampages of Cambodia's Pol Pot, all schools were closed, and students and teachers—in fact, anyone who could read—were systematically butchered.

According to Tanzania radio, the Burundi military, which is 99% Tutsi and backed by Uganda's British warlord Yoweri Museveni, is crossing the border into Tanzania to attack Hutu refugee camps there. "The same army has embarked on a campaign of destroying Hutu primary schools in villages along the border."

In Bujumbura, out of nine districts in the capital city, only two have any Hutu residents left. One district is Kamenge, from which most Hutus have fled after intense fighting in July, which left 75% of the district's houses destroyed, according to the Burundi communications minister.

In addition, according to the London-

based Impact International, the Tutsi military is also slaughtering Burundi Muslims. In the Buyenzi district north of Bujumbura, 700 Muslims were killed by the military, and other Muslims fled the country for Zaire refugee camps. Buyenzi's Muslim religious leader, himself a Tutsi, was subject to repeated death threats with the charge that anyone who works for reconciliation is pro-Hutu.

The opposition Uprona Party, the Tutsi party which runs the military, has refused any mediation from the Organization of African Unity, and forced the cancellation of an OAU conference on Burundi to have been held July 26-27 in Ades Ababa. These reports were gathered by Paris Radio International on July 27.

Polish Catholic agency on LaRouche in Warsaw

The following is from the June 14 bulletin of the Catholic Information Agency, which goes to the church hierarchy, Catholic newspapers, and universities in Poland.

"Prominent American economist and politician, five-time presidential candidate in the U.S.A., Prof. Lyndon LaRouche, participated in the Warsaw symposium titled, 'Development Is a New Name for Peace,' which was organized by the Polish Catholic-Social Union (PZSK) on June 10 in the House of Crafts in Warsaw.

"Professor LaRouche gave a speech on the subject of the just economic order based on the Christian view of a man as a basis for overcoming the present world financial crises, and on the subject of the importance of the definition of a man presented in the encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* for economic knowledge.

"Prof. Lyndon LaRouche, who is now 73 years old, in 1982 worked out a program for Latin America called 'Operation Juárez' in which he proposed to establish a union of indebted countries and create a new monetary system. Four years ago he published a program concerning rebuilding eastern Europe as a response to the changes undergo-

ing in this region of the world.

"As a result of his decisive campaign against the usurious policies of the IMF [International Monetary Fund], drug mafia, and financial oligarchy, he became a victim of a 'witchhunt' which led to his trial. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison for supposed conspiracy to avoid paying taxes. In January 1994, he was released thanks to the action of thousands of politicians, scientists, church people, and lawyers. Presently there is a campaign being run to exonerate him and his collaborators.

"The PZSK seminar was preceded by a mass celebrated by Bishop Wladyslaw Miziolek in the chapel of one of the Warsaw churches."

Prince Philip's monks want to stop Indian dam

Claiming that the dam is being built in a Buddhist holy place, Buddhist monks in West Sikkim, India are demanding an immediate shutdown of a dam project in the region, and threatening to organize a rally of 600,000 monks from all over Sikkim to shut it down, according to United News of India. The sudden decision to target the project—which is already in the construction phase—comes at the point that Thai Buddhist non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are directly taking aim at India.

A recent confab of NGOs to create a "People's SAARC"—in imitation of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation government-level council—sporting a hefty delegation of Thai NGOs, including the Coordinating Committee for Human Rights in Thailand, the Thai Coalition for Peace and Development, the Campaign for Popular Democracy, the Student Federation of Thailand, and the NGO coordinating Committee for Rural Development.

Many of these Thai and Buddhist organizations work directly with Prince Philip's World Wildlife Fund, which considers the Buddhist monk "a natural gamekeeper," according to WWF literature.

● **EL TIEMPO**, a leading Bogotá newspaper, reported in its Aug. 5 edition on death threats received by *EIR* journalist Javier Almarío Almarío. The coverage breaks an 11-year blackout in all Colombian media of any mention of *EIR*, or of any organization or body associated with Lyndon LaRouche.

● **METHYL NITRATE**, mostly used by professionals, is likely the explosive used in the Paris St. Michel metro train bombing, police revealed in information first published on Aug. 3. The gas container had only a small hole through which the explosive had been introduced. Apparently the Armed Islamic Group (GIA) has often used this type of container for bomb attacks in Algeria.

● **ALGERIAN** opposition spokesman Rabah Kebir, of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), denied in an Aug. 3 interview with the French daily *Le Figaro* that Islamists are targeting France. He cautioned against hasty conclusions that Islamic radicals carried out the recent Paris bombing, and praised the Chirac government's Algeria and Bosnia policies.

● **THE TAMIL TIGERS** suffered their biggest defeat yet, when the Sri Lankan military took over and held against attack a stronghold of the Tamil Tigers in Jaffna peninsula of Sri Lanka over the July 29 weekend.

● **UKRAINE** has been affected since June by a cholera outbreak. By early August, health officials had notified the World Health Organization of 307 cases in Nikolaev Oblast and 5 in Kherson Oblast.

● **LIBYA** is funding Somalia warlord General Aideed, and Somalia is heading toward renewed total war, say sources cited by *Al Shara Al Aswat*, the London Arabic paper on July 21. Over 50 Libyan experts are said to be operating with military units attached to Aideed. Uganda's warlord President Yoweri Museveni also reportedly backs Aideed.