

# Intelligence wars over Diana's murder

by Roger Moore

Leading European security specialists have been punching holes in the Anglo-French cover-up of the murder of Princess Diana, this in the context of a growing popular perception that the truth about her death has not yet come out. The discrediting of the cover-up has led British intelligence circles close to the House of Windsor to launch a risky counter-attack on Mohammed Al Fayed, the father of Diana's companion Dodi.

Germany's mass-circulation daily *Bild Zeitung*, in its Oct. 15 edition, ran the banner headline, "Di's Bodyguard, What's Foul There? Fully Alert, But Without Memory? Forced to Keep Quiet?" The article merely points out the obvious: Since the fatal "accident" on Aug. 31, there has been a stream of government-managed leaks, describing the injuries to bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones as guaranteeing that he would never be able to speak—first because he allegedly lost his tongue, and then, his memory. But, as *Bild* points out, his memory first becomes blank at the point that the car carrying him and Princess Diana entered the tunnel. Rees-Jones is currently freely moving around in England, but accompanied by guards watching his every move. Comments *Bild*, "And so, everything that happened in the tunnel, remains in the dark."

During a live Sept. 30 Italian TV broadcast, Gen. Gerardo Serravalle (ret.), former head of the covert NATO military unit called Gladio, was questioned: "General, you, who are an expert in such things—and maybe you have done them yourself in the past—is Diana and Dodi's death an accident?" He responded, "It is definitely no accident." The general went on to describe the apparently natural death by heart attack of a former British MI5 intelligence chief. Only during a third autopsy, was a small puncture point discovered, where poison had been administered.

A Belgian source, in frequent contact with that country's security services, told *EIR*, "All the specialists of the secret services here consider it a liquidation by the British intelligence service." The source stated that the judgment was only a "computation," but that, based on personal experience with dirty operations of the British monarchy, it would be a hypothesis meriting serious consideration.

Germany's *Die Neue Zeit* on Sept. 27 ran an interview with Glyn Jones, a former member of an elite military unit involved during 1985-89 in the covert monitoring of Princess

Diana, under direction of MI5. To the question whether MI5 would have been involved in the fatal accident, Jones answered: "Yes, I can imagine that. MI5 was repeatedly warned, Diana was bringing disgrace on England," with her relationship with Dodi Fayed. The Paris weekly *France Dimanche* picked up and ran the interview with Jones on Oct. 12. The London *Daily Mail* ran a short "signal" box in gossip column format, stating that "Mohamed Al Fayed's City friend Brian Basham—a public relations adviser to British Airways during its dispute with Richard Branson's Virgin Airlines—is accused of telling media contacts that the crash which killed Diana was a British Secret Service 'hit' organized to prevent the Harrods boss becoming step-grandfather to Princes William and Harry."

## Windsors strike back

On Oct. 14, the counterattack began. Disgraced former Tory Minister Neil Hamilton stated, with full immunity before a House of Commons committee, that Mohamed Al Fayed and his security chief at Harrods, John McNamara, had broken into a customer's safe deposit box at Harrods in December 1995—the customer being none other than Tiny Rowland, who had fought Al Fayed in a years-long dispute over control of Harrods.

The London *Guardian* on Oct. 15 stated that Rowland had confirmed material was missing, and Scotland Yard was investigating an alleged theft. Hamilton's source was a former security employee of Harrods. Not accidentally, McNamara, himself a former high-ranking Scotland Yard investigator, has been in Paris repeatedly in the aftermath of the death of Dodi and Diana, possibly coordinating Fayed's own investigation of the cover-up.

Rowland's orchestration of an attack on Fayed's top security adviser, is typical of his longtime service to the House of Windsor. His company Lonrho (London Rhodesia) was built up in the 1960s with money from Queen Elizabeth II, through her personal financier, Harley Drayton. Rowland has always been close to British intelligence's dirty operations. In January 1986, he negotiated in London with Dieter Uhlig, Communist East Germany's top weapons trafficker, the coordination of British and KGB/Stasi operations in southern Africa. At this time, Uhlig was under investigation by Swedish Customs for smuggling Swedish explosives into the Iran-Iraq War, an investigation authorized by Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme. One month later, Palme was assassinated.

On Oct. 15, the London correspondent for Rupert Murdoch's *New York Post* added to the counterattack with a "new" leak from the French police investigators: "Di's Driver Gets Whole Blame: Report." This "report" is a rehash of the "reckless driver" line pumped out in the first days after the crash. Author Bill Hoffman also threatens that Al Fayed "now faces the possibility of lawsuits from Buckingham Palace, as well as the family of bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones."