

London is haven for global terrorism

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When the U.S. State Department released a list of international terrorist groups on Oct. 8, banned from fundraising or other activities inside the United States, it would not appear that President Bill Clinton was considering declaring war against the United Kingdom, but that would be one implication of the list's publication:

- Of the 30 groups cited, at least 10 are headquartered in London, while another 15 have major bases of operations there.
- All of the 15 Mideastern groups on the list, responsible for the murder of thousands of civilians, including American citizens, are based in London, or dependent on London for logistics and other forms of support.

This brings to the fore the fact that the British Crown's drive to provoke a Mideast nuclear war is significantly aided by its control over international terrorism, including the so-called "Islamic," "Arabic," and "Jewish" varieties.

This collection of agent-provocateurs, operating on every side of every conflict in the region, gives London an unparalleled capacity to manipulate events. The British safehousing and aid for terrorist groups goes to the core of British intelligence method: Support the most violent partisans on every side of every conflict, or create them if necessary, and carry out bloody massacres to ensure that the threat of peace is eliminated. This has been standard British practice since even before the time of Queen Victoria's Lord Palmerston.

London's role in this respect has not gone unnoticed. At least ten governments from all around the world have launched formal protests over recent years, over London's providing terrorists safe-haven, including Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Turkey, and the former Shimon Peres government Israel. For example:

- On Nov. 3, 1995, the French daily *Le Figaro*, under the headline, "The Providential Fog of London," wrote of the bombing spree of the Algerian Islamic Armed Groups (GIA) in France and Algeria: "The trail of Boualem Bensaid, GIA leader in Paris, leads to Great Britain. The British capital has served as the logistical and financial base for the terrorists." The paper's account, based on official sources, added "Great Britain transformed itself into a formidable network of fundraising aimed at financing the guerrillas in the Algerian *ma-*

quis." The next day, *Le Parisien* reported that the mastermind of the GIA attack inside France was London's Abou Farres, who was given a residence visa, despite the fact that he was already wanted in connection with the bombing of Algiers airport.

- On March 3, 1996, after a Hamas bomb blew up in a market in Jerusalem, killing a dozen people, and a second exploded in Tel Aviv, Israel's ambassador to London met with then-Foreign Minister Malcolm Rifkind to demand that Britain stop protecting the group. The London *Express* reported the next day: "Israeli security sources say the fanatics behind the bombings are funded and controlled through secret cells operating here. Only days before the latest terror campaign began, military chiefs in Jerusalem detailed how Islamic groups raised £7 million in donations from British organizations. The ambassador, Moshe Raviv, yesterday shared Israel's latest information about the Hamas operations. A source at the Israeli embassy said last night, 'It is not the first time we have pointed out that Islamic terrorists are in Britain.'"

The British government's response? The Foreign Office officially informed the Israeli ambassador, "We have seen no proof to support allegations that funds raised by the Hamas in the U.K. are used directly in support of terrorist acts elsewhere." As a result of the Hamas terror wave, Mr. "Get Tough on Terror," Benjamin Netanyahu, was elected prime minister.

- On Aug. 27, 1996, the Egyptian government's official daily, *Al-Ahram*, carried an exposé of the British role in providing safe haven for numerous terrorist groups, including Islamic Jihad of Egypt, the GIA of Algeria, and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam of Sri Lanka. The newspaper charged that almost \$140 million has been solicited by these and other terrorist groups in Britain, with the full knowledge of British intelligence. "The MI-5 has done nothing to stop these funds from becoming bombs," reported *Al-Ahram*.

The paper described London as "the leading capital of the world in printing and publishing messages, leaflets, magazines, and press releases which include threats and orders to conduct violence." On Aug. 24, the director of the Egyptian's President's office, Usama Al-Baz, speaking of London, told Egyptian television, "We are not demanding that they protect us, but we do demand that they stop making their country a fertile field for destabilization of the security of other nations."

The Egyptians were particularly incensed that the British government had formally announced in August that it would allow an estimated 14,000 terrorists from the Arab and Islamic world to hold an international conference in October 1996, sponsored by the British-based Saudi money-bags Osama bin Laden, who fields Afghan mujahideen veterans in terrorist operations globally. The Egyptian government issued a formal note of protest to Britain over the event. Eyp-

tian President Hosni Mubarak went so far as to condemn Britain, in a Sept. 18 interview with the London-based international Arabic daily *Al Hayat*, for “giving political asylum to terrorists,” in contravention of its pledges of cooperation against terrorism. Only fear of losing Saudi defense contracts, after receiving Saudi protests, led the British government to cancel the conference.

- On Sept. 23, 1997, the Bahraini daily *Al Ayyam*, citing government sources, condemned Britain for using terrorism to reestablish imperial control over the Persian Gulf. “Britain, which boasts of fighting terrorism, should decisively specify its position in this regard. Giving shelter to terrorist elements, and extending support and protection to them, is considered clear participation in the crimes committed by these terrorist elements. Britain is indulging in these policies, day after day, and it does not only give shelter, support, and protection and grant passports to terrorist elements, but it also encourages the crimes these elements commit.” The Bahraini terrorists cited, have the removal of U.S. bases from the region as one of their main objectives.

An open policy

This harboring and directing of terrorists is official British government policy, and is shamelessly proclaimed. On Feb. 14, 1997 the British Parliament failed to vote out of committee a bill that would have, for the first time in history, made it a crime to plot international terrorism from British soil. The bill was introduced by Conservative Member of Parliament Nigel Waterson on Jan. 25, after bitter complaints from Saudi Arabia over Britain’s harboring Mohammed al-Masri, who together with his London patron, Osama bin Laden, claimed credit on BBC for bombing two U.S. military sites in Saudi Arabia in 1995 and 1996, which left over 20 Americans dead.

The government of John Major refused to give its backing to the Waterson bill, and Labour MP George Galloway, a longtime operative of Lord Avebury, one of the leading backers of international terrorism in Britain today, launched a successful drive to kill it, supported by the now-ruling Labour party.

Galloway’s statement before Parliament makes it clear, that the reason the bill went down to defeat, was that the British Crown, as a top-down policy, fosters and harbors international terrorism on behalf of its geopolitical aims. “By definition, a tyranny can be removed only by extraordinary measures,” he explained, “It is sometimes possible, although very rare, that massive civil disobedience and huge demonstrations can topple a regime, as some in eastern Europe were toppled, but much more often at one stage or another during a dictatorship, people have to bear arms and take armed action against it.

“Inevitably, in conditions of extreme repression, the leadership of such movements will gravitate to countries such as ours, where freedom and liberty prevail. The bill will crimi-

nalize such people, even though they have not broken any law in Britain.

“I repeat the cliché, which is a cliché only because it is so obviously true, that one man’s terrorist is another man’s freedom fighter. [Cypriot Archbishop] Makarios was a wanted terrorist, and took tea with the Queen in Buckingham Palace. [Zimbabwe President Robert] Mugabe was a wanted Marxist Leninist terrorist and then took tea with the Queen at Buckingham Palace.”

Galloway’s patron, Lord Avebury, gloated to *EIR* in 1995, that the actions of the terrorist groups that the British government supports, will lead to the break-up and destruction of selected states. Speaking of the Kashmiri terrorists on his leash, targetting both India and Pakistan, he said “The tendencies in India will follow those in other parts of the world, a centrifugalism. I’m thinking of the break-up of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia.”

Jewish and Islamic provocateurs

Unleashing the Mideast nuclear war scenario that the British are working on, probably requires launching Hamas, Islamic Jihad, or Hezbollah massacres of Israeli Jews, and also Jewish settlers’ actions against Palestinians, to prepare the climate. All sides are controlled from London, and all covertly work together on the ground.

London’s Hamas (a.k.a. the Islamic Resistance Movement): Hamas was formed in the Israeli-occupied territories in 1987 as an Islamicist faction within the Palestinian movement. It is an outgrowth of the networks of British Gen. John Bagot Glubb Pasha, the decades-long head of the Jordan-based Arab Legion, who fielded insurgent Islamic political groups throughout the Mideast, under the pretext of fighting communist infiltration of the region. Glubb Pasha is also the godfather of Islamic Jihad; whereas British co-thinkers operating out of the Shiite city of Nayaf, Iraq, spawned Hezbollah.

From its inception, Hamas’s military and terrorist actions against the Israeli military and civilian population, primarily served to undermine the Palestine Liberation Organization’s civil resistance campaign against Israeli occupation, the Intifadah, a resistance movement which contributed to establishing the conditions leading sane Israelis to realize that peace with the Palestinians was a strategic necessity for Israel. The Oslo Accords were the result.

Hamas’s headquarters outside the occupied territories are not found elsewhere in the Mideast, however, but in London, which also serves as headquarters of its most overtly agent-provocateur wing, the Izeddin al Kazzam. Here, too, the group’s monthly journal, *Filistee al-Muslima*, is published. In 1996, the journal published a *fatwa* (religious ruling) ordering suicide bombings against Israeli civilian targets, which immediately preceded the Hamas and Islamic Jihad bus bombings of February-March 1996. The terror wave resulted in the de-

feat of the Labor government of Prime Minister Shimon Peres in May, and the election of the Likud bloc government of Netanyahu. Hamas had previously stated in its magazine that the primary target of the group was the Labor government.

More recently, Hamas and Islamic Jihad bombings in July 1997, provided the Netanyahu government the needed pretext to declare the Oslo Accords dead. The failed Israeli effort to assassinate Hamas official Khalid Mashaal in Jordan, led to a negotiated release of Hamas founder, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, and over 50 of his followers from Israeli prison. The popularity and power of the terrorist group has vastly increased.

London's Temple Mount cults: As with the "Islamic" terrorist groups, so with the "Jewish" ones. Since the 1967 occupation of East Jerusalem and the West Bank in particular, the British monarchy, acting through the freemasonic Quatuor Coronati lodge of the United Grand Lodge of England, among other agencies, has overseen the creation of numerous Jewish cults dedicated to provoking religious war in the Mideast. These cults are dedicated to destroying the Islamic Holy sites at the Haram al Sharif (the Temple Mount) in Jerusalem, in order to rebuild Solomon's Temple (by legend, built by the first Freemasons). The obvious intent is war. Among the sects established for this purpose have been the Ateret Cohanim yeshiva, the Gush Emunim, and Iyal, one of whose members, Yigal Amir, shot Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at a peace rally on Nov. 4, 1995. Rabbi Meir Kahane's Jewish Defense League and Kach party are also among the sects deployed.

Among the major British figures guiding the project have been the late Lord Harlech, Lord Peter Carrington, and the constellation of interests centered in the British-Canadian

Hollinger Corp., publishers of London's *Daily Telegraph*, and the *Jerusalem Post*. British casino operator Cyril Stein typifies the underworld figures deployed to fund the cults, as does California casino operator Irving Moskowitz, who is the primary financial patron of both Netanyahu and the terrorist sects.

The groups are also extensively supported by "Christian" evangelical cults in the British Commonwealth and the United States, typified by televangelist Pat Robertson (see p. 38), and his supporters in Congress, such as Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), and Senate Banking Committee Chairman Al D'Amato (R-N.Y.).

Despite their violent racism toward Muslims, the Temple Mount cults also collaborate with Hamas/Islamic Jihad, based on their shared opposition to peace. Avishai Raviv, the Iyal leader who organized the hate campaign against Rabin, and ordered Amir to kill him, worked extensively with Hamas and Islamic Jihad to coordinate operations against the Oslo Accords, according to his statements to the Israeli press.

Typifying the potential results of this collaboration, on Oct. 13, a Jewish arms ring operating out of the Temple Mount cult complex, Kiryat Arba, was broken up, after selling over 100 pounds of explosives to two Palestinians who were caught trying to blow Tel Aviv's major shopping arcade "sky high." If they had succeeded, scores of Jewish civilians would have been killed—and an enraged Netanyahu would have appeared on international TV, justifying some new military adventure to stop terrorism. It was precisely to create bloody opportunities, that Britain has unleashed its "Islamic" and "Jewish" puppets, to bring war to the Mideast.

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