

EIR has pulled together the documentation in this issue, which substantiates every iota of LaRouche's warning. The terrorist threat was articulated in the form of a *fatwa* issued by ostensibly Islamic terrorists. As Hussein Al-Nadeem's report chronicles, the terrorist threat was signed by a virtual army of terrorist assets, every one of which operates in broad daylight in London.

Furthermore, the Israelis did indeed escalate tensions, as Prime Minister Netanyahu reiterated his threats to bomb Iran. According to UPI, on Feb. 23, when Netanyahu assumed that a diplomatic solution had been reached with Iraq, he said that the major danger was actually "Iran's atomic bomb," and he has told foreign ambassadors that Israel's right of self-defense included "a right to launch a pre-emptive strike."

Not only: as Dean Andromidas writes in his article in this section, the Israelis may also have been planning a terrorist hit themselves. Behind the curious story of Israeli Mossad agents arrested in Switzerland allegedly for attempted espionage, may lie a botched assassination attempt against an Iranian diplomat. One sure consequence of the most recent Mossad fiasco, is that Israeli Mossad chief Danny Yatom will be replaced, perhaps by someone who will share Netanyahu's commitment to use tactical nuclear weapons in a regional war.

London's terrorists issue threats to U.S.

by Hussein Al-Nadeem

International terrorist organizations headquartered in London are threatening to launch new atrocities against the United States and its allies — atrocities which could, as Lyndon LaRouche has warned (see accompanying articles), serve as the pretext for an Israeli "preemptive strike" against Iraq, Iran, and/or other Mideastern nations.

On Feb. 10, a group of well-known London-based "Islamists" and Islamic organization issued a press release including a *fatwa* (religious ruling), under the title "Muslims in Britain Declare War against the U.S. and British Governments." The press release stated: "The *fatwa* is *Jihad* against the U.S. and British governments, armies, interests, airports, and institutions, and it has been given by the most prominent scholars of Islam today, because of the U.S. and British aggression against the Muslims and the Muslim land of Iraq." The *fatwa*, which *EIR* cannot trace to any Muslim source or authority other than London's "scholars," was

signed by Saudi terrorist supporter Mohammed Al-Massa'ari (a long-time collaborator of Britain's Lord Eric Avebury and Labour MP George Galloway), and Omar Bakri, leader of the Al-Muhajiroon and organizer of terrorist organizations' rallies in Britain. The *fatwa* was supported by some 60 organizations that are based in the United Kingdom. (For a profile of the British-safeguarded terrorists, see *EIR*, Jan. 2, 1998.)

The fact that the authors of this declaration claim to be supporters of Iraq against the United States and its allies, fits into the desired equation. They state that "the military strike against Iraq is war against Islam and Muslims world wide." "We the undersigned call upon the Muslims around the world, including the Muslims in the U.S.A. and in Britain, to confront by all means, whether verbally, financially, politically or militarily, the U.S. and British aggression and to do their duty in relieving the Iraqi people from the unjust sanctions." In the same press release, Al-Massa'ari gives further justifications and instructions to Muslims living in the United States and the West: "You have first to renounce the residency or acquired citizenship, and then start military activities if physically capable. You are then at liberty to fight them everywhere in the world or re-enter the realm clandestinely and wreak havoc, obviously facing charges as spy, terrorist, . . . etc."

Such British propaganda is aimed at demonizing every Muslim in the West as a potential murderer and terrorist, while promoting the "clash of civilizations" hysteria, through putting the issue in the terms of "America and Britain against Islam." (The fact that the *fatwa* attacks Britain, as well as the United States, presents no conundrum to the British controllers of terrorism; their loyalty is not to the British Isles or its people, but to their own oligarchical power.)

Another such *fatwa* was issued by London-based terrorists on Feb. 23, the same day that President Clinton endorsed, in principle, the agreement between the United Nations and Iraq. This time, the *fatwa* was given wide publicity and support by the London-based Arabic daily *Al Quds al Arabi*. The *fatwa* was published under the title "World Islamic Front's Statement Urging Jihad against Jews and Crusaders."

The *fatwa* calls for killing Americans, because of their "occupation of the holy Arab Peninsula and Jerusalem and oppressing the Muslim nations," and states in conclusion: "On this basis, and in compliance with God's order, we issue the following *fatwa* to all Muslims: The ruling to kill the Americans and their allies — civilians and military — is an individual duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country in which it is possible to do it, in order to liberate the al-Aqsa Mosque and the holy Mosque [Mecca] from their grip, and in order for their armies to move out of the lands of Islam, defeated, and unable to threaten any Muslims. . . . We — with God's help — call on every Muslim who believes in God and wishes to be rewarded to comply with

God's order to kill the Americans, and plunder their money, and whenever they find it."

The signatories were:

Sheikh Osama Bin Laden, the Saudi moneybags who financed the training of the Afghan mujahideen beginning in 1980, and who deployed them to blow up the U.S. military barracks in Dharhan, Saudi Arabia, in 1996. Bin Laden currently resides in Afghanistan, but maintains a lavish mansion in London.

Ayman al Zawahiri, Amir of the Islamic Group responsible for the November 1997 massacre in Luxor, Egypt. Residence: Switzerland.

Abu Yasser Rifai Ahmad Taha, leader of the Islamic Group. Residence: London.

Fazul Rahman, the Amir of the Jihad Movement of Bangladesh.

Sheikh Mir Hamza, secretary of Jamiat ul Ulema e Pakistan.

The CIA memorandum

The two *fatwas* were the subject of CIA testimony on Feb. 23 before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Terrorism. Sen. John Kyl (R-Ariz.), the chairman of the committee, held hearings on the danger of terrorism in the United States. At his request, the CIA Counterterrorism Center sent the subcommittee a memorandum, entitled "*Fatwas* or Religious Rulings by Militant Islamic Groups against the United States." The memorandum stated that "a coalition of Islamic groups in London, and terrorist financier Usama Bin Laden, have issued separate *fatwas*, or religious rulings, calling for attacks on U.S. persons and interests worldwide, and on those of U.S. allies." It added that "both *fatwas* call for attacks to continue until U.S. forces 'retreat' from Saudi Arabia and Jerusalem. The *fatwa* from the groups in London also calls for attacks until sanctions on Iraq are lifted." The memorandum stressed, "These *fatwas* are the first from these groups that explicitly justify attacks on American civilians anywhere in the world. Both groups have hinted in the past that civilians are legitimate targets, but this is the first religious ruling sanctifying such attacks."

The memorandum continued, identifying once again the fact that the groups are based in London: "While the religious clerics who issued these rulings are not named, the two groups consider the *fatwas* to be legitimate. The group in London made reference to unnamed religious authorities in Lebanon, Jordan, and 'Palestine.'"

A *fatwa* is usually issued by a public and recognizable high Islamic authority representing a major Islamic institution in a leading Muslim country. *EIR* has not found any such Islamic authority which has ever made such a *fatwa*. Therefore, the only remaining sources for these *fatwas* are British: probably "Imam" Eric Avebury, or "Sheikh" George Galloy.

Swiss police catch Mossad in dirty tricks

by Dean Andromidas

On Feb. 26, Switzerland's Federal Prosecutor's Office announced that it had arrested an agent of the Israeli Mossad and had issued arrest warrants for four others. While the Swiss authorities acknowledge that the Israelis are to be charged with espionage, they have not confirmed widely circulating reports that the Iranian Embassy was the target of the Mossad's operations. The Mossad agent was arrested on Feb. 19, only hours before UN Secretary General Kofi Annan departed from New York for his 11th-hour diplomatic mission to Iraq, to avert a war. Were the Israeli agents planning a major provocation that would ignite the Middle East conflagration, which the British have been planning for the last several weeks? Perhaps the assassination of an Iranian diplomat?

In a press conference in the Swiss capital, Bern, Federal Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte said that the arrest took place in the early hours of Feb. 19, after police, alerted by a suspicious neighbor, discovered five men illegally attempting to eavesdrop on a private residence in Bern. The Swiss authorities have officially stated that police stopped the five men outside the residence. One was taken into custody and the names of the others taken. When the police discovered that they were all Mossad agents, arrest warrants were issued for the other four.

Although Del Ponte said that the Mossad target was not a diplomat, and the Swiss Foreign Ministry denied news reports in both Israel and Europe that the target was Iranian interests, she did say, "We have enough elements to prove that Mossad is involved. We also have a confirmation" of this.

Swiss Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Yasmine Chatila told Reuters in Bern, "Our government vigorously protests against this attack on Swiss sovereignty and international law by a member of the Israeli secret agency. This is an unacceptable event. We expect Israel to apologize."

In Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confirmed the arrest of an Israeli citizen in Switzerland, and said Israel was dealing with the case through diplomatic channels.

Various intelligence sources point to the ominous nature of this affair. One Bern-based source with close ties to Iran, told *EIR* that Iranian diplomatic sources informed him that the Iranian Embassy was the target of the Mossad surveillance. Others speculate that the target could have been an individual, who later could be exposed as an arms dealer trying to sell technology for "weapons of mass destruction."