

# International Intelligence

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## ***N. Korea: U.S. Driving Situation to Brink of War***

"If we did not equip ourselves with nuclear weapons, the United States would have launched a pre-emptive nuclear strike against us and made our country like Iraq," wrote *Rodong Simmun*, the organ of the (North) Korean Workers Party, on Dec. 31 in a commentary published by the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

Thus, it said, the North is now unable to implement the six-party accord of September 2005, or to attend the talks, so the dispute will not be settled, as long as "the U.S. continues pursuing its hostile policy to stifle the D.P.R.K. as it did this year. The U.S. has driven the situation to the brink of war, while intensifying military moves," it said, referring to the imposition of financial sanctions on Pyongyang in October. The commentary reaffirmed the North's position that it will not abandon its nuclear program until it is provided with economic incentives that include nuclear power plants.

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## ***LaRouche Given Award In Buenos Aires***

The Russian-Ukrainian-Belarusian Chamber of Commerce for South America (CCRUBAS) awarded *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche its "International Achievement Award" at a Dec. 29 ceremony in Buenos Aires.

LaRouche Youth Movement member Diego Bogomolny accepted the award on LaRouche's behalf, and briefly spoke about LaRouche's crucial role as a statesman, his efforts to create a New Bretton Woods system, and particularly his leadership in the United States to restore sanity to its policy-making.

The CCRUBAS works with like-minded organizations such as the Argentine-Chinese Center for Economic and Cultural Exchange (CIECAC) and the Mercosur Forum, to promote international trade and po-

litical relations with Eurasia. It is very enthusiastic about LaRouche's Eurasian Land-Bridge proposal. Its online publication *Eurasia* has frequently published *EIR* articles and LaRouche's writings.

Although there were many recipients of awards in a variety of categories, there was only a small number in the "International Achievement" category, of which LaRouche was the only American.

CCRUBAS director Ricardo Pavan described LaRouche as an "economist who has controversial ideas, but this is a controversy located in the framework of the search for peace."

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## ***Gladio Link to 9/11 Probed***

"Does Gladio Explain 9/11?" is the title of an analysis on *dedefensa.org*, published Dec. 27, accompanied by *EIR*'s interview with author Dr. Daniele Ganser last April 8. The Liège, Belgium-based website specializes in defense and security affairs, and expresses respect for LaRouche and *EIR*, distancing itself from commonly circulated slanders against them.

Gladio is the name of a NATO-controlled post-war "stay behind" network of agents provocateurs based in Europe, exposed by *EIR* last year.

The article focusses on Ganser, the Swiss researcher and author of the book *NATO's Secret Armies: Operation Gladio and Terrorism in Western Europe*. Reporting on Ganser's difficulties in researching such a hot topic as Gladio, the report draws a parallel between the secrecy of these networks working behind the backs of elected governments, and the current scandal over the CIA planes flying prisoners to "black sites" for torture.

When the focus shifts to 9/11, Ganser examines two alternative hypotheses to the official "surprise theory." These are the "Let it happen on purpose" (LIHOP) theory and the *inside job* theory.

The analysis concludes: "Finally . . . some words about *EIR* which publishes the

interview. This weekly is part of the group of Lyndon LaRouche, a personality officially completely discredited, and regularly treated as a fascist or a madman, accordingly.

"First remark: This is not the first time we acknowledge the quality of *EIR*'s work, whatever the reality of LaRouche's personality.

"Second remark: If the judgment about LaRouche is of the same quality as that expressed about the dissident opinions about the 9/11 attack, then, in light of what has been said above, there is much to think about."

The former Socialist mayor of Liège, Andre Cools, was assassinated in July 1991 by mafia cut-outs, when he may well have gotten wind of these secret NATO networks. This may have something to do with the website's interest in Gladio.

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## ***India and China Pledge Greater Development Ties***

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, in his New Year's message to Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao, said the fast-developing ties between India and China are a strong determinant for the peace and security, as well as development and prosperity, of Asia and the world.

"We are confident that in the New Year, we will be able to continue, with greater determination, to impart further depth and substance to our rapidly growing ties, and add an important new chapter to India-China friendship," he said.

Indian President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, in his message to Chinese President Hu Jintao said, "today, the footprints of India and China are increasingly visible and have made an impact on the global landscape in diverse areas." Chinese President Hu Jintao said, "China is ready to work with India . . . to continuously deepen the contents of our bilateral relations and push further the China-India Strategic and Co-operative Partnership in an all-round and in-depth way."