

# Muslim Brotherhood targets Syria

## *Iran-Israel-Egypt axis promotes turmoil in Arab world*

The Syrian government has officially charged that "Israeli spies" and British and American intelligence services were behind the brutal June 16 massacre of more than 60 Syrian army cadets by the fanatic Muslim Brotherhood assassins.

The Syrian charges come amid growing exposure of the Muslim Brotherhood's activities throughout the Islamic world, and growing conflict between the Brotherhood's supporters—whose power bases are Egypt and Iran as well as Israeli intelligence—and a grouping of both "moderate" and "radical" Arab states including Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Syria.

The Syrian charges, as well as the events surrounding them, also confirm beyond a doubt what *Executive Intelligence Review* has been documenting for months: that the Muslim Brotherhood is an international intelligence operation—interfacing such agencies as the U.S. Heritage Foundation—designed expressly for the subversion of the Islamic world. And new evidence of this activity continues to emerge daily.

### **Bloodbath in Aleppo**

The bloodbath in Syria, which also left at least 40 wounded, was perhaps the worst act of terrorism in recent Middle East history, far outstripping any such incident in Israel. With the complicity of Ibrahim Youssef, a Syrian captain, who, secretly, was a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, Syrian soldiers and cadets were led into a lecture hall at a military academy in Aleppo. Then, after the doors were locked, assassins poured hand grenades and automatic weapon fire through the windows.

Syria's Interior Minister Adnan Dabbagh declared that Syria would "liquidate mercilessly" the Muslim Brotherhood, whom he called "agents" of the British and the CIA. A ruthless counterattack against the Muslim Brotherhood, both inside and outside Syria, has been launched by Damascus. Fourteen people have been condemned to death for the murders; hundreds have been arrested. Significantly, both drug-running and arms-smuggling networks—the same networks that are behind Ayatollah Khomeini in neighboring Iran—are being hit hard by Syrian police.

The attack in Syria signals the emergence of the

British intelligence-controlled Khomeini clique and the alliance of Egypt and Israel in Camp David as a single military-political bloc run by Great Britain and the United States. Backed by the Anglo-Americans, the Egypt-Israel axis and Iran are together being deployed against Iraq, Syria, and Saudi Arabia.

The immediate aim of the Aleppo massacre, the British *Financial Times* admitted, was an "attempt to touch off an uprising which would halt the proposed Syrian-Iraqi union under the leadership of a unified Baath party." The very date of the Aleppo incident, June 16, was the same day that President Assad of Syria went to Iraq to meet with President Bakr to ratify the merger. The fact that the merger of the two countries was not realized and that instead only a "unified political leadership" between Baghdad and Damascus was formed, is a direct result of the Aleppo Muslim Brotherhood operation. Another result of the Aleppo incident was the cancellation by Assad of his scheduled trip to Moscow the last week of June.

Iran—which until now has kept its distance from the NATO-backed Egyptian-Israeli alliance—suddenly has begun moving into an overt pact with the Anglo-Americans, and the massacre is the first result in Syria of Israeli-Iranian support for the Muslim Brotherhood. In an interview with *Al-Ahram*, the largest Egyptian newspaper, Ayatollah Shareatmadari proposed that Iran and Egypt work together to battle "the infiltration of foreign and communist elements" in the Middle East—a code phrase for going after Syria and Iraq. Implicitly, the ayatollah, who had just forged a unity pact with Khomeini in his home in Qom, was also proposing a pact with Egypt's treaty partner Israel as well. Iranian officials have also confirmed that they have reopened discussions with British and American military and intelligence personnel at the official level for rebuilding the shattered Iranian army.

### **Behind the scenes**

The key to who is behind the Aleppo atrocity is found outside Syria.

At the end of May, a secret meeting was held in West Germany, bringing together Muslim Brotherhood leaders from Syria, Jordan, and Egypt. The topic of

discussion was planning the Aleppo massacre.

In attendance at the meeting was Issa Al-Attar, the head of the Syrian Muslim Brotherhood. Since the 1960s, Attar has been in exile in Aachen, West Germany, working out of the Mosque Bilal, which is linked into the Islamic Council of Europe. The Islamic Council of Europe is led by Salam and Abdel-Rahman Azzam, both of whom retain prominent positions in the Muslim Brotherhood. The Islamic Council is directly implicated in the early strategy sessions mapping out the Aleppo operation. The Mosque Bilal serves as a covert station for deploying Khomeini-Muslim Brotherhood forces from Paris and London across Europe and into Iran and the Middle East.

In an exclusive interview, Attar bluntly stated what he is up to: "I was effectively the chief of the Muslim Brotherhood in Syria.... Now, I am not only working with the Muslim Brotherhood but with all organizations that are interested in our people.... There is a need for democracy [in Syria] and I am sure that soon the people will restore democracy."

Attar's Mosque Bilal also has connection, with Said Ramadhan, a leading member of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood who was indicted as a conspirator in the assassination attempt against the late President Nasser. Ramadhan now operates out of Geneva from the Institute of Islamic Studies, which he established. At the time of the Aleppo incident, Ramadhan was in Jordan as the on-the-ground coordinator of the operation.

Ramadhan intersects with one Yusuf Nada, his close friend, who is the chief contact man for Ahmed Elkadi of Pensacola, Florida, the number one leader of the Muslim Brotherhood networks operating out of the U.S. Last month, Nada, Ramadhan, and others made a visit to Iran to plan an expansion of the Khomeini movement.

Syria was selected as a prime target for the "expansion" operation.

### Syria cracks down

In response to the activation of the Muslim Brotherhood in Syria, the government there, in cooperation with the Soviet Union and several other Arab states including Saudi Arabia, has initiated a harsh crackdown to root out the Muslim Brotherhood at all levels. Interior Minister Dabbagh issued a statement that Syria is determined to liquidate Muslim Brotherhood networks not only in the Middle East but in West Germany, Austria, and Switzerland—an important move against Ramadhan and Co.

Syrian officials are keenly aware of the role that Iran and the Egypt-Israel axis, backed by the Anglo-Americans, played in the atrocity. The Syrian news agency has linked the Aleppo incident to Camp David and has accused the U.S. of plotting to force Syria either to accept Camp David or go to war with Israel. Last week, the latter "alternative" became very real

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## Iran: the Brotherhood's Mideast command center

The June 16 bloodbath in Syria is in the most direct sense attributable to the fact that the Muslim Brotherhood has assumed power in one of the keystone strategic countries of the region—Iran. As this publication has repeatedly charged, the "Iranian revolution" was nothing more than the installation of the Muslim Brotherhood into state power. Events over the past days have strongly confirmed these charges.

The reins of Brotherhood power in Iran lie less with Ayatollah Khomeini per se, than with the "revolutionary tribunals" headed up by Ayatollah Khalkhali. Khalkhali's "tribunals" have been the implementers of the bloody "Islamic justice" of the Khomeini regime and have as well been the command center for deploy-

ing Muslim terrorist groups to different countries, often under the pretext of seeking "vengeance" against the deposed Shah of Iran.

According to the Caracas paper *El Universal* of June 26, it was Khalkhali who contracted for the terrorist "Carlos" to hunt the Shah down in Mexico and assassinate him. *El Universal* identified the Ayatollah as the head of the secretive Fedayeen-e Islam, an organization which the paper identified as the Iranian sister organization of the Arab Muslim Brotherhood.

Highly informed sources confirmed this report to *Executive Intelligence Review* this week, and added that the Fedayeen-e Islam is "master" in Iran. The sources claimed that Khalkhali is an intimate collabora-

tor of the international leadership of the Brotherhood—Said Ramadhan, Yusuf Nada, and the Azzam clique—and that inside Iran the Brotherhood is an "elite force" which includes in its membership top Khomeini controllers Said Ghotbzadeh and Ibrahim Yazdi. This "force" is "above the Komitehs," or revolutionary committees of Khomeini, and maintains total control over the Iranian prison system: "When you are arrested and sent to Qasr Prison, you are in the hands of the Muslim Brotherhood. Even Khomeini cannot reach you. You are held incommunicado. They have their own guards."

So tight is Khalkhali's control over the prison system, the sources added, that he literally lives and

when Israeli warplanes engaged Syrian fighter planes in a dogfight over southern Lebanon.

Syrian investigations into the Aleppo murders have also revealed that the arms used in the attack were American M-16s, Israeli Uzis, and Egyptian black market weapons.

Zeroing in on the Egyptian connection, the Syrians are going after President Sadat for his complicity in the affair. The Syrian press is pointedly recalling that it was none other than Anwar Sadat who last month pledged to plunge Syria into a "sea of blood" in retaliation for the refusal of Damascus to endorse the Egypt-Israel pact. Further evidence incriminating Sadat was put forth by the French daily *le Monde*, which reported that the newspaper of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood, *Al Dawa*, has been bitterly attacking Syria lately, undoubtedly with the backing of Sadat.

Both Jordan and Lebanon have been drawn in by Syria to crack down on the Muslim Brotherhood. According to *Le Monde*, Jordan is particularly anxious to cooperate as a result of its growing concern over signs of "Islamic resurgence" in Amman. Even the Muslim Brotherhood-infiltrated, pro-Khomeini Palestine Liberation Organization—or at least some factions—want to help Syria because it is alarmed by the rising influence of the Brotherhood in the Gaza Strip.

In addition to going after the Muslim Brotherhood directly, the Arabs and the Soviets are targeting Egypt and the Egypt-Israel alliance while bolstering the alter-

native—a comprehensive peace with a Palestinian state. Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko last week reiterated that President Brezhnev and the U.S.S.R. leadership would never cooperate with Camp David. He stressed that the Palestinians must have a state, "a small, I repeat, even a small state." This was the first such explicit reference to the West Bank-Gaza Strip option that the Soviets have ever made.

At the same time, the Iraqi press has leaked a report presenting evidence that Nasser was assassinated and implicating Sadat, who reportedly has protected the assassin, a Dr. Al-Atifi, for the past decade. Significantly, the story was picked up by the Jordanian press.

The story follows Saudi Crown Prince Fahd's green light last week for the overthrow of Sadat. When asked if the Saudis were apprehensive as to who might succeed Sadat if the Egyptian leader were deposed, Fahd replied: "We don't know who may succeed Sadat, but a more radical government would not be worse in terms of the situation his policy has put us in. Fahd went on to contradict the traditional image of the Saudis as anti-Soviet by saying that the development of diplomatic relations between his country and the Soviet Union is a "probability."

Significantly, the Soviet daily Red Star has forecast the crumbling of the Sadat regime and reported the growing unrest in the Egyptian army.

—Nancy Parsons

sleeps in Teheran prison!

Aside from his notoriety as a ped-erast and sadist, the sources stressed, Khalkhali is a drug addict with connections into drug-running Brotherhood circles in Dubai and Kuwait—connections which led to his arrest in 1969. These connections also explain the trip Khalkhali made to Dubai last month, during which the rulers of Dubai agreed to impose a ban on alcohol in the principality—undoubtedly to encourage a rise in opium usage throughout the United Arab Emirates and the Arabian Gulf area,

#### **The Dope, Inc. connection**

*That the activities of the Iranian branch of the Muslim Brotherhood have been coordinated by the international kingpins of Dope, Inc.—the London-centered cartel which runs the \$200-billion-per-year global drug traffic—has been widely known to*

*leading Western intelligence services, and is confirmed by the following shocking report in the June 25 Daily Telegraph of London entitled "Iran Drugs Could Swamp Britain":*

Britain and Western Europe face a serious increase this summer in the supply of illicit drugs from the Middle East and Asia as a result of the revolution in Iran.

With the breakdown of the gendarmerie and government agencies to supervise opium growing, Iran's farmers are expected to harvest well over 600 (tons) of opium, most of which will find its way into the hands of the traffickers....

A month ago fields throughout the Western provinces of Lurestan, Kurdistan, and Azerbaijan, and in Khorassan in the northeast, were aflame with the bright red opium poppy....

Together with neighboring Afghanistan and Pakistan, Iran now

forms a new "Golden Triangle" to add to the one in southeast Asia, and threatens to double the amount of drugs, both opium and heroin, reaching Europe....

While posing a critical problem for Europe's drug enforcement agencies, the opium is also causing great concern among Iran's religious leaders, politicians and medical services.

The Psychiatric Society of Iran recently estimated that there were about two million opium addicts in a country of little more than 36 million. They called on Ayatollah Khomeini ... to declare the use of opium religiously proscribed.

But the Moslem holy book, the Koran, is a little unclear on drugs, though the Ayatollah did warn of the dangers to society....

Now, in a country where alcohol is banned along with many other forms of escapism, opium is becoming socially acceptable again.