

Council of Bosnia, in what is shaping up to be the first organized fundamentalist meeting in Eastern Europe.

Of all the Council subsidiaries, the most significant is the Islamic Institute for Defense Technology, the organizing point for the connection between NATO and Islamic fundamentalism.

3. The European network

The Islam and the West and the Islamic Council have at their command a vast network in Western Europe, spanning several major European cities, which has a capability for organizing, from abroad, throughout the Middle East and other parts of the Arab world.

The United Kingdom. The Islamic Council receives enormous backing from an interlocking directorate of British institutions, including the Royal Institute of International Affairs; the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding (CAABU) also known as the Arab-British Center; the Anglo-Arab Association; the Arab-British Charitable Trust; the Labour Middle East Council; and, until its recent closing, the Beirut-based but London-run Middle East Center for Arabic Studies.

Of these, the two most important are the CAABU conglomerate and the Anglo-Arab Association. The former has among its leading members Sir Harold Beeley

and many British lords. It is supported by Barclay's Bank, British Aircraft Corporation, British Bank of the Middle East, Lazard Brothers, Lloyd's International, Lonrho, National Westminster Bank, Rolls Royce, and Unilever.

The Anglo-Arab Association is run by Sir John Bagot Glubb, the former commander of the Jordanian Arab Legion and Middle East specialist.

CAABU and the Anglo-Arab Association maintain regular working relations not only with the Islamic Council in London, but with several other organizations, including the Islamic Foundation, located in Leicester, England, and the Federation of Islamic Organizations in Europe. The Islamic Federation is headed up by the Minister of Federal Planning of Pakistan, Khurshid Ahmad; it has recently opened up an affiliate in Geneva.

Switzerland. Supporting the Islam and the West nexus is the Geneva International Institute for Islamic Studies headed by exile Brotherhood leader Said Ramadhan. Also critical is the Geneva Institute for Higher International Studies, locale of Islam and the West secretary-general Boisard and of Swiss banker Krul, who is a personal adviser to the Emir of Dubai.

Switzerland is also home base for one Yusuf Nada, who operates out of the city of Lugano. Nada is a businessman who uses his wealth to fund Muslim Brother-

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In an interview recently in Western Europe, Said Ramadhan, a former leader of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt who is now based in Geneva, commented on the rise of Brotherhood influence throughout the Middle East.

Take a look at Saudi Arabia. With all the oil they've got, they have not been able to convince the Bedouins to change their way of life, so there are a lot of troubles in the kingdom. There is no question that the unrest in Mecca was unprecedented; it forced Prince Fahd to cancel a scheduled trip to London, and the level of operations at the mosque implied extensive aid from within the ranks of the army and national guard.

But it's not a question of the Brotherhood organization as such. In some places, like Pakistan, the

Brotherhood does indeed have a name, a structure, in the Jamaat-e-Islami; and similarly in Indonesia it has another name. But without any organization as such, most people who are working for Islam are working for the Brotherhood. For that we do not necessarily need a clergy.

Look, what is happening in Iran is the direct responsibility of the western cultural invasion. We need now a return to the true Islam. King Feisal of Saudi Arabia, Boumedienne of Algeria, Nasser of Egypt, they all talked about the need for certain kinds of changes similar to those in the West, and what good did it do?

What we need is a return to the true theology. For you, the Middle Ages were a dark period, but for us it was the period where Islam was a real community, an "umma." That's what I learned from the founder of the Brotherhood, Hassan el-Banna: Islam is a large club, an *umma*.

In that sense, Khomeini is closer than anybody else to the truth.