Mossad script sets U.S. against Islam

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Target America: Terrorism in the U.S. Today

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"The terrorists are coming and no Americans will be safe!" reads the back cover of *Target America*. The book describes itself as the "full story of who declared a holy war against America and Canada, and why." The author, Yossef Bodansky, is identified as an "international terrorism expert" who has been "for more than four years director of the House Republican Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare." The book's introduction is provided by the chairman of the task force, Cong. Bill McCollum (R-Fla.).

Left unsaid anywhere in this book is that Bodansky is the former editor of the Israeli Air Force magazine, or that he was implicated in the Jonathan Pollard spy scandal. Pollard had been arrested after being caught red-handed stealing U.S. secret documents for Israel in 1985; even Israeli reporters admit that Bodansky, who had frequently been seen with Pollard, may have been Pollard's controller.

"The explosion that shook the World Trade Center, and the rest of America, was only the beginning... a prelude to an escalation in Islamist terrorism in the United States and Canada," Bodansky begins. "The terrorist-sponsoring states led by Iran, Syria, and Sudan consider international terrorism an indispensable instrument of state policy," we are told; "moreover, the decline of the war in Afghanistan enabled scores of 'Afghans' to redirect their attention and zeal to Islamist causes, from Kashmir to Bosnia-Hercegovina, from Algeria to the United States and Canada." Chapter titles include "Radical Islam against the U.S.," "The New System of International Terrorism," "Iran and the New Muslim World Order."

Naturally, Sheik Omar Abdul Rahman, the blind Egyptian cleric from Jersey City, supposedly the master-mind of the World Trade Center bombing and other terrorist plots, looms large in the book. According to Bodansky, Rahman, is "the senior leader of the Armed Islamic Movement in the U.S." But nowhere in his "full story" on Islamic terrorism do

we find an explanation of just how this "fearsome" Rahman managed to get an entry visa into the U.S., and then a permanent residency permit or green card.

The claim that Islam represents the new enemy of the West, after the demise of the Soviet Union, has since been made by Israeli officials and journalists. For example, on Feb. 24, two days before the World Trade Center bombing, then-Israeli President Chaim Herzog reported that Israel was engaged in a "major battle against Iranian-controlled Islamic fundamentalism." "It's true that there's no Soviet Union now threatening," he explained, "but there are all sorts of lunatic states like Iran and Iraq and so forth which could upset the balance in the world." After the bombing, the U.S. media were dominated by "experts," all of Israeli origin or affiliation, who "explained" this new threat to U.S. national security. Amongst these experts we find Uri Dan, the authorized biographer of Gen. Ariel Sharon and Cable News Network correspondent, former Jerusalem Post scribbler, Wolf Blitzer.

Then there were the June 23 arrests of several of Rahman's followers for allegedly planning to blow up the U.N. and kill Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. But as with the earlier FBI and media claims in respect to the logistics and planning of the World Trade Center blast, the proffered plans of the new Islamic plotters are impossible to believe.

The publication of this cheap, widely distributed book is simply part of this Israeli propaganda campaign; Shapolsky Publishers often puts out books to such effect.

That terrorism in Europe and the United States may be making a comeback, however, cannot be discounted. But who runs it? An actual terror wave was signaled on June 24, when Turkish embassies, missions, and businesses in 29 European cities were simultaneously attacked, with some offices briefly occupied and hostages taken. But the assailants, the Kurdish Workers Party, like most Mideast terrorist organizations, emphatically including many of the "Islamic" ones, are covertly run by Britain and Israel.

After all, Ayatollah Khomeini was put into power by the Carter administration's National Security Council, British intelligence, British Petroleum, and the Israeli Mossad. As the Iran-Contra Affair, amidst other massive evidence, makes clear, their support continued. The same crowd funneled thousands of Arabs into Pakistan in the 1980s to be trained by the U.S. Special Forces and the Mossad, and they were then fed into the Afghan resistance. This Afghan resistance is now the alleged source of the "terrorists," which Bodansky et al. claim is now preparing its attack on the United States. As for Rahman, he will be extradited to Egypt as part of a broader Anglo-American/Israeli plan to destabilize the Mubarak regime. Anglo-American policy, it seems, is either to install a new Khomeini into power in Egypt, or else provoke an "anti-fundamentalist" military coup. Either way, Israel can continue to depict itself as a vital strategic

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asset of the West and the region's only true democracy.

Profile of an Israeli liar

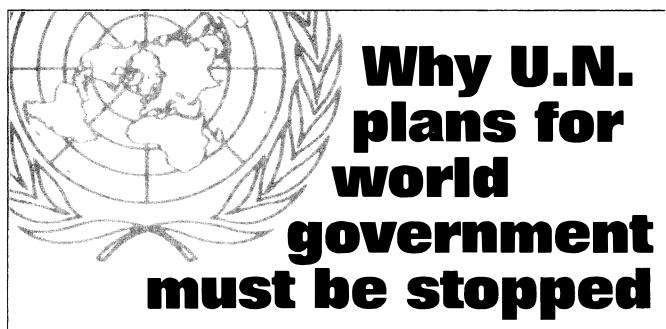
Yossef Bodansky was the editor of the Israeli Air Force's official magazine in the 1970s. At some point prior to the 1979 overthrow of the Shah of Iran, Bodansky emigrated to the U.S., where he resided as an academic at Johns Hopkins University. At the same time, Bodansky became the "technical editor" of the newsletter of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs. JINSA was then, and still is, edited by Shoshana Bryen, wife of Reagan administration Defense Department official Steven Bryen. The newsletter is dedicated to showing the vital need the U.S. has for militarily supporting Israel. Other founders of the publication include Richard Perle, who was later a Reagan administration assistant defense secretary; and Michael Ledeen, a close associate of former CIA deputy director for covert operations Theodore Shackley. Both Perle and Bryen had been formally investigated by the U.S. government for spying on behalf of Israel.

In the early years of the Reagan administration, Bodansky was hired by Perle and Bryen to be a consultant to the Defense Department. This was an unusual arrangement, since Bodansky was, and presumably still is, an Israeli citizen. Bodansky worked for the "Technology Transfer Branch," which examined whether technology transfers to

such countries as Iraq, Iran, etc., were permissible.

In 1985, shortly after Naval Intelligence employee Jonathan Pollard was caught spying for Israel, Bodansky dropped out of sight. According to well-informed sources, Bodansky was one of Pollard's controllers, and had, they say, always operated as an agent of LEKEM, the Israeli Defense Ministry's technological espionage branch. Bodansky had reportedly originally been sent to the United States as part of Israel's plans to acquire the technology to build the Lavi jet fighter, a modified version of the U.S. F-16. The Israeli Labor Party newspaper *Davar* reported that Bodansky was tied to Pollard.

A few months later, Bodansky found employment at "Mid-Atlantic Research," a Baltimore consulting firm directed by former British Royal Air Force intelligence officer John Rees (also tied to the FBI and the Israel lobby's Anti-Defamation League); former British intelligence official and spy novelist Robert Moss; and then Washington Times editor-in-chief Arnaud de Borchgrave. Simultaneously, Bodansky began occasionally writing articles on national security themes for the Washington Times. Bodansky also became a reporter for Jane's Defense monthly of Britain. By 1989, he became director of the House Republican Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare, where he reports on the alleged Islamic threat to America.



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