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Brits' Role Exposed In Sudanese Conflict

April 30—British involvement in the conflict between Sudan and South Sudan has been exposed in a number of recent articles, following the arrest of four foreigners and suspected-mercenaries—a Briton, Norwegian, South African, and a South Sudanese—in Sudan's Heglig oil area, where a major conflict took place recently between the two countries. The foreigners were captured when they were found collecting items from the battle arena.

In reviewing the British role, Iranian Press TV recalled British Foreign Secretary William Hague's statement a day after South Sudan became an independent country last year. Hague said that London would support the new republic and expressed optimism for its future. He also said he hoped South Sudan would join the British Commonwealth, which is otherwise a grouping of "former" British colonies.

Meanwhile, Sudanese Foreign Minister Ali Ahmed Karti is in Moscow. In a joint press conference with him, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said that a draft UN Security Council resolution on Sudan and South Sudan does not amount to a threat of sanctions if the two countries fail to comply with demands to stop hostilities. But he also pointed out that the draft resolution mentioned the possibility of further steps, including "economic measures," under Article 41 of the UN Charter, if the situation did not improve.

Repsol's Main Task: Loot Argentina via Derivatives

May 3—Richard Drayton, a professor of imperial history at Kings College in London, penned revealing expose in the May 2 London *Guardian* of exactly how the "Spanish" Repsol oil company looted Argentina through extensive speculation in financial derivatives.

Argentina's recent expropriation of

51% of Repsol's holdings in YPF wasn't just a display of populist demagoguery, as Wall Street and London assert, Drayton notes. In reality, it was a response to "the failures of privatization and its toxic connection to complex forms of financial speculation." Drayton points out that, both in the case of Bolivia, which just nationalized the Red Electrica Espanola (REE) company, and Argentina, there was an extraordinary process of asset-stripping "driven by the priorities of bankers in London and New York."

In both countries, investment was nil. In Bolivia's case, only \$81 million had been invested in the electricity grid since free-marketeer President Sanchez de Losada privatized it in 1997! And, Drayton charges, "behind the Repsol-YPF affair, in particular, was something very close to the sick capitalism that caused the 2008 crisis: high-yield, high-risk assets, sliced and diced via complex derivatives."

In essence, Drayton shows, Repsol led a double life. One involved producing, transporting, refining, and marketing oil; the other served as "a proxy for gambling on oil as a commodity and, through derivatives, for speculating on that speculation." Over the past decade, Repsol saw YPF's main value "as collateral on the basis of which debt could be contracted." Forget about oil and gas production and sales.

Barak: Elections Won't Stop Israeli War Against Iran

May 3—Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak declared May 2 that the prospect of elections will not deter his and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's plans for a pre-emptive attack on Iran.

"Elections will not affect deliberations of the professional echelon in everything regarding the Iranian issue," Barak said on his Facebook page, adding that Israel still sees military force as among "options on the table." According to YNET, he said an imminent election in Israel will not affect its strategy against

Iran, including plans for a possible pre-emptive war.

In an interview appearing in the May 3 *Yisrael Hayom*, which is owned by Zionist moneybags and Netanyahu backer Sheldon Adelson, Barak attacked former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, former Mossad chief Meir Dagan, and former Shin Bet chief Yuval Diskin, for their sharp criticism and charges of incompetence. Barak wildly asserted that the "Olmert gang is traveling around the world and speaking in a way that is serving Iran."

In response, Olmert's office released a statement saying, "The fact is that a former prime minister and three heads of Israeli security bodies—that have over the years dealt with the most sensitive matters regarding Israel's security—are positive that Barak, who will surely soon disappear from the Israeli political map, is leaving behind him great damages that harm the state's security; and every Israeli citizen must be alarmed."

Syrian 'Opposition' Sabotages Annan Plan

May 1—The Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz* recently reported the arrogant, blood-curdling statements from the Syrian opposition terrorists:

"We are starting to get smarter about tactics and use bombs, because people are too poor and we don't have enough rifles. It is just no match for the army. So we are trying to focus on the ways we can fight," said one anti-Assad fighter who claimed to be in command of a militia unit. "The rebels are getting better at bomb-making..."

The continuing carnage points to the prescient comments of Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, who, after meeting with NATO foreign ministers in Brussels last month, said that he told NATO colleagues, to "give up the prophecy that the Annan plan will fail. All countries, including the countries of the Gulf, should support the plan to succeed." He said that arming opposition groups in Syria can spread instability throughout the region.

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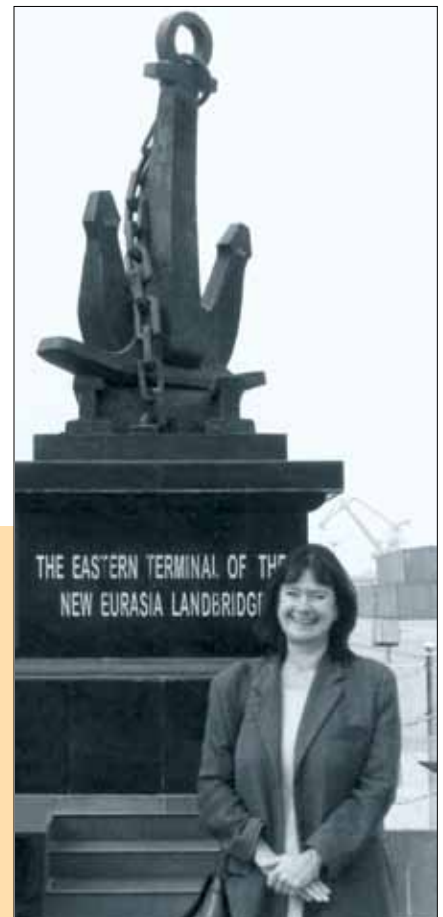
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