

## Temple Mount massacre aimed to spark Mideast war

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The massacre by Israeli police of at least 19 Palestinian demonstrators in Jerusalem on Oct. 8, has dramatically increased the probability of an Anglo-American war against Iraq, as was its intent. The Palestinians, mostly youths, were protesting an attempt by a Jewish fundamentalist cult, the Temple Mount Faithful, to lay a foundation-stone for a new "Temple of Solomon" on the grounds of the Al Aqsa Mosque, one of Islam's most holy sites. Israeli authorities claim that the police fired on the Palestinian youths because they were throwing stones.

This ugly incident was prearranged at the highest levels of several of the world's intelligence services, where such a scenario has been in preparation for many years. *EIR* exposed it first in an April 26, 1983 cover story entitled "Temple Mount fundamentalists launching new Middle East holy war." We wrote:

"An investigation by *EIR* into an ongoing secret-intelligence operation of a foreign power to plunge the Middle East into religious and racial warfare has concluded that a major threat to U.S. national security now exists. . . . The foreign power is Her Majesty's government of the United Kingdom and British Commonwealth, with admittedly interested collaborators in the Soviet Union. The methods being employed are among the methods refined since the high days of the Empire, using extremist assets among the nominal adherents of Judaism and Islam, and, in the United States, the so-called Christian fundamentalists. . . .

"Israeli zealots and their American pseudo-Christian counterparts are intent upon organizing a religious war in the Middle East, by terrorist means. The Freemasonic game-masters behind the fanatics are intent upon organizing a Mideast 'population war,' by religious means. London's goal is not the victory of any combatant, but the mutual destruction

and depopulation of all sides, with related economic-demographic consequences globally. If certain Moscow policy factions view this as an opportunity to further global 'Great Russian' hegemony, certain British monarchists view this as an opportunity for restoring the Empire and establishing what is best described as a malthusian world-federalist order."

### The provocation

This scenario is being promoted today by the Israeli government itself, with backing from London and Washington.

The Palestinian youths congregated at the mosque after the Temple Mount cult distributed a leaflet announcing that they would lay their temple foundation-stone that day. Members of the cult have previously been arrested for attempting to blow up the Al Aqsa Mosque and the nearby Dome of the Rock.

To further inflame the situation, Israeli authorities forcibly closed down both mosques that afternoon. This is the first time the holy sites have been closed to worshippers since approximately the year 1200, during the Crusades. Police arrested Jerusalem's second highest-ranking Islamic leader, Deputy Mufti Mohammed Jamal, for incitement to riot. The next day, police fired tear gas at believers attempting to enter the mosques to pray. Among the injured were Jerusalem's Mufti, the 80-year-old Saad Din Alami, who was hospitalized after being overcome by the fumes.

In a related provocation on the morning of Oct. 8, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir announced that his government would be constructing housing units for 50,000 Israeli Jews adjacent to an Arab neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem, and close to the mosque. During World War II, Shamir was the head of operations of the Stern Gang, the Zionist assassination group which made the reconstruction

of Solomon's Temple one of its central demands.

This is not the first time that the complex of fundamentalist cults, of which the Temple Mount Faithful is one, has been recently involved in religious violence in Jerusalem. Last spring, the Ateret Cohanim yeshiva, a day school affiliated with the cult, illegally occupied a Greek Orthodox hospice adjacent to the Greek Orthodox-administered Church of the Holy Sepulcher. This led to clashes with Greek Orthodox clergy, and the Orthodox patriarch was tear-gassed by police.

Shortly following the Holy Sepulcher incident, then-Minister of Housing David Levy, who is now foreign minister, admitted that the fundamentalist sects are funded by the Israeli government. As *EIR* has shown, the cults were formed by Israeli and British intelligence officials (see accompanying article).

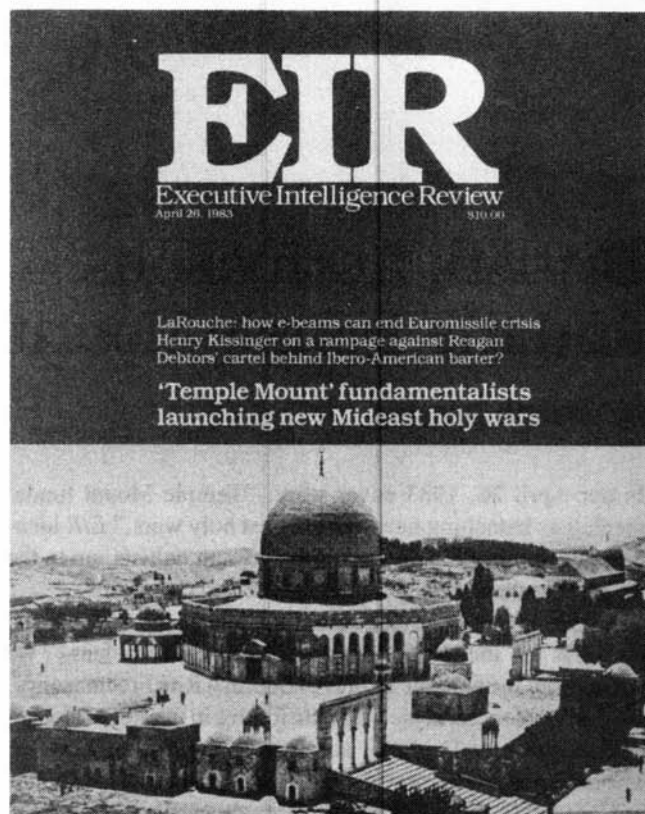
That the Israeli provocations are intended to lead to war was indicated by Stanley Goldfoot, the director of the Temple Mount Foundation, three days before the massacre. The foundation is the central control arm for the Temple Mount cults. Goldfoot, an old Stern Gang intimate of Shamir, told a U.S. journalist that the fight to build the Temple and the fight against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein are the same thing. He claimed that the "big danger" is that the U.S. will not go to war against Iraq. "The major issue is Jerusalem and the Temple Mount," Goldfoot said. "The question of *jihād* [holy war] has been the same for hundreds of years. Either we squash them or they squash us. It's a fight to the finish. We must ruthlessly crush Islam. We must make Israel invincible."

### British manipulation

Israel's well-organized provocations are the latest indication that the Anglo-Americans are attempting to prevent any solution to the Gulf crisis. It would appear that the Bush administration's "war party," led by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, has succeeded in convincing the President that he has no choice but to move toward a war.

The administration decision, well-placed sources report, was largely consolidated by President Bush's meeting with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on Sept. 31 at the United Nations. It was Thatcher who had earlier convinced Bush, after some initial wavering, to send troops to the Gulf following the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on Aug. 2. Reportedly, Thatcher insisted that Bush had no choice but to order a massive air strike against Iraq.

Immediately following the Thatcher meeting, Kissinger, a self-professed British agent of influence, worked closely with the Israeli government to create the conditions that would ensure that the United States would go to war. An influential player in the game is the *Jerusalem Post*, owned by the Hollinger Corporation of Canada, on whose board Kissinger sits along with former British Foreign Minister Peter Lord Carrington. Kissinger and Carrington have been involved in the project to rebuild the Temple since at least 1982.



*EIR's 1983 exposé of the Temple Mount cult identified precisely the networks that are controlling the current explosion of violence in Jerusalem.*

Central to this British manipulation of the Bush administration, some sources report, were several actions taken by Israel just prior to the massacre which were intended to give the impression that Israel would launch a war against Iraq or Jordan in the near term, whatever the Bush regime would ultimately choose to do.

These Israeli actions included the transfer of large amounts of military equipment from stockpiles to battle-ready sites; the high-profile distribution of gas masks to Israel's Jewish population; and several interviews given to the Israeli press by senior, although unidentified Israeli figures, reporting that the Israeli government feared that the U.S. would not strike Iraq, and that Bush's indecision left Israel vulnerable to Iraqi attack.

If Israel were to move preemptively against Iraq, the Bush administration's current efforts to put together a new regional military alliance modeled on the defunct CENTO, would fall into ruins. As it is, the populations of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Turkey are increasingly opposed to their governments' servile collaboration with both the Anglo-American forces now occupying Saudi Arabia, and the Israelis. Egypt and Saudi Arabia, in particular, may have to rapidly distance themselves from the U.S. administration, despite Bush's cosmetic rebuke of the Israelis for the massacre.