

NGO 'hit list' targets armed forces

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The proponents of a "one world" order represented by the so-called non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have escalated their assault on the armed forces in Ibero-America, with the publication of a "hit list" of Colombian military officers for narco-terrorist assassins. The officers are all supposed violators of human rights. Crushing the continent's armed forces is a prerequisite for eliminating the concept of national sovereignty, and elimination of the military officer corps is the first crucial step.

The results of this pro-terrorist propaganda are already evident in Germany, whose government denied visas to four top Colombian Army officers, based on the fact that their names appear on the NGO list.

The Colombian hit list was unveiled at precisely the moment that the human rights NGOs in neighboring Peru are waging a battle in the courts and in the media to force that country's Armed Forces to reveal the names of personnel engaged in anti-subversive operations. Thus far, the head of the joint chiefs of staff, Gen. Nicolás Hermoza, has refused to turn over the names, insisting that this would make the officers immediate targets for the Shining Path narco-terrorists. But the pressure is increasing.

"State Terrorism in Colombia" is the title of a 580-page compendium of military personnel profiles, photographs and all, just issued by human rights NGOs ranging from Pax Christi International to the World Organization Against Torture. In the introduction to the 350 profiles, the NGOs state that those responsible for "state terrorism" in Colombia have hitherto remained in the shadows, and that their publication "is our contribution toward exposing them." While the introduction is devoted to repeated but undocumented charges that Colombia's military and police forces are responsible for nearly 13,000 "political assassinations" and another 2,000 "disappearances" during the 1980s, there is not *one single word* in the book devoted to the narcotics cartels or to the narco-terrorist guerrilla groups whose acknowledged *modus operandi* is kidnapping, torture, assassination, and mass murder.

Indeed, one would never guess from reading this book that Colombia is a country which has been under siege for more than a decade from some of the most violent criminal elements in the world.

Exemplary of the outright lies the NGOs retail in their publication is the case of Army Capt. Germán Pataquiva

García, who is accused in the book of operating a "paramilitary group" in the department of Santander, which supposedly murdered 149 peasants. The book alleges that at least four judges and the attorney general's office are investigating these charges. The truth, however, has been turned on its head.

The incidents referred to did take place in El Carmen del Chucuri, a town in Santander which had been an operations center for the bloody Cuba-linked National Liberation Army (ELN). Captain Pataquiva had won the sympathy of the town's residents and, with their help, had succeeded in kicking the ELN out of their stronghold. In retaliation, the ELN assassinated the mayor of Carmen and began a siege against the town: mining the fields so that the farmers couldn't sow without losing a limb or worse, and dynamiting the bridges that gave access to the town.

Accusations of human rights violations by so-called peasants from the area, who later proved to be members of the ELN, led to police raids on various homes in Carmen, and the arrest of the popularly elected former and current mayors of the town who had collaborated with Captain Pataquiva. The population refused to be cowed, however, and exposed the witnesses as ELN terrorists. Today, the courts are investigating the so-called witnesses.

The story appearing in "State Terrorism in Colombia" is lying ELN propaganda. And so, one can safely assume, is the rest of its "evidence."

Peru: NGOs front for Shining Path

The terrorist offensive against the Peruvian Army has been similarly complemented by propaganda being issued in the name of the human rights NGOs and their accomplices in the international media. In April, Americas Watch published a report on Peru which lies that human rights abuses have "significantly worsened" in the past year under the Fujimori regime. Reading more closely, one discovers that the alleged human rights violations for which Americas Watch expresses such concern are in the majority involving Shining Path terrorists who had the misfortune to be arrested, tried, and convicted for their crimes.

The report denounces the government's anti-terrorist legislation as "state terrorism," along with the institution of the "faceless judge" system, which has successfully protected magistrates sitting on terrorism cases from facing bloody retaliation. Americas Watch lists individuals whom they claim have been "unfairly prosecuted" by the government, including Shining Path chieftain Abimael Guzmán and his coterie.

The appearance of the Americas Watch report, at the same time that pro-terrorist forces inside the Peruvian Congress are demanding the heads of the Armed Forces leaders for a concocted "massacre," is more than coincidence. Under that same heading one might also put the *New York Times's* recent "objective" article on the Peruvian military, entitled "Rapists in Uniform."