

## British launch new terror war against ‘allies’

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Suddenly, western Europe is awash in terrorist bloodshed, and the prime suspects are not Slobodan Milosevic or Saddam Hussein. Rather, the British secret services, the government of Tony Blair, and allied factions within the structures of NATO, who are all opposed to a diplomatic solution to the Kosovo war, are at the top of the suspects list.

- On May 20, professional assassins killed Massimo D’Antona, a close associate of Italian Prime Minister Massimo D’Alema and an adviser to the Italian Ministry of Labor. In a 28-page document released shortly after the shooting, the Italian Red Brigades claimed credit for the assassination, labeling D’Antona a “sellout” of labor interests, and denouncing the Italian government for its role in the NATO air war against Yugoslavia. The assassination occurred at precisely the moment that the Italian government was taking the lead in pressing for an *end* to the NATO air war, and for a diplomatic solution to the crisis—an intervention most unwelcome in London.

- On May 22, following a meeting of the heads of all of the Italian security services, a list of 130 potential targets of terrorist attack was released, with Prime Minister D’Alema’s name topping the list.

- Late in the evening of May 23-24, a “Red Brigades” insignia was plastered on the door of Prime Minister D’Alema’s private house in Gallipoli, in southern Italy.

- During the same week that this terrorist activation was striking Italy, the “November 17th Organization” carried out several attacks in Athens, Greece. The residence of the German ambassador was hit by grenades, and bomb attacks were carried out against the Austrian Trade Office and Deutsche Bank.

- Also on May 22, Norwegian police discovered the bodies of Anne Orderud Paust and her parents at their farm house outside of Oslo. The three victims had been shot at close

range. Anne Orderud Paust was the personal secretary of the Norwegian Defense Minister, and the widow of a prominent Norwegian career diplomat who had died in May 1999.

While the brunt of the recent terrorism has been directed at targets in continental western Europe, the irregular warfare spree has by no means been confined to that area.

- On May 19, unidentified gunmen machine-gunned to death Amin Kayed, the chief intelligence officer for Yasser Arafat’s Fatah organization in the Lebanese city of Tyre. Kayed’s wife was also murdered in the attack. The assassination came 48 hours after Israeli voters overwhelmingly cast out the warhawk Netanyahu-Sharon Likud government.

- The Indian government has increased security around Sonia Gandhi, the head of the Congress Party, who is likely to be the party’s lead candidate in the autumn 1999 national elections. The security alert was triggered by reports that leaders of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam had met in April in Durban, South Africa, to plot out Mrs. Gandhi’s assassination. Mrs. Gandhi husband, former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, was assassinated on May 21, 1991, while campaigning in the state of Tamil Nadu.

While no less a figure than NATO Supreme Allied Commander Gen. Wesley Clark sought to blame the wave of terrorism on Yugoslavia (“Let’s just say that such acts are part of the strategy pursued by Milosevic and others,” General Clark told the London *Times*, during a stopover at Vicenza air base in Italy), both the circumstances and the targets of the attack suggest a vastly different motive and different culprits.

As we detail below, all of the targets of the recent terrorist upsurge since the April 23-25 NATO summit in Washington, have been aligned with President Bill Clinton in opposing British war aims in the Balkans, in the Middle East, and in South Asia. German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder forged a close working partnership with both President Clinton and



*British Prime Minister Tony Blair and the British oligarchy are totally opposed to a diplomatic solution in Kosovo, and are desperate to maintain their global geopolitical hegemony. Follow the trail to the top, if you want to know who is running the current outbreak of terrorism. Blair is shown here (with glazed eyes) at the NATO summit in Washington, D.C. in April. Left to right: British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, British Defense Secretary George Robertson, Blair, U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Henry H. Shelton, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and (behind Albright), U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen.*

Prime Minister D'Alema during the NATO summit, when they blocked Tony Blair's efforts to draw the alliance into a made-to-fail ground war in the Balkans—a ground war that would finish off any prospects of a U.S.-continental western European alliance with the “survivors’ bloc” of nations, led by China, Russia, and India.

Lyndon LaRouche has identified such a coalition of sovereign nation-states, devoted to a far-reaching economic development strategy for the Eurasian land-mass, as the greatest threat to the survival of the British-American-Commonwealth (BAC) financial oligarchy.

Not only does London have the *motive* to launch such a “strategy of tension.” British security services, and allied segments of the NATO intelligence structures, have a proven track record of carrying out such clandestine “state-sponsored” terrorism, when their geostrategic interests were jeopardized. Not only is there the recent case of the vehicular assassination of Princess Diana in Paris, on Aug. 31, 1997, which this magazine has documented. We document below, how Britain resorted to terrorist assassination in 1989, arranging the murder of Deutsche Bank Chairman Alfred Herrhausen, and having it claimed by a phantom “Red Army Fraction.”

In 1982, British-aligned clandestine elements under NATO, known as “Gladio,” provided the crucial support for the Red Brigades kidnap and murder of Italy's former Prime Minister Aldo Moro, whose sin, in the eyes of the British, was that he was forging a “historical compromise” between Catholic and Communist political forces, to end the chronic instability of postwar Italian governments. The British had succeeded, with the aid of such “American” assets as the

late CIA counterintelligence chief James Jesus Angleton, in creating a “parallel intelligence structure” in Italy, run through a British Freemasonic lodge, Propaganda-2, controlled directly by the British royal household. That structure ran the decade-long terror campaign against Italy known, in NATO parlance, as “the strategy of tension.”

Britain had tested this urban terrorism program under “laboratory” control circumstances in Northern Ireland, beginning in 1969; some of the most prominent “veterans” of the Northern Ireland covert war have now resurfaced in the current Balkan operation.

### **The Rathenau parallel**

Even before the recent bloodshed in Europe, *EIR* Founder Lyndon LaRouche, a renowned expert on irregular warfare, had warned that the British would launch a new wave of destabilizations. LaRouche accurately forecast that President Clinton's public break with his ostensible “partners,” Al Gore and Tony Blair, over the Balkans war, Middle East peace, and the U.S. strategic relations with Moscow and Beijing, would trigger a violent British response.

LaRouche drew the historical parallel to the June 24, 1922 assassination of German Foreign Minister Walther Rathenau, who was the architect of the Rapallo Treaty between Germany and Russia. The Rapallo Treaty threatened to destroy the economic warfare against vanquished Germany, that had been sealed at Versailles. The treaty was signed on April 16, 1922, and within less than two months, Hitler's hit-squads had murdered the minister in cold blood in Berlin, setting off a chain of events that eventually led to world war.