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## Ten Years On, 9/11 Still Haunts US

### \$3.7 Trillion For 9/11 Wars, \$12,000 Per Person

By NANCY A. YOUSSEF / GLOBAL RESEARCH

WASHINGTON: When congressional cost-cutters meet later this year to decide on trimming the federal budget, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq could represent juicy targets. But how much do the wars actually cost the US taxpayer?

Nobody really knows.

Yes, Congress has allotted \$1.3 trillion for war spending through fiscal year 2011 just to the Defense Department. There are long Pentagon spreadsheets that outline how much of that was spent on personnel, transportation, fuel and other costs. In a recent speech, President Barack Obama assigned the wars a \$1 trillion price tag.

But all those numbers are incomplete. Besides what Congress appropriated, the Pentagon spent an additional unknown amount from its \$5.2 trillion base budget over that same period. According to a recent Brown University study, the wars and their ripple effects have cost the United States \$3.7 trillion, or more than \$12,000 per American.

Lawmakers remain sharply divided over the wisdom of slashing the military budget, even with the United States winding down two long conflicts, but there's also a more fundamental

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### The NY Times Ostrich Act on JFK Assassination Getting Old

By RUSS BAKER

Despite overwhelming contrary evidence, Oswald still labeled "leftist"

Nobody's perfect. But it's hard to think of anything as unworthy of such a world-famous journalistic institution as the *New York Times'* decades-long determination never, ever, to find any reason to question the original story spun by the Warren Commission on the JFK assassination, no matter how much new evidence has come out to the contrary.

It reminds a bit of the forever-blinkered character Sgt. Schultz on the old TV show "Hogan's Heroes" ("I see NUUU-sing").

Ask any reporter, privately, what he or she thinks on this issue. Putting aside those who will demur on the basis of not having read widely on the topic (a surprisingly large number), you'll find most believing that the "lone nut" or "Leftist loner" narratives about Oswald are utter junk. This would certainly apply in the *New York Times* newsroom.

And yet just the other day, there was this obituary. It's about Warren Leslie, a Dallas reporter who wrote a book on right-wing animosity toward JFK in Dallas at the time of the assassination. Yet, skip down to paragraph 17, and you have this contradictory little morsel: "...the lone suspect in the assassination, Lee Harvey Oswald, far from being a right-winger, was an ardent leftist with Communist sympathies."

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### Why 9/11 Still Matters

By SIBEL EDMONDS

Why some Still Question, Seek Answer(s) and Accountability

For 'some' reason, I have been receiving more than a few 'eye-rolling' responses when I mention our theme for the month leading up to September 11- the tenth year. You and I know where the conscious, but mostly subconscious, eye-rolling, and in some cases eye-aversion, reactions come from. A very few bold people are actually courageous enough to put this reaction into words. They ask "Why can't some people just let it go?" They comment, "enough already with this 9/11 subject!" Many of these same people are actually very outspoken and active in combating civil-liberties-related issues and abuses such as NSA illegal domestic wiretapping, rendition and torture, FBI National Security Letters, TSA's outrageous abuses ...and the long list goes on. However, for some reason they see "this 9/11 thing" as a pointless nuisance, and wonder why some people don't give up and keep bringing "it" up. After all, the majority of these people consider 9/11 as "case closed," and a few regard it as a "cold case".

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### Fukushima Far Worse than Chernobyl

*Already bad situation at stricken reactors continues to get worse. Radiation levels lethal and rising. Leaked radioactive contaminants greater than Chernobyl and continue with no prospect of containment. Air, sea, soil and human toll will be enormous and long lasting.*

WASHINGTON'S BLOG

Thursday, August 11: There has been a cluster of earthquakes near Fukushima. Just today (August 11), there was another 6.0 earthquake.

There has also been a cluster of meltdowns at Fukushima. For example, *The Asahi Shimbun* (newspaper) reports:

"A second meltdown likely occurred in the No. 3 reactor at the Fukushima No. 1 nuclear power plant, a scenario that could hinder the current strategy to end the crisis, a scientist said.

"In that meltdown, 10 days after the March 11 Great East Japan Earthquake,

the fuel may have leaked to the surrounding containment vessel, according to a report by Fumiya Tanabe, a former senior researcher at what was then the government-affiliated Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute

Under Tokyo Electric Power Co.'s (TEPCO) road map to deal with its crippled nuclear plant, reducing temperatures at the bottom of the core pressure vessel is one objective for bringing the accident under control. But if the fuel burned through the pressure vessel surrounding the No. 3 reactor and dropped into the containment vessel, that plan would be affected.

Around 11 a.m. on March 14, the reactor building was hit by a large hydrogen explosion

that was likely caused by a core meltdown, which led to fuel falling to the bottom of the pressure vessel.

Tanabe also estimates that the second meltdown led to the release of large amounts of radioactive materials, and that much of the fuel fell through the pressure vessel to the surrounding containment vessel.

Kunihisa Soda, a former commissioner at the Nuclear Safety Commission of Japan who is a specialist on severe accidents at nuclear plants, said the possibility of a second meltdown could not be ruled out.

Nuclear expert Arnie Gundersen notes that there are currently lethal radiation

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### Libya and The End of Western Illusions

By THIERRY MEYSSAN/VOLTAIRE NETWORK

Five months into the bombing campaign, it is no longer possible to believe the initial official version of the events and the massacres attributed to the "Gaddafi regime". Moreover, it is now essential to take into account Libya's legal and diplomatic rebuttal, highlighting the crimes against peace committed by television propaganda, the war crimes perpetrated by NATO military forces, and

the crimes against humanity sponsored by political leaders of the Atlantic Alliance.

Just under half of Europeans still support the war against Libya. Their position is based on erroneous information. They still believe, in fact, that in February the "Gaddafi regime" crushed the protests in Benghazi with brutal force and bombed civilian districts in Tripoli, while the Colonel himself was warning of "rivers of blood" if his compatriots continued to challenge his authority.

During my two months' investigation on the ground, I was able to verify that these accusations were pure propaganda intoxication, designed by the NATO powers to create rationalizations to justify war, and relayed around the world by their television media, in particular Al-Jazeera, CNN, BBC and France24.

However, the reader who doesn't know where he stands on this issue and who

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### Organized Political Terrorism: the Norwegian Massacre

By PROF. JAMES PETRAS

The July 22, 2011, bombing of the office of the Norwegian Prime Minister, Labor Party Jen Stoltenberg, which killed 8 civilians, and the subsequent political assassination of 68 unarmed activists of the Labor Party Youth on Utoeya Island, just 20 minutes from Oslo, by militant neo-fascist Christian-Zionists, raises fundamental questions about the growing links between the legal Far-Right, the 'mainstream media', the Norwegian

police, Israel and rightwing terrorism.

**The Mass Media and the Rise of Rightwing Terrorism:**

The leading English language newspapers, *The New York Times* (NYT), *The Washington Post* (WP), *The Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) and *The Financial Times* (FT), as well as President Obama, blamed "Islamic extremists", upon the first police reports of the killings, publishing a series of incendiary

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Anders Behring Breivik

### The British Riots: Corruption At The Top Leads To Lawlessness By The People

By WASHINGTON'S BLOG

I've repeatedly noted that corruption and lawlessness by our "leaders" encourages lawlessness by everyone else.

Peter Osborne - the *Daily Telegraph's* chief political commentator - wrote on August 12:

"The criminality in our streets cannot be dissociated from the moral disintegration in the highest ranks of modern British society. The last two decades have seen a terrifying

decline in standards among the British governing elite. It has become acceptable for our politicians to lie and to cheat. An almost universal culture of selfishness and greed has grown up.

"It is not just the feral youth of Tottenham who have forgotten they have duties as well as rights. So have the feral rich....

"The so-called feral youth seem oblivious to decency and morality. But so are the

venal rich and powerful - too many of our bankers, footballers, wealthy businessmen and politicians.

"The sad young men and women, without hope or aspiration ... have caused such mayhem and chaos over the past few days. But the rioters have this defense: they are just following the example set by senior and respected figures in society. Let's bear in mind

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# Report: \$3.7 Trillion For 9/11 Wars, \$12,000 Per Person

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problem: It's almost impossible to pin down just what the US military spends on war.

To be sure, the costs are staggering.

According to Defense Department figures, by the end of April the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — including everything from personnel and equipment to training Iraqi and Afghan security forces and deploying intelligence-gathering drones — had cost an average of \$9.7 billion a month, with roughly two-thirds going to Afghanistan. That total is roughly the entire annual budget for the Environmental Protection Agency.

To compare, it would take the State Department — with its annual budget of \$27.4 billion — more than four months to spend that amount. NASA could have launched its final shuttle mission in July, which cost \$1.5 billion, six times for what the Pentagon is allotted to spend each month in those two wars.

What about Medicare Part D, President George W. Bush's 2003 expansion of prescription drug benefits for seniors, which cost a Congressional Budget Office-estimated \$385 billion over 10 years? The Pentagon spends that in Iraq and Afghanistan in about 40 months.

Because of the complex and often ambiguous Pentagon budgeting process, it's nearly impossible to get an accurate breakdown of every operating cost. Some funding comes out of the base budget; other money comes from supplemental appropriations.

But the estimates can be eye-popping, especially considering the logistical challenges to getting even the most basic equipment and comforts to troops in extremely forbidding terrain.

In Afghanistan, for example, the US military spent \$1.5 billion to purchase 329.8 million gallons of fuel for vehicles, aircraft and generators from October 2010 to May 2011. That's a not-unheard-of \$4.55 per gallon, but it doesn't include the cost of getting the fuel to combat zones and the human cost of transporting it through hostile areas, which can hike the cost to hundreds of dollars a gallon.

Just getting air-conditioning to troops in Afghanistan, including transport and maintenance, costs \$20 billion per year, retired Brig. Gen. Steve Anderson told National Public Radio recently. That's half the amount that the federal government has spent on Amtrak over 40 years.

War spending falls behind tax cuts and prescription drug benefits for seniors as contributors to the \$14.3 trillion federal debt. The Pentagon's base budget has grown every year for the past 14 years, marking the

longest sustained growth period in US history, but it seems clear that that era is ending.

Since the US government issued war bonds to help finance World War II, Washington has asked taxpayers to shoulder less and less of a burden in times of conflict. In the early 1950s Congress raised taxes by 4 percent of the gross domestic product to pay for the Korean War; in 1968, during the Vietnam War, a tax was imposed to raise revenue by about 1 percent of GDP.

No such mechanism was imposed for Iraq or Afghanistan, and in the early years of the wars Congress didn't even demand a true accounting of war spending, giving the military whatever it needed. Now, at a time of fiscal woes and with the American public weary of the wars, the question has become how much the nation's largest bureaucracy should cut.

"The debt crisis has been a game changer in terms of defense spending," said Laura Peterson, a national security analyst at Taxpayers for Common Sense, a nonpartisan budget watchdog.

"It used to be that asking how

law mandates across-the-board cuts of \$1.2 trillion over 10 years, with half of that coming from the Pentagon. The prospect of such deep defense cuts is thought to provide a strong incentive for deficit hawks to compromise and spread the pain more broadly.

Politics aside, finding defense savings is complex, even with the Obama administration trying to wind down two wars. For one thing, reducing troop levels doesn't necessarily yield commensurate cost reductions, given the huge amount of infrastructure the military still maintains in each country.

In Afghanistan, the cost per service member climbed from \$507,000 in fiscal year 2009 to \$667,000 the following year, according to the Congressional Research Service. Fiscal year 2011 costs are expected to reach \$694,000 per service member, even as the US military begins drawing down 33,000 of the 99,000 troops there.

In Iraq, even with the overall costs of the war declining and the US military scheduled to withdraw its remaining 46,000 troops by the end of this year, the cost per service member spiked from \$510,000 in 2007 to \$802,000 this year.

In fiscal year 2011, Congress authorized \$113 billion for the war in Afghanistan and \$46 billion for Iraq. The Pentagon's 2012 budget request is lower: \$107 billion for Afghanistan

determining the costs of war is defining what to include. Rising health care costs for veterans? The damage done to Iraqi and Afghan families, cities and institutions? Holding tens of thousands of detainees at US military prisons in those two countries and others around the world? The massive interest on war-related debt, which some experts say could reach \$1 trillion by 2020?

"The ripple effects on the US economy have also been significant, including job loss and interest rate increases, and those effects have been underappreciated," wrote a team of Brown University experts who authored a June report called "Costs of War."

Critics of the defense budget process note that the US already has paid a heavy cost for the wars, spending billions to wind up with older equipment and troops receiving less training.

Winslow Wheeler, who worked on national security issues on Capitol Hill for 30 years, said the Navy and Air Force fleets were smaller after a decade of war. The Army has been left with run-down, overworked vehicles and equipment.

"The danger of that is that as we blithely go on not paying attention, things happen that we don't notice, like the older, less trained forces," Wheeler said. Because the cost of replacing



## 9/11 First Responders Left Out In The Cold On Health Care

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fibers, cellulose, and extremely toxic carcinogen asbestos, as well as detectable amounts of lead, and mercury. "There were also unprecedented levels of dioxin and PAHs from the fires which burned for three months. Many of the dispersed substances (asbestos, crystalline silica, lead, cadmium, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons) are carcinogenic; other substances can trigger kidney, heart, liver and nervous system deterioration. This was well known by the EPA at the time of collapse." (Wikipedia)

And yet, on September 18, 2001, Christine Todd Whitman, EPA head, made her infamous statement: "We are very encouraged that the results from our monitoring of air-quality and drinking-water conditions in both New York and near the Pentagon show that the public in these areas is not being exposed to excessive levels of asbestos or other harmful substances" and that "Given the scope of the tragedy from last week, I am glad to reassure the people of New York ... that their air is safe to breathe and the water is safe to drink."

By 2006 nearly 70 percent of 9/11 first responders had debilitating respiratory illnesses.

In a February 2011 article by Kevin Ryan "Energetic Materials as a Potential Cause of the 9/11 First Responder Illnesses" Ryan examines how the thermite used to help bring down the buildings is also contributing to the first responders illnesses.

"Less understood, and requiring further study, are unusual illnesses of the immune system commonly observed in the WTC first responders. These include various types of interstitial lung disease, such as eosinophilic pneumonia, granulomatous pneumonitis, and bronchial obliterans. Environmental triggers for these illnesses include aluminum silicates, which have been found in the lungs of WTC first responders at high levels in "unusual platy configurations."

"Other common WTC lung ailments include sarcoidosis, which is known to be caused by aluminum dust, and pulmonary fibrosis, which can be caused by aluminum oxide. (Jederlinic PJ, Abraham JL, Churg A, Himmelstein JS, Epler GR, Gaensler EA. 1990. Pulmonary fibrosis in aluminum oxide workers. Investigation of nine workers, with pathologic examination and microanalysis in three of them. *Am Rev Respir Dis*. 142(5):1179-84)

"These findings have, until now, lacked an adequate scientific explanation. But recent research suggests a correlation with the causes of the destruction of WTC buildings 1, 2 and 7. Aluminum oxide — a potential cause of the observed pulmonary fibrosis — is a product of the thermite reaction, and there is now considerable evidence for the use of thermite in the destruction of WTC buildings 1, 2 and 7. Additionally, aluminum and silicates — potential causes of the observed illnesses of the immune system — are components of nanothermite formulations."

Dr. John Howard, the director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health was appointed to be a special coordinator for the World Trade Center Programs to respond to the health effects of the September 11 attacks. Howard has advocated for

rescue workers, introducing a program to provide screening, medical exams, and treatment for them. But, Howard has stated that there is inadequate "published scientific and medical findings" that a causal link exists between September 11 exposures and the occurrence of cancer in responders and survivors. Howard goes on to say: "As new research and findings are released, we will continue to do periodic reviews of cancer" for the program, the next review is expected in early to mid-2012.

Some of the New York lawmakers who originally hailed the legislation are now speaking out against the exclusion of cancer.

"As the sponsors of the Zadroga Act, we are disappointed that Dr. Howard has not yet found sufficient evidence to support covering cancers," Democratic Reps. Carolyn Maloney and Jerrold Nadler and Republican Rep. Peter King, who wrote the act, said in a joint statement.

"This is disappointing news for 9/11 responders and survivors who tragically have been diagnosed with cancer since the attacks and are suffering day to day and awaiting help," they said.

"So many people have gotten such rare cancers — and at such young ages — that it seems obvious there must be a link," Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer said in a statement.

He called the report "premature" and said revision will "demonstrate that those who were exposed to the witches' brew of toxins at ground zero have developed serious illnesses, including cancer, and deserve justice."

Part of the problem with linking any illness to the toxins of the WTC is that there have been no standard protocols to help doctors diagnose post-9/11 deaths. According to New York Representatives Jerry Nadler (D-Manhattan), Pete King (R-Long Island) and Carolyn Maloney (D-Manhattan) "We do not know to what extent WTC exposures contributed to their deaths, or whether their deaths were unrelated," the lawmakers wrote, seeking a set of guidelines.

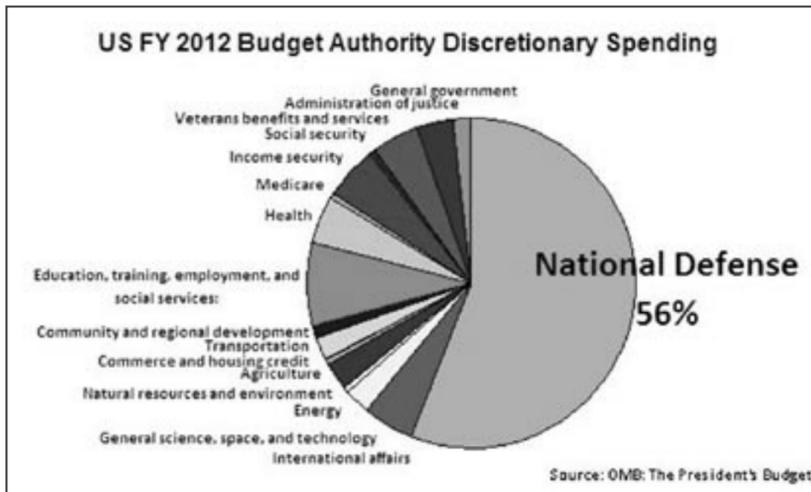
Autopsy rules could have huge impacts on the people affected by the WTC toxins and their families. "It is very emotional," said Jim Melius, who oversees the 9/11 health-monitoring program. Melius feels that autopsies would help doctors understand Ground Zero illnesses and craft better treatments.

It's taken almost 10 years for the "heroes" of 9/11 to finally get some compensation for their illnesses, but for many it is too little too late. The longer the government drags it's feet the more heroes will die.

New York City has a 9/11 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary event planned, but the first responders have not been invited. Mayor Bloomberg says the day would be reserved for victims' families. "Family members only will be allowed to walk onto the plaza, look at their loved ones' names, look down into the voids." Bloomberg added, "The first day, it's reserved for those family members who lost somebody on 9/11."

Once again our heroes are left out in the cold.

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much the wars cost was unpatriotic. The attitude going into the war is you spend whatever you cost. Now maybe asking is more patriotic."

Still, deep cuts to the Pentagon remain unpalatable to many lawmakers. The debt limit deal that Congress passed earlier this month calls for \$350 billion in "defense and security" spending cuts through 2024, but that's expected to be spread across several government agencies, sparing the Pentagon much of the blow.

However, if the 12-member bipartisan "super-committee" of lawmakers can't agree on further federal budget cuts later this year, the

and \$11 billion for Iraq.

In the more austere fiscal climate, the Pentagon has tried to be proactive, proposing cuts to some major military programs such as the controversial and hugely expensive F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Adm. Mike Mullen, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has called the national debt the biggest threat to US national security. Before leaving office last month as defense secretary, Robert Gates ordered his department to find ways to cut \$400 billion from the defense budget over 12 years, under Obama's orders.

Among the challenges of

equipment has risen dramatically over the past decade, "what we are paying is a higher cost for a smaller force." He likened it to replacing a Lamborghini with a Volkswagen.

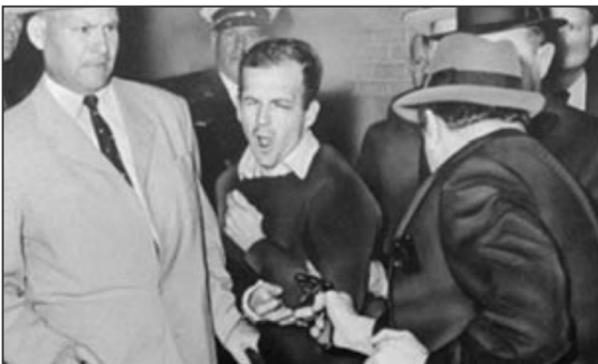
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## The NY Times Ostrich Act on JFK Assassination Getting Old



On November 24, 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, in a scene captured on live television.

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It's just neatly slipped in as if it's an uncontested fact, like the day's sports scores.

Why take this angle? I called and e-mailed the obituary writer, *Times* staffer Dennis Hevesi, to ask him, but did not hear back by the time this was posted. In any case, it's unfair to single Hevesi out, since this has been a long-standing *Times* policy on the matter.

Indeed, the obituary was typical of *The Times'* way of handling the subject—every so often, run a kind of "curiosity" piece about some reporter or character, but then subtly undercut their findings.

Take the paper's coverage of former *Washington Post* reporter and author Jefferson Morley's ongoing research on Oswald, which again points toward

Oswald not being a "leftist sympathizer" or Communist agent at all. *The Times* article, generally sympathetic toward Morley, actually began with the following disclaimer, which essentially contradicted the article's thrust:

"Is the Central Intelligence Agency covering up some dark secret about the assassination of John F. Kennedy? Probably not."

We have to wonder if that opening nullifier was dictated from on high. After all, though Scott Shane, who wrote that piece, called Morley's reporting "meticulous," for some reason the article never provides the name of Morley's book, *Our Man in Mexico*, nor provides a link to it, but quotes the main "no-conspiracy" author, and cites the name of his book instead.

There are literally hundreds of interesting, often excellent books on the JFK assassination. The vast majority of those written by serious researchers and scholars, and backed by extensive documentation and footnotes, come down on the side of Oswald having been recruited years earlier to do covert work for US government entities—with the "left-winger" story serving as constructed cover until his untimely demise.

I myself ran into the depth of the subterfuge and the institutional resistance to disturbing revelations while researching the Bush family's past for my investigative history, *Family of Secrets*. I learned, for example, of George H.W. Bush's secret intelligence connections, which preceded his CIA directorship by several decades. I learned that the elder Bush had a lifelong friendship with a Dallas-based Russian émigré (anti-communist) oil and intelligence operative named George de Mohrenschildt—who himself was of intense if passing interest to the Warren Commission. And I learned that de Mohrenschildt had essentially guided Oswald for a good part of the year before the assassination.

There's paperwork on all this, even a letter on the topic of Oswald from de Mohrenschildt to Bush, with Bush's reply. Plus connections between de Mohrenschildt and right-wing Dallas moguls of exactly the sort that the late Mr. Leslie wrote about more generally.

Nothing on this Oswald-de Mohrenschildt-Bush connection has ever been mentioned by *The Times* (save a one-sentence pooh-pooh in the paper by the late establishment historian Stephen Ambrose in 1992.) However, *The Times* did cover de Mohrenschildt's suicide, shortly after

his final correspondence with Bush and shortly before he was expected to testify before the new House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Speaking of which, *The Times* rarely reminds readers that the House committee itself concluded that Kennedy's death was probably the result of an elaborate conspiracy (i.e., it was not a "loner" operation), but with no Soviet or Cuban government involvement.

How to explain this see-no-evil act? There are many reasons that news organizations will not tell the whole story, or fudge what could be revealed. Whatever is behind this shameful failure, reporters and editors know that the JFK assassination is just "too hot to handle," that it is a kind of electrified third rail that can destroy a journalism career. But even well-founded fear—of being ridiculed, marginalized, demoted, or otherwise penalized—is no justification for this unrelenting pattern of behavior at an institution that promotes itself as a "paper of record."

Anyone who calls him- or herself a journalist must be willing to take risks for the truth. After all, if the public can't count on journalists to get it right on the big stories, why should they trust us on the rest? And if journalism can't be trusted, democracy is on a slippery slope.

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## A Parasite on the World

By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS

If Russian Prime Minister Putin's recent description of America as "a parasite on the world" was reported by the US media, little doubt but that most Americans were infuriated. We are the virtuous people. Without us good guys to police the world there would be mayhem and wars everywhere, not merely the ones we started in the Middle East, Asia, and North Africa. Without the American white hats people everywhere would be starving and dying from natural disasters. It is us chosen ones who provide the rescue operations and good deeds. How dare the former KGB monster to slander our country!

Is it merely a coincidence that on August 11 the Swiss announced that they were discarding their monetary constitution that has prevented inflation in Switzerland and that has made their currency a safe haven for people everywhere who desired to protect their wealth, both small and large, from the predatory inflation practices of their own governments? Or is the Swiss announcement a result of America's financial irresponsibility, the behavior of a parasite?

The Swiss said that they are forced to violate their monetary constitution, because the irresponsible practices of the United States and European Union monetary authorities are driving so many dollars and euros into Swiss francs that the franc has appreciated to astronomical heights and is threatening Switzerland with the collapse of their export markets and Gross Domestic Product.

The EU says it has no choice but to bail out its private banks as that is the policy of Washington, DC, and that it must print euros in order to bail out the banks. This policy

is in violation of the charter of the European Central Bank, but what do rules and laws mean in today's world? Nothing whatsoever.

Obviously, Washington is threatening the world not merely with war but also with inflation.

After announcing a massive printing of Swiss francs to absorb the inflow of dollars and euros so that the exchange value of the franc would not rise further, the Swiss government announced that it would peg its franc to the euro. That means that the Swiss will defend the pegged rate of exchange by printing enough francs to offset the inflows of euros. I think that the

Swiss chose the euro as the peg over the US dollar because the majority of Swiss exports are to Europe rather than to the US.

Years ago China pegged its yuan to the US dollar, not to protect its currency from rising as a result of flight from the dollar, but in order to demonstrate that the money of what was seen as a questionable communist currency was "as good as the US dollar."

Not long ago China was forced off the fixed peg by the amount of Chinese money creation necessary to maintain the peg. China substituted a "moving peg" that allows the Chinese currency to slowly appreciate against the dollar. The Chinese currency is rising as the dollar falls, but the "floating peg" is behind events. Consequently, China's currency is over-valued with regard to the "superpower" dollar, and China is importing inflation by having to create yuan in order to maintain the floating peg as the dollar is declining faster than the peg.

Oil producing countries such as Saudi Arabia and Qatar have their currencies in a fixed peg to the dollar. If the dollar depreciates too much in currency markets, the price of oil tends to go up. In other words, oil producers can compensate for US dollar devaluation by hiking the oil price of their main export.

So, we can begin to see what Putin means. If the Americans are irresponsible with their monetary policy, if American banks have loans and credit default swaps to threatened European banks that require bailouts from the European Central Bank in order to protect the US banks as well as the solvency of the European private banks, if the price of oil, which is priced in dollars, goes up to the rest of the world because of US monetary irresponsibility, the entire world suffers from the Americans' inability or unwillingness to put their house in order.

If anything, Putin understated the burden that America is on the world.

How much longer will the world put up with "the virtuous nation?"

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## Letter Carriers Basic to the Survival of our Communities

By JOE P. BROWN / RCPF

Any talk of cutting postal service to our communities is really un-American! In my opinion even un-patriotic! Section 8 of the Constitution states: "to establish Post Office and post roads."

The basis of community has been our main streets. On our main streets we see the post offices, general stores, clothing stores, barber shops, hair salons, grocery stores, banks and YMCAs. Do you recognize these shops in your town?

The US Postal Service (USPS) delivers mail to approximately 150 million homes and businesses six days a week. The highlight of many an American's day has been the delivery of the mail. Checks, letters, bills, medicine, etc. are the lifeblood of our lives. Many of us are unaware of the additional value that a letter carrier who visits our homes contributes to the community. Letter carriers have observed residents lying on the floor inside their homes who need assistance. And they have also reported break-ins into peoples' homes; sometimes helping to capture the culprits. And for some, letter carriers are the only human contact they will experience all day.

### A Boon to the Economy

The USPS contributes 70 billion a year into the economy. 800,000 people are employed in the postal service.

"We keep the economy going," says Ken Lerch, President of Branch 3825 of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), Rockville, MD. "There's a nationwide disinformation campaign going on aimed at destroying the universal public post office and their unions."

At this time the USPS is in the fight of it's life. Congress is considering cutting back mail delivery from six days to five days a week. According to Fredric Rolando, President National Association of Letter Carriers, ending the six day service would:

- Cause the loss of 80,000 full and part time jobs
- Break a bi-partisan thirty year history and tradition of Congress preserving six day delivery
- Hurt tens of millions of customers and businesses whose livelihoods depend on Saturday mail delivery.
- Ignore a Postal Regulatory Commission finding that eliminating Saturday delivery would result in lower savings than USPS forecasts and such a reduction in service would have a disproportionately negative impact on elderly and rural Americans.

According to Viktor Fraker, a letter carrier from Gaithersburg, MD said, "Cutting Saturday mail delivery would be the end of the post office."

A very important bill is being considered in the House of Representatives to protect the six day

delivery and all the jobs that would be lost. The bill is H.R.2434.

### Congressional Mandate is killing the Post Office and the Big Lie!

The Postal Service Retiree Health Benefit fund ahs \$47billion, enough to cover retiree premiums for 204 years. We have been told over and over again how the postal service is having financial problems. This deficit is the result of a Bush era (2006) law that requires the USPS to massively pre-fund the cost of retiree health benefits over the next 75 years in jus 10 years time. This cost (5.5 billion every year) covers not only current employees, but employees who have yet to be hired. It is also on top of the cost for health benefits for current retirees. This accounts for 100% of the Postal Services' 20 billion in losses over the past four years. Without the mandate the post office would have been profitable over the past four years. This certainly is not what we have been hearing from the mainstream media. Nowhere in America has any private company been required to pre-fund future retiree health benefits. What needs to happen is that Congress allow the USPS to use the large surpluses in its pension plans to cover the cost of pre-funding. The solution has been presented by Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA) through HR 1351, the USPS's Pension Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act of 2011.

It is of the utmost imperative at this time that we all stand up for the letter carriers. These hard working people are the backbone of America. They provide a service that all of us benefit from and all need. Show your support!

### Honor the Contract

Demand that there be no layoffs, cutbacks, or firings. Demand through HR2434 and HR1351 that Congress rescinds the future pre-funding of retirement and health benefits. (Remember, no other agency or company is required to do this.)

I am calling for a massive letter writing campaign. Imagine the scene when the President of the NALC presents thousands and thousands of letters to the management of the United States Postal Service.

Americans will be sending (through the mail, of course) a resounding message that we want to protect those who deliver for us.

Write to:  
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Effort for New Investigation Launched on 9/11 Anniversary

## U.S. Senator to Lead Massachusetts Initiative Campaign for a New 9/11 Commission

By BYRON BELITSOS

Former Senator Mike Gravel has inaugurated an ambitious citizens' campaign to authorize a new investigation of the events of September 11, 2001. As an initial step, Senator Gravel has filed a proposed ballot-initiative measure that is expected to be approved by the attorney general of Massachusetts by September 7. If adopted by the voters, the new law would create an independent, citizen-led investigatory commission that would be seated in Massachusetts and vested with subpoena power and the power to take testimony under oath. "I personally initiated this effort to create a new 9/11 commission," stated Gravel, "in response to the unending outpouring of calls for a new investigation—in the light of new evidence—from Americans across the political spectrum. Because our gridlocked Congress is obviously incapable of taking up this issue, I believe that state initiatives are our best alternative approach. Massachusetts is an optimal state in which to begin this work."

Gravel is a former two-term Senator from Alaska and a 2008 presidential candidate who is also considering a run for the presidency in 2012 at the urging of grassroots groups. The Senator is currently chair and founder of the Citizens 9/11 Commission Campaign (911cc.org), a California-based citizen's group that is filing similar ballot measures in other states, notably Oregon and Alaska. He then represented Alaska in the U.S. Senate from 1969-81.

Gravel represented Alaska in the U.S. Senate from 1969-81. He served on numerous committees, including Finance and Interior, and on the Environmental Pollution subcommittee. In 1971, he waged a successful one-man filibuster for five months that forced the Nixon administration to cut a deal, effectively ending the draft in the United States. He is most prominently known for his release of the Pentagon Papers, the secret official study that revealed the lies and manipulations of successive U.S. administrations that misled the country into the Vietnam War. From the floor of the senate, Gravel (a junior senator at the time) insisted that his constituents had a right to know the truth behind the war and proceeded to read 4,100 pages of the 7,000 page document into the Senate record.

Senator Gravel noted that thousands of courageous Americans have lent their names to the call for a new investigation, including over 220 senior military, intelligence, and other government officials; over 1,500 engineers and architects; over 250 pilots and aviation professionals; and over 400 professors. (See PatriotsQuestion911.com.) "Polls have also repeatedly shown that millions of Americans seriously doubt the official story about 9/11," Gravel stated. "On the tenth anniversary of these events, it is obvious that we urgently need citizen action to get a new investigation."

Senator Gravel traces his interest in the issue to the charge leveled by the co-chairs that the original 9/11 Commission, Thomas Kean and Lee Hamilton, that the Commission they led was "set up to fail," as stated in their 2006 book, Without Precedent. Gravel pointed out that, according to an Associated Press review article (August 4, 2006), "the Sept. 11 commission was so frustrated with repeated misstatements by the Pentagon and FAA about their response to the 2001 terror attacks that it considered an investigation into possible deception." Co-chair Kean stated: "We to this day don't know why NORAD [the North American Aerospace Command] told us what they told us. It was just so far from the truth. It's one of those loose ends that never got tied." Gravel also noted that the Senior Counsel to the 9/11 Commission, John Farmer, openly stated that "At some level of the government, at some point in time ... there was an agreement not to tell the truth about what happened."



Senator Mike Gravel

### Statewide Ballot Initiative Campaign for a New 9/11 Commission

Senator Gravel—a native of Massachusetts—will kick off the ballot initiative campaign on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of 9/11 with a two press conferences, followed by a 12-day tour of the state.

The first press conference will be held on September 12, 2011 at 2:30 pm at the Boston Logan International Airport 9/11 Memorial. (The new memorial commemorates the 206 victims of the 9/11 attacks who had ties to Massachusetts.) The second will be held the following day at 11:00 am on the steps of the Massachusetts state house on Beacon Hill.

Senator Gravel will be supported in the state by a coalition of Massachusetts 9/11-truth groups and local concerned citizens led by Rich McCampbell, a Cambridge-based biotech engineer, and Rich Aucoin, former Libertarian candidate for lieutenant governor who has worked in senior positions in three previous initiative campaigns. Working with Gravel, the statewide alliance will create awareness and raise the funds needed for running a petition campaign. The group's slogan is "9/11—Never Forget. Vote YES to remember 9/11."

In cooperation with Senator Gravel, McCampbell, Aucoin, and a group of 20 Massachusetts voters submitted the proposed initiative law on August 3. Its formal certification by the Attorney General's office of Massachusetts is due no later than September 7.

In his public appearances in key cities and towns through the state, Gravel will explain the intent of the proposed law to voters, who will then be asked to support the petition campaign, the first step in the group's work. According to the Massachusetts initiative law, supporters must have collected a minimum of nearly 70,000 valid signatures from registered voters by early December of 2011.

### Proposed Powers of the New 9/11 Commission

If Gravel's petition campaign succeeds in getting its measure on the ballot, and if it is approved by Massachusetts voters in November of 2012, the primary work of the "Citizens' 9/11 Investigation Commission," once it is funded and seated, will be to engage in a fair and impartial investigation of the circumstances of the alleged terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

The Commission, supported by its staff, will call or subpoena witnesses and hold evidentiary hearings under oath. It will also be empowered to inquire into events leading up to 9/11, as well as those occurring in its aftermath, and will re-examine the findings of any previous investigations.

The Commission established by the initiative law will consist of at least 15 members. Commissioners will be selected by the Citizens 9/11 Commission Campaign steering committee from a screened list of nominations submitted by the public and also from among its own internally compiled list of distinguished citizens. The newly seated commissioners will then

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# Peeling the 9/11 Onion: Layers of Plots within Plots

One of the primary means of immobilizing the American people politically today is to hold them in a state of confusion in which anything can be believed and nothing can be known... nothing of significance, that is.

— E. Martin Scholtz, HISTORY WILL NOT ABSOLVE US (1996)

BY JIM FETZER (WITH PRESTON JAMES)

9/11 appears to have been a classic “false flag” operation in which an attack is planned by one source but blamed upon another. In this case, the evidence suggests neo-cons in the Department of Defense and their allies in the Mossad were actually responsible for the execution of the atrocities of 9/11. That story was buried, however, in a surfeit of alternative explanations for which the evidence was far more tenuous but which were of much greater political utility. And in each case, qualified experts uncovered evidence that induced sincere but false beliefs that they were “the real deal”.

The situation encountered with regard to 9/11 turns out to be far more sophisticated than the efforts that were made to divert attention from the conspirators in the case of the assassination of JFK, where “Track #1”, as we might call it, implicated Lee Harvey Oswald as “the lone assassin”. Track #2 suggested that he was working for Fidel Castro and that Cuba had done it. Track #3 was redirected domestically to encompass the Mafia, while Track #4 targeted the Soviet Union. But these were superficial distractions for which most of the evidence was flimsy and inconclusive. 9/11 presents a greater challenge to unpack, because in this case, planted evidence was more extensive and appeared to be real.

Deep black covert operations, of course, are by their very nature shrouded in multiple layers of secrecy, protected by the “need to know” and sensitive compartmented information (SCI). Since WWII, however, major covert operations have become increasingly sophisticated and new models have been developed which take full advantage of the extensive national security laws and practices guaranteed under the National Security Acts of 1947 and 1952. The experts who create these plots are specialists in PSYOPS, which entails accessing, stimulating and manipulating the subconscious minds of the target population as a single unit in order to create beliefs and instill motivations in the public mind that are necessary to support their actions but would normally be viewed as unacceptable.

This is related to Abraham Maslow’s “hierarchy of needs”. When basic primal survival fears are activated in the “group mind” of the masses, this fear induces the motivation for a population to willingly give up their rights and liberties even for merely the promise of more protection from the boogymen. This principle is the basis for successful PSYOPS. The use of multi-track intermeshed, deep-black covert operations also creates massive cognitive dissonance among federal investigators, private researchers and the public, which typically eventually results in folks abandoning the issue and going away in “quiet desperation”, which is the actual intended result of those who plan and activate them.

## Deep Black/False Flag Ops

The “shroud of secrecy” they afford provides perfect cover to plan and carry out these sophisticated multi-track deep black covert operations and keep them secret—even from those operatives who are involved as well as the government’s own agents who do the investigations. The “national security” cover can be dropped on any matter that is at risk of being disclosed to the public and then can be invoked again at any time. Thus, alphabet soup of agencies who discover what really happened can be silenced and the media can be gagged with the delivery of a “national security letter”.

One of the greatest advances in deep black, false flag/stand-down covert operations has been the development of a new, more complex design, best referred to as “multi-track, enmeshed”. This involves using a complicated design with independent covert operations, each of which could individually do the job if they were actually “taken live”. These operations, however, are designed to be enmeshed at the nexus of the actual target, at which point some are deactivated and one or more taken live.

This can completely confound even the most seasoned investigators, thus creating so much conflict among researchers that these emergent conflicts between them provide the best cover possible for what was actually done and how it was done. Multi-track and interwoven deep black covert operations are therefore designed from the very start to obfuscate the actual operation that is selected and taken live, thereby denying most “intel” and government officials as well as the public any real knowledge of the actual operational purpose and information about the covert operation or why a particular covert operation was taken live as the predominant op.

As an illustration, when we attempt to peel the 9/11 onion, we discover there are at least five different alternative theories for which evidence has emerged, where each of them has sincere supporters who falsely believe that they have found critical evidence about that happened on 9/11. Each of these is actually one plot of many plots, which were deliberately contrived to create sufficient confusion that everything about 9/11 turns out to be believable and nothing is knowable. Such deep black cover op designs can thereby provide sufficient “after the fact” cover to keep the truth buried in confusion forever.

## Palestinians Did It

Cover Story #1: Palestinians Did It! Efforts were being made before the Twin Towers were destroyed to imply Palestinian responsibility for commandeering those planes and committing

those crimes, which may have taken the lives of as many as 3,000 citizens and employees. Those who were watching closely saw archival footage of Palestinians rejoicing on a festive occasion being broadcast as though it were contemporaneous to



Palestinians Celebrating (NOT on 9/11)

convey the impression—meant to be indelible—that the Palestinian people had taken pleasure at inflicting misery on America.

An early report from CNN even asserted that the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine had claimed responsibility for 9/11—and that was before Flight 175 had hit the South Tower! So during that brief interval between the first hit on the North Tower at 8:46:40 and the second on the South Tower at 9:03:11, a propaganda operation to implicate the Palestinians was well under way. The immediate availability of this report and video footage indicates the direction in which responsibility for these attacks was originally intended to be cast.

## Mossad Did It

And that might have become the official cover story, were it not for observant residents near Liberty State Park in New Jersey who watched as five young men, dressed in Arab garb, filmed the destruction of the Twin Towers, cheering and celebrating, which came across as odd behavior, under the circumstances. When they were apprehended in a white van from Urban Moving Systems, the driver would inform the arresting officer that they were not the problem: “We are Israelis. We are not your problem. Your problems are our problems. The Palestinians are your problem.”

They were found to have \$4,700 in cash, box cutters, and foreign passports in their possession. Urban Moving Systems would subsequently be identified as a Mossad front. After 71 days of incarceration, the Dancing Israelis would be released and return to Israel, where three of them would go on TV there and explain that their purpose had been to document the destruction of the Twin Towers. Once they had been arrested, however, the story was quietly dropped. It was just too revealing that Israel had been profoundly involved in the events of 9/11.

## Arab Hijackers Did It

Cover Story #2: 19 Arab Hijackers Did It. If these attacks could not be blamed on the Palestinians without revealing Israeli complicity, the fallback was effortless. We know “the official account”—that nineteen Islamic terrorists hijacked four commercial carriers, outfoxed the most sophisticated air defense system in the world and perpetrated these atrocities under the control of a guy in a cave in Afghanistan. It would turn out that 15 of the 19 alleged terrorists were from Saudi Arabia and none were from Iraq.

But that would not matter in the grand scheme of things, where Bush/Cheney/Rumsfeld would push 9/11 as a justification for attacking Iraq. Not only was the public being fed false information about weapons of mass destruction and collusion with al Qaeda, but the national press was oblivious to the obvious question that remained unaddressed by government officials or the mainstream media: If 15 of 19 hijackers were from Saudi Arabia, two from the United Arab Emirates, one from Lebanon and one from Egypt, then why were we attacking Iraq?

## Osama bin Laden with al Qaeda

Even the FBI would eventually acknowledge that it had no “hard evidence” that Osama bin Laden had had anything to do with 9/11. But the range of evidence that exonerates al Qaeda and implicates the Bush/Cheney administration in these crimes has become as broad as it is deep.



Osama bin Laden with al Qaeda

Elias Davidsson, for example, has shown that the US government had never produced evidence that the alleged “hijackers” were even aboard those four planes. David Ray Griffin, the leading expert on 9/11 in the world today, has shown that the alleged cell phone calls from those planes were faked, where even our own FBI has confirmed that Barbara Olson never spoke to her husband, Ted, the Solicitor General of the US.

## Pakistan/Turkey/Saudi Arabia

Cover Story #3: The Pakistanis Did It. This track was based upon the supposition that well-

financed Pakistani intel operatives were able to buy expensive “K Street” lobbyists and gain influence with high officials in the government and Department of Defense, who had much to gain from a “staged terror attack” such as 9/11. It was the next layer of the onion to be peeled when and if the Arab hijackers story wouldn’t work any longer and was initiated by the revelation that Omar Sheikh, a British-born Islamist militant, had wired \$100,000 before the 9/11 attacks to Mohammed Atta, allegedly the lead hijacker, at the direction General Mahmoud Ahmed, the then head of Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). As Michael Meecher has observed, it is extraordinary that neither Ahmed nor Sheikh have been charged and brought to trial on this count. It certainly raises the prospect that the ISI was deeply involved and possibly responsible for the events of 9/11. Even if it were true,



Pakistani General Mahmoud Ahmed

however, it cannot begin to account for the causal nexus that brought about 9/11 or identify those who were “pulling the strings”.

“Ahmed, the paymaster for the hijackers,” Meecher writes, “was actually in Washington on 9/11, and had a series of pre-9/11 top-level meetings in the White House, the Pentagon, the National Security Council, with George Tenet, then head of the CIA and Marc Grossman, the under-secretary of state for political affairs. When Ahmed was exposed by the *Wall Street Journal* as having sent the money to the hijackers, he was forced to “retire” by President Pervez Musharraf. Why hasn’t the US demanded that he be questioned and tried in court?” Although a number of reasons have been advanced for not taking this story seriously, Meecher mentions a number of sources who have information that might or might not implicate the ISI and expose those who were behind 9/11, the most important of whom appears to be former FBI translator, Sibel Edmonds, who has recently been speaking out.

## Sibel Edmonds

Edmonds, a 41-year-old Turkish-American linguist, who is fluent in both Turkish and Azerbaijani, and was employed by the FBI as a translator from 2001-02, has tried to blow the whistle on the cover-up of intelligence that names some of the culprits who orchestrated the 9/11 attacks. While Sibel has been under gag orders forbidding her from testifying in court or mentioning the names of the people or of the countries involved, she has said. “My translations of the 9/11 intercepts included [terrorist] money laundering, detailed and date-specific information ... if they were to do real investigations, we would see several significant high-level criminal prosecutions in this country [the US] ... and believe me, they will



Sibel Edmonds

do everything to cover this up”.

Revelations emerging from her case have been described as being explosive, including “that foreign operatives who were working in the translation department had tried to recruit her for their operations; that there exists a nuclear spy ring aided and abetted by high ranking US government officials who have been selling America’s nuclear secrets on the black market; that foreign language intelligence directly pertaining to 9/11 was deliberately withheld from FBI agents in the field; that Osama bin Laden had an ‘intimate relationship’ with the United States government right up until 9/11.” While most of this is probably true, the theory of the case that she appears to imply—that Turkey, with assistance by actors from Pakistan, and Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia, had been using bin Laden and the Taliban as a proxy terrorist army to promote Turkey’s own agenda—may be true in its own right, but based upon the totality of what we know now, does not begin to approach an explanation for the stand-down by NORAD, for example, or of how the demolitions were situated, of the post-attack cover-ups.

## The US “Let it Happen”

Cover Story #4: It was allowed to happen.



The collapse of the World Trade Center north tower.

The distinction between “LIHOP” (let it happen on purpose) and “MIHOP” (made it happen on purpose) has been powerfully reinforced by the “Able Danger” contretemps. As a highly classified, anti-terrorist intelligence operation, “Able Danger” fell under Special Operations Command (SOCOM) and Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) control. When claims arose that the US had had advanced knowledge of 9/11 and had allowed it to happen, a 16-month investigation by the Senate Intelligence Committee reported in December 2006 that there had been no knowledge of the 9/11 attacks by US authorities.

The evidence, however, indicates that was not the case—and, indeed, that the events of 9/11 were orchestrated and staged by elements within the Department of Defense with help from their friends in the Mossad. As the tenth observance of 9/11 approaches, we know that there were a minimum of two independent deep cover covert operations which were operating on dual track, parallel, and also interwoven. The first one was the creation and tracking—principally by the Mossad of some “low tech” terrorist cells, which were set up, financed, and trained by US and other intelligence agencies.

“Able Danger” discovered this low-tech terror cell sub-track, which we can call “Track A”. The operation was designed to be discovered to create false cover, so that when 9/11 succeeded, it could



Zacarias Moussawi

be shown by information discovered by a bona fide intelligence group that this terror cell was responsible. That would be the role played by Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer, other members of the “Able Danger” team, and whistleblower Coleen Rowley of the FBI in Minneapolis. Track A, however, was designed to be discovered and then the investigation stopped, creating the image of high-level US incompetence that had allowed this terror cell to succeed in hijacking aircraft with

box-cutters and then flying those aircraft into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon.

When the folks from “Able Danger” swear that they uncovered “a real terrorist cell plot”, they are telling the truth. It was set up this way as a false track. When Coleen Rowley expresses frustration because she could not obtain a search warrant for the hard drive of Zacarias Moussawi because he was involved in this terror cell, she was telling the truth. But Track A was set up as a false track to be terminated before the 9/11 attacks to provide a convincing cover story for the highest levels of US intelligence and make the government appear to be merely hugely incompetent. After all, how could government officials of this incompetence have staged a successful and effective covert operation?

## The US “Made it Happen”

Actual Story: The US “Made it Happen” or MIHOP. Track B, by comparison, was a high-tech track designed to use readiness exercises on 9/11, including some 17 anti-terrorist drills on 9/11 that disrupted communication and coordination between NORAD and the FAA, by taking some of them live and substituting high-tech weapons in order to target the Twin Towers and the Pentagon by that means. Track B involved the use of numerous different pre-planted demolition means, including incendiaries and multiple modes of destruction, most of which alone would be insufficient cause for the detonation of the Twin Towers, which was arguably used to induce false leads confusing investigators and researchers.

A perfect example turns out to be the “hard science” 9/11 Truth group’s insistence that nanothermite was the principal element used in the demolition of the Twin Towers. This position, which has assumed a status akin to that of a dogma within the 9/11 movement, turns out to be unsustainable in light of research that has established that nanothermite is non-explosive—or, at best, a feeble explosive—and cannot have been responsible for blowing the towers apart, for ejecting massive steel assemblies hundreds of feet, or for the pulverization of concrete or the destruction of steel by means of shockwaves. To a bona fide explosives expert, the claim that nanothermite provided the explosive energy or enough shockwave velocity to perform these tasks had to be an obvious deception. If it was deliberately planted to divert research on 9/11

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## Why 9/11 Still Matters

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I am not going to get into the reasons for this post; although, I have plenty to say on the subject. Instead, for the purpose of this piece, and for those audiences, I am going to answer the ‘whys.’ Why ‘some’ still question and seek answers and accountability on 9/11.

Why 9/11? Because ‘they’ claim that’s what gives them the right to override our Constitution and all other laws guaranteeing our liberties and privacy.

Why 9/11? Because that’s what ‘they’ claim as justification for every one of our many wars.

Why 9/11? Because that’s what ‘they’ say is the reason for us having to be violated, humiliated, groped and fondled for the ‘privilege’ of travel.

Why 9/11? Because that’s when ‘they’ began the illegal eavesdropping of all our communications.

Why 9/11? Because that’s how ‘they’ legitimize excessive secrecy.

Why 9/11? Because that’s the excuse ‘they’ use to implement torture and severe human right violations and escape all liabilities.

Why 9/11? Because that’s the rationalization ‘they’ use to expand ‘their’ size and power.

Why 9/11? Because ‘they’ have successfully made it a means to justify many unjustifiable ends.

Why 9/11? Because that holds answers to many questions ‘they’ don’t want you to ask.

Why 9/11? Because that’s the question ‘they’ don’t want ever answered.

Why 9/11? Because maybe that is what ‘they’ really wanted.

Why 9/11? Because ‘they’ should not get away with it.

With all due respect to those who are still not satisfied with my answers to their ‘why’ question, we’ll be publishing articles, podcast interviews and investigative videos on 9/11 and related topics for the next few weeks...or maybe longer. We hope to have those friends as an open-minded and critical thinking audience during our 9/11 coverage here at Boiling Frogs Post.

Sibel Edmonds

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along an ultimately unproductive line, it may have succeeded beyond the wildest intel dreams as a classic “red herring”.

Another example, surprisingly, is the Pentagon attack, where some of those within the 9/11 community have argued strenuously for not “going there”, because the Department of Defense might spring a new video on the public that proves a Boeing 757 actually did hit the building. The evidence contradicting that contention is abundant and compelling, however, including the expert assessment of Major General Albert N. Stubblebine, USA (ret.), perhaps the world’s leading expert on image analysis and interpretation, who has concluded that no plane hit the Pentagon. When you take all the evidence into account, the case against a



The Pentagon after “impact”

plane is staggering, but internal dissension has precluded using it— and other powerful proofs of governmental fakery —and has taken this evidence out of the public domain:

“From the photographs I have analyzed very, very carefully,” Stubblebine has explained, “it was not an airplane.” During an interview in Germany, he explained that there should have been wing marks on the façade of the Pentagon. “If it had wings, it would have left wing marks. [There are] those who claim that the plane tilted and hit the ground first and lost a wing. But airplanes have two wings, and he could not find indications of any wing in any of those photographs.” Regarding the Twin Towers, he added, “Look at the buildings falling—they didn’t fall down because of an airplane hit them. They fell down because explosives went off inside. Demolition. Look at Building 7, for God’s sake.”

**Whistleblowing as Deception**

The politics of 9/11, however, are far more murky than the science. So when folks from “Able Danger” swear that they uncovered a real terror cell plot, they are telling the truth. It was set up this way as a false track. When a Colleen Rowley expresses frustration that she could not get a search warrant for Moussau’s hard-drive because he was involved in this terror cell, she is telling the truth. When a Sibel Edmonds is gagged by court order and tries to tell how certain how administration officials were communicating with this terror cell, she is telling the truth. Indeed, the effort to mislead our own experts even extended to Richard Clarke, who has explained that he himself had been given the false impression that, apart from a few analysts, the CIA had been unaware of what was going on prior to 9/11, which was intended to support the theory of US incompetence.

Clarke, who was the nation’s leading anti-terrorism expert recently observed, “It’s not as I originally thought, which was that one lonely CIA analyst got this information and didn’t somehow recognize the significance of it,” Clarke said during an interview. “No, fifty, 5-0,



Colleen Rowley, center

CIA personnel knew about this. Among the fifty people in CIA who knew these guys were in the country was the CIA director. ... We therefore conclude that there was a high-level decision inside CIA ordering people not to share that information. ... It is also possible, as some FBI investigators suspect, that the CIA was running a joint venture with Saudi intelligence in order to get around that restriction ... These are only theories about the CIA’s failures to communicate vital information to the bureau ... Perhaps the agency decided that Saudi intelligence would have a better chance of recruiting these men than the Americans. That would leave no CIA fingerprints on the operation as well.”

Indeed, as Ian Henshall has observed, if you substitute the Mossad for the Saudis, you have the explanation for the dancing Israelis, who were apprehended for filming and celebrating during the destruction of the Twin Towers and were released later under orders from Michael Chertoff, then an advisor to Attorney General John Ashcroft and a dual US-Israeli citizen, who would become Director of the new Department of Homeland Security—which leads directly to reports like those from Dr. Steve Pieczenik that 9/11 was indeed “an inside job” and studies like those from Alan Sabrosky, Ph.D., who has explained that 9/11 involved complicity between neo-con Zionists in the Department of Defense and the Mossad, where Israel had very powerful motives for 9/11 and, along with the Bush/Cheney administration, has been its primary beneficiary.

But Israel cannot have done this alone. The NORAD “stand down” and the attack on the Pentagon required complicity at the highest levels of the Department of Defense and the Bush White House. And the benefits to the Bush/Cheney administration have likewise been enormous. As Patrick Martin has observed, “Without 9/11, there would be no US occupation of Iraq, putting an American army squarely at the center of the world’s largest pool of oil. Without 9/11, there would be no US bases across Central Asia, guarding the second largest source of oil and gas. And without 9/11, the Bush administration would have been unable to sustain itself politically, faced with a deteriorating economy and widespread opposition to its tax cuts for millionaires and social measures to appease the fundamentalist Christian Right.”

**The Fourth Reich**

Indeed, the extreme motivation of a small number of radical Israelis and their lobbies, like AIPAC, to manipulate US foreign policy in the Mideast may have created a huge future trap for them in their role as “classic cutouts,” which can be later exposed in a limited-hangout admission in order to direct blame toward the Mossad and the small number of radical Jews involved, who do not represent most Jewish folks at all, thus directing blame away from those who used them in their cutout role and who were actually at the top of the command structure. This limited hangout disclosure could then later be used to blame all Jews and add them to the large and growing Homeland Security watch-list of possible domestic terrorists such as Muslims, fundamentalist Christians, returning veterans, Ron Paul supporters, Constitutionalists, anti-war activists, and tax protestors, and members of any current social group that is trying to gain exposure and cessation of rampant government corruption and creeping tyranny of the government at all levels, which, of course, encompasses those dedicated to 9/11 Truth.

**Richard Clarke, Anti-Terrorism Czar**

It does not take a PSYOPS expert to discern the pattern here when Richard Clarke suddenly resuscitates the incompetence theory, according to which the US “let 9/11 happen”. Even on the assumption that he is sincere, we have a fall-back position intended to minimize concern for complicity by the Bush/Cheney administration and its friends in the Mossad—who, moreover, do not necessarily represent the highest level of control over the atrocities of 9/11. Because



Richard Clarke

Clarke was in the crucial position of being the Bush administration’s anti-terrorism czar, his affirmations about incompetence between agencies, such as the CIA and the FBI, come across to the public and can be widely promoted as admirable and courageous acts of whistle blowing, when their role in deceiving the public drowns amidst the anguish and concern that “if only we had done better” and “we must not let this happen again”, oblivious of the role which his reports are playing in burying the truth about 9/11.

We have now reached the point in America where any citizen or group wanting to obtain needed social justice, or the cessation of undeclared, unprovoked, and unconstitutional wars, in violation of international law and the UN Charter, are now placed on a secret watch list and considered to be “potential domestic terrorists” by Homeland Security, which some—with ample justification—view as “The New American Gestapo.” If the US has been hijacked by offshore corporate and banking interests, which have their own anti-American agenda and are now in the process of Nazifying America, as some astute researchers have suggested, then certainly this could lead to a “Fourth Reich” run by offshore banks and large international corporations, and we could see a replay of the unlimited persecution of minorities and special scapegoats such as specific groups — Muslims, Jews and Christians who dissent from The New Tyranny.

So, if you have wondered why covert operations like 9/11 are so difficult to unravel or why it is all but impossible to convince the feds who investigated it that this was actually a US false flag/stand-down/inside-job, deep-black covert operation, the answer to that question appears to be that the plan was designed from conception to obfuscate what happened. This game plan not only regards the public but also the government’s own experts, who would be assigned to investigate them—and even to keep most of those who had an actual part in those operations in the dark, so only those at the highest levels of the government knew what happened and, even among them, only a chosen few probably knew the full dimensions of the plan. The objective throughout, accordingly, has always been to keep the public in a state of uncertainty, where everything about these events is believable and nothing is knowable—which is the ultimate objective of disinformation.

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**Some Forty-six Drills, Exercises and Operations Bear on 9/11**

By WEBSTER G. TARPLEY

When we turn to 9/11, we find that information in the public domain reflects what may well be the greatest density

of drills and exercises in US history up to that time, and quite possibly of all time. Current research suggests that some forty-six drills bear on 9/11. This

includes drills held on the day of 9/11, drills held to prepare 9/11 during the months and years leading up to these events, and drills – primarily Amalgam Virgo 2002 – which were scheduled for the time after 9/11. But which were in an advanced state of preparation. The drills before 9/11 created the array of capabilities, coordination, and techniques which were put into action on the big day. The drills on 9/11 created conditions conducive for the planned event, and allowed numerous concrete actions to be conducted and bootleg through government bureaucracies, employing government resources in the process. The post-9/11 scheduling of Amalgam Virgo 2002 allowed techniques and methods to be further refined and adjusted.

The principle directly at stake here is that state terrorists wishing to conduct an illegal terror operation often find it highly advantageous to conduit or bootleg that illegal operation through the government military/security bureaucracy with the help of an exercise or drill that closely resembles or mimics the illegal operation. Once the entire apparatus is set up, it is only necessary to make apparently small changes to have the exercise go live, and turn into a real hecatomb. If there is a gas dispersion drill announced in Manhattan, as there was in August 2005, it is merely necessary to replace the inert gas with a highly toxic one to go from drill to mass slaughter. A drill simulating a terror attack provides the greatest possible camouflage of the criminal intent of the perpetrators and allows the terror attack to occur through minor departures from the scenario script. All these drills try to be as realistic as possible. But the greatest realism is an actual terror attack. The fact that attempts at disruption, infiltration, harassment, and sabotage may be built in simply increases the opportunities available to the plotters, as do the varying levels of awareness of the participants, only a very few of whom need to know that a real terror attack is intended, or what the fate of certain patsies might be. To prevent new terror attacks from providing the pretexts for new wars, it is imperative that this mechanism be understood, but it cannot be understood in the unanswered questions, LIHOP, and agnostic frames of reference. That is why the apparent moderation of these theoretical points of view is so crippling and so dangerous.

**A DRILL FOR EVERY KEY COMPONENT OF 9/11**

The rule of thumb that a drill which coincides with or mimics the details of an actual terror act within a reasonable time frame is almost certainly the vehicle for that terror act is well established, and the inevitable objections of coincidence theorists need not concern us here. In these cases, small but decisive changes have been made to the legally authorized drill. The drill is thus taken live, or flipped live. Depending on how we wish to count them, we can identify and enumerate about 46 drills and exercises that either directly preceded 9/11 and are linked to it, or else were actually taking place on the morning of 9/11, or were scheduled for soon after 9/11, or which bear on 9/11 in some other direct way. Even more dramatic is the fact that virtually every important aspect of 9/11 corresponds to one or more of the drills we know about so far. There is a drill for every big event of the day, for every theme or meme of the myth. All the main foci were simulated by drills, often in real time. We must therefore proceed from the working hypothesis that the 9/11 terror events were largely camouflaged, assisted, conducted, and bootlegged through these drills. This is the most dramatic possible validation of the MIHOP thesis regarding 9/11, the one that asserts that a privately controlled network or faction inside the US government directly caused and created 9/11. [1]

— From Webster G. Tarpley, 9/11 Synthetic Terror: Made in USA, Fifth Edition (August 2011), Chapter 9: “THE FORTY-SIX EXERCISES AND DRILLS OF 9/11,” published by Progressive Press of Joshua Tree, California (info@progressivepress.com).

| PRE-9/11 PREPARATION   |                       |  |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| Drill  | Date                  | Scenario   |
| 1 NORAD  | Between 1991 and 2001 | Foreign hijacked airliner crashing into famous US building   |
| 2 White House, Richard Clarke  | 1998                  | Terrorists load Lear Jet with explosive, attack Washington DC  |
| 3 NORAD  | 1999-2001             | Hijacked aircraft hit many targets, including WTC, MASCAL  |
| 4 Able Danger: DIA, US-SOCOM, LIWA   | Dec. 1999-2001        | Manipulate al Qaeda; data mining (patsy control)   |
| 5 Stratus Ivy: DIA   | Dec. 1999-2001 (?)    | Operate on patsies “out of the box” (patsy control)  |
| 6 Door Hop Galley: DIA (?)   | Dec. 1999-2001 (?)    | Still secret (patsy control?)  |
| 7 Proactive Pre-emptive Operations Group (P2OG)  | unknown               | “Stimulating reactions” of terrorists (patsy control)  |
| 8 NORAD (NEADS) Exercises: UN HQ, NYC  | October 16, 2000      | Terrorist crashes Federal Express plane into UN HQ NYC   |
| 9 NORAD (NEADS) Exercises: UN HQ NYC   | October 23, 2000      | Terrorist crashes Fedex plane with WMD into UN HQ NYC  |
| 10 Pentagon MASCAL exercise  | Oct. 24-28, 2000      | Commercial aircraft hits Pentagon, MASCAL  |
| 11 FAA drill   | December, 2000        | Scenario: a chartered flight out of Ohio that had turned its transponder off   |
| 12 Positive Force ‘01: NORAD plus a dozen agencies; worldwide  | April 17-26, 2001     | Continuity of government; attacks on transportation; one scenario: terrorist group hijacking commercial airliner and flying it into Pentagon (Pentagon attack)   |
| 13 Unified Vision ‘01: US JFCOM; US CENTCOM; US SOCOM: 40 agencies   | May 7-24, 2001        | Invasion of Afghanistan and Pakistan (prepared Operation Enduring Freedom, October 2001)   |
| 14 Red Ex (Recognition, Evaluation, and Decision-Making Exercise); NYC OEM; FDNY; NYPD; FEMA; FBI                            | May 11, 2001          | Plane crashes and building collapses in New York City (WTC attack, demolition)   |
| 15 Amalgam Virgo ‘01: US-Canada multi-agency drill; NORAD; SEADS; Coast Guard, Army, Navy                                    | June 1-2, 2001        | UAV drone launched from rogue freighter in Gulf of Mexico or cruise missile from barge in Atlantic Ocean; Joint Based Expeditionary Connectivity Center (JBCECC) mobile radar command center tested. (Pentagon attack) |
| 16 Mall Strike 2001, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania (near Shanksville); 600 local first responders and emergency managers | June 16, 2001         | Toxic chemical agent and the simulated release of radiation and radiological contamination; (indoctrination of first responders).  |
| 17 FAA Drill: FBI Miami field office, Miami-Dade County Police Department.   | Summer 2001           | Varig airlines Boeing 767 hijacked over Florida  |
| 18 Ft. Belvoir, Davison Army Airfield helicopter base MASCAL   | June 29, 2001         | Scenario based on plane hitting Pentagon (indoctrination of first responders).   |
| 19 US Department of Transportation Hijacking Exercise  | August 31, 2001       | US Dept. of Transportation Crisis Management Center drilled hijacks; simulated cell phone calls.   |
| 20 NORAD, NEADS (Vigilant Guardian)  | September 6, 2001     | Tokyo to Anchorage flight hijacked by “Mum Hykro” to Vancouver and San Francisco   |
| 21 NORAD, NEADS (Vigilant Guardian)  | September 6, 2001     | Seoul to Anchorage flight hijacked by “Lin Po” to Seattle  |
| 22 NORAD, NEADS (Vigilant Guardian)  | September 9, 2001     | UK to NYC flight hijacked, blown up  |
| 23 NORAD SEADS NEADS (Vigilant Guardian)   | September 10, 2001    | Ilyushin IL-62 from Cuba hijacked by asylum seekers, lands at Dobbins Air Force Base in Georgia  |

| DRILLS ON THE DAY OF 9/11  |              |  |
|--|--------------|--|
| Drill  | Date         | Scenario   |
| 24 FBI training exercise in Monterey, California for FBI/CIA Anti-Terrorist Task Force   | Through 9/11 | Diverts top FBI, CIA anti-terrorist and special operations agents and heavy equipment away from Boston, NYC, Washington DC   |
| 25 NORAD annual readiness drill, Cheyenne Mountain, CO (Vigilant Guardian)   | 9/11         | Full “battle staff” levels to test entire organization   |
| 26 Vigilant Guardian: NORAD, NEADS, US-Canada  | 9/11         | Live-fly hijacking and air defense: hijack multiplication, diversion and confusion   |
| 27 NORAD/JCS Vigilant Warrior  | Through 9/11 | Reported by Richard Clarke   |
| 28 Operation Southern Watch  | Through 9/11 | Diverts 174th Fighter Wing, New York Air National Guard, to Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, to impose no-fly zone over southern Iraq  |
| 29 Operation Northern Watch  | Through 9/11 | Diverts 6 fighters from Langley AFB sent to Incirlik AFB, Turkey to impose no-fly zone over northern Iraq  |
| 30 Operation Northern Vigilance  | Through 9/11 | Diverts fighters, 350 personnel to Alaska and northern Canada to counter a Russian bomber drill  |
| 31 Operation Northern Guardian, Keflavik AFB, Iceland  | Through 9/11 | Diverts fighters from Langley Air Force Base (Virginia) deployed to Keflavik AFB, Iceland to counter a Russian bomber drill  |
| 32 Red Flag, Nellis AFB, Nevada: 100 pilots  | 9/11         | Diverts most F-15s of 71st Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, VA; DC ANG’s 121st Fighter Squadron of Andrews Air Force Base also depleted.   |
| 33 Andrews AFB local drill   | 9/11         | Diverts 3 F-16s to North Carolina  |
| 34 National Reconnaissance Office drill, Chantilly, Virginia   | 9/11         | Simulated plane crash into high-rise government building; satellite imaging (WTC attack)   |
| 35 Tripod II, New York City  | 9/11         | Response to biochemical attack; run from backup command center at Pier 92, Hudson River.   |
| 36 Fort Myer, VA Education Center training drill for local firemen   | 9/11         | Assembled and indoctrinated Pentagon first responders.   |
| 37 Timely Alert II, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey  | 9/11         | Indoctrination of WTC first responders.  |
| 38 World Trade Center Emergency Drill, Fidelity Trust Co., 97th floor, South Tower   | 9/11         | Meeting called to assemble and silence unreliable outside contractors?   |
| 39 Global Guardian, STRATCOM: Offutt AFB, Nebraska; Barksdale AFB, Louisiana; Minot AFB, North Dakota; Whiteman AFB, Missouri. | 9/11         | Nuclear warfighting; Armageddon. (deterrence of Russia and China during invasion of Afghanistan and Pakistan)  |
| 40 Amalgam Warrior   | 9/11         | Large live-fly air defense and air intercept, tracking, and surveillance drill; air defense against foreign retaliation.   |
| 41 Crown Vigilance, Air Combat Command   | 9/11         | No details known.  |
| 42 Apollo Guardian, US Space Command   | 9/11         | No details known.  |
| 43 AWACS drill, ordered by NORAD commander Gen. Larry Arnold   | 9/11         | Two AWACS aircraft from Tinker AFB, Oklahoma sent over Washington DC and Florida; surveillance of capital and president during coup.   |
| 44 Global Guardian Computer Network Attack   | 9/11         | Enemy forces “war dialed” STRATCOM’s telephone and fax systems; “bad insider” has access to key C <sup>3</sup> system (missile launch option)  |
| 45 STRATCOM Strategic Advisory Committee, Offutt AFB, Nebraska; Andrews AFB, MD; Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.           | 9/11         | Three E-4B National Airborne Operations Center planes (Doomsday or Looking Glass) airborne; passengers include Brent Scowcroft; Warren Buffet at Offutt. (Committee. of Public Safety option?) |

| After 9/11           |                         |  |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Drill                | Date                    | Scenario   |
| 46 Amalgam Virgo ‘02 | Scheduled for June 2002 | Air defense, interception, surveillance, and pursuit drill; Delta 757 with real Delta pilots, actors as passengers, FBI as hijackers - deviated from Salt Lake City to Hawaii; Canadian police to hijack DC-9 near Vancouver BC. |



## Fukushima Far Worse than Chernobyl

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levels at Fukushima, that even higher measurements are to still come, and that the nuclear core has leaked out and is on the floor like a pancake working its way down.

NHK notes that scientists have found radiation levels in Japan higher than any found in the contaminated zone in Chernobyl called Red Forest.

And nuclear regulators only thought about worst case scenarios involving a single nuclear plant. They totally ignored the fact that power loss to complexes of nuclear reactors — like the cluster of six reactors at Fukushima — could lead to multiple simultaneous meltdowns.

And then there's a cluster of cover ups.

The *New York Times* reported August 10:

"From the 12th to the 15th we were in a location with one of the highest levels of radiation," said Tamotsu Baba, the mayor of Namie, which is about five miles from the nuclear plant. He and thousands from Namie now live in temporary housing in another town, Nihonmatsu. "We are extremely worried about internal exposure to radiation."

The withholding of information, he said, was akin to "murder."

In interviews and public statements, some current and former government officials have admitted that Japanese authorities engaged in a pattern of withholding damaging information and denying facts of the nuclear disaster — in order, some of them said, to limit the size of costly and disruptive evacuations in land-scarce Japan and to avoid public questioning of the politically powerful nuclear industry. As the nuclear plant continues to release radiation, some of which has slipped into the nation's food supply, public anger is growing at what many here see as an official campaign to play down the scope of the accident and the potential health risks.

Seiki Soramoto, a lawmaker and former nuclear engineer to whom Prime Minister Naoto Kan turned for advice during the crisis, blamed

the government for withholding forecasts from the computer system, known as the System for Prediction of Environmental Emergency Dose Information, or SPEEDI.

"In the end, it was the prime minister's office that hid the SPEEDI data," he said. "Because they didn't have the knowledge to know what the data meant, and thus they did not know what to say to the public. They thought only of their own safety, and decided it was easier just not to announce it."

Meltdowns at three of Fukushima Daiichi's six reactors went officially unacknowledged for months. In one of the most damning admissions, nuclear regulators said in early June that inspectors had found tellurium 132, which experts call telltale evidence of reactor meltdowns, a day after the tsunami — but did not tell the public for nearly three months. For months after the disaster, the government flip-flopped on the level of radiation permissible on school grounds, causing continuing confusion and anguish about the safety of schoolchildren here in Fukushima.

The timing of many admissions suggested to critics that Japan's nuclear establishment was coming clean only because it could no longer hide the scope of the accident.

The mayor of Namie also said the government's justifications for withholding information are nonsensical.

And in related news:

ABC: Japan's nuclear agency hides children's radiation results.

Public anger "exploding" as Japanese discover more about government downplaying spread of Fukushima radiation, health dangers

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## History's Lessons

### Governments Around the World Admit They Carry Out False-Flag Terror Operations



Reichstag fire February 27, 1935 Berlin, Germany

Governments from around the world admit they carry out false flag terror:

- A major with the Nazi SS admitted at the Nuremberg trials that — under orders from the chief of the Gestapo — he and some other Nazi operatives faked attacks on their own people and resources which they blamed on the Poles, to justify the invasion of Poland. Nazi general Franz Halder also testified at the Nuremberg trials that Nazi leader Hermann Goering admitted to setting fire to the German parliament building, and then falsely blaming the communists for the arson.

- The CIA admits that it hired Iranians in the 1950s to pose as Communists and stage bombings in Iran in order to turn the country against its democratically-elected prime minister.

- Israel admits that an Israeli terrorist cell operating in Egypt planted bombs in several buildings, including US diplomatic facilities, then left behind "evidence" implicating the Arabs as the culprits (one of the bombs detonated prematurely, allowing the Egyptians to identify the bombers, and several of the Israelis later confessed).

- The former Italian Prime Minister, an Italian judge, and the former head of Italian counterintelligence admit that NATO, with the help of the Pentagon and CIA, carried out terror bombings in Italy and other European countries in the 1950s and blamed the communists, in order to rally people's support for their governments in Europe in their fight against communism. As one participant in this formerly-secret program stated: "You had to attack civilians, people, women, children, innocent people, unknown people far removed from any political game. The reason was quite simple. They were supposed to force these people, the Italian public, to turn to the state to ask for greater security" (Italy and other European countries subject to the terror campaign had joined NATO before the bombings occurred).

- As admitted by the US government, recently declassified documents show that in the 1960s, the American Joint Chiefs of Staff signed off on a plan to blow up American airplanes (using an elaborate plan involving the switching of airplanes), and also to commit terrorist acts on American soil, and then to blame it on the Cubans in order to justify an invasion of Cuba. Official State Department documents show that only nine months earlier the head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other high-level officials had discussed blowing up a consulate in the Dominican Republic in order to justify an invasion of that country. Neither plan was carried out, but they were both discussed as serious proposals.

- The South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission found that, in 1989, the Civil Cooperation Bureau (a covert branch of the South African Defense Force) approached an explosives expert and asked him "to participate in an operation aimed at discrediting the ANC, the African National Congress, by bombing the police vehicle of the officer investigating the murder incident, thus framing the ANC for the bombing."

- An Algerian diplomat and several officers in the Algerian army admit that, in the 1990s, the Algerian army frequently massacred Algerian civilians and then blamed Islamic militants for the killings, *Agence France-Presse*, 9/27/2002, "French Court Dismisses Algerian Defamation Suit Against Author".

- According to *The Washington Post*, Indonesian police admit that the Indonesian military killed American teachers in Papua in 2002 and blamed the murders on a Papuan separatist group in order to get that group listed as a terrorist organization.

- The well-respected former Indonesian president also admits that the government probably had a role in the Bali bombings.

- As reported by BBC, *The New York Times*, and Associated Press, Macedonian officials admit that the government murdered seven innocent immigrants in cold blood and pretended that they were al-Qaeda soldiers attempting to assassinate Macedonian police, in order to join the "war on terror".

- Former Department of Justice lawyer John Yoo suggested in 2005 that the US should go on the offensive against al-Qaeda, having "our intelligence agencies create a false terrorist organization. It could have

its own websites, recruitment centers, training camps, and fundraising operations. It could launch fake terrorist operations and claim credit for real terrorist strikes, helping to sow confusion within al-Qaeda's ranks, causing operatives to doubt others' identities and to question the validity of communications."

- United Press International reported in June 2005 that US intelligence officers are reporting that some of the insurgents in Iraq are using recent-model Beretta 92 pistols, but the pistols seem to have had their serial numbers erased. The numbers do not appear to have been physically

they then "drop" automatic weapons near their body so they can pretend they were militants.

#### Why Should I Care?

You should care because false-flag terrorism harms the economy. Specifically, a study by Harvard and the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) points out:

From an economic standpoint, terrorism has four main effects (see, e.g., US Congress, Joint Economic Committee, 2002). First, the capital stock (human and physical) of a country is reduced as a result of terrorist attacks. Second, the terrorist threat induces higher levels of uncertainty.



Italian PM Aldo Moro was kidnapped and murdered by NATO but blamed on Communists

removed; the pistols seem to have come off a production line without any serial numbers. Analysts suggest the lack of serial numbers indicates that the weapons were intended for intelligence operations or terrorist cells with substantial government backing. Analysts speculate that these guns are probably from either Mossad or the CIA. Analysts speculate that agents provocateurs may be using the untraceable weapons even as US authorities use insurgent attacks against civilians as evidence of the illegitimacy of the resistance.

Third, terrorism promotes increases in counter-terrorism expenditures, drawing resources from productive sectors for use in security. Fourth, terrorism is known to affect negatively specific industries such as tourism.

The Harvard/NBER study concludes:

In accordance with the predictions of the model, higher levels of perceived terrorist risks are associated with lower levels of net foreign direct investment positions, even after controlling for other types of country risks. On average, a standard deviation increase



Given Away by the Boots: Quebec Police Provocateurs infiltrate peaceful demonstration

- Quebec police admitted that, in 2007, thugs carrying rocks to a peaceful protest were actually undercover Quebec police officers.

- At the G20 protests in London in 2009, a British Member of Parliament saw plainclothes police officers attempting to incite the crowd to violence.

- A Colombian army colonel has admitted that his unit murdered 57 civilians, then dressed them in uniforms and claimed they were rebels killed in combat.

- US soldiers have admitted that if they kill innocent Iraqis and Afghans,

in the terrorist risk is associated with a fall in the net foreign direct investment position of about 5 percent of GDP.

Moreover, alleged terrorism has contributed to a decline in the global economy (for example, European Commission, 2001).

In addition, you should care because false-flag terror causes governments to strip liberties and civil rights from the people: "This and no other is the root from which a tyrant springs; when he first appears he is a protector."

- Plato  
"If Tyranny and Oppression come to this land, it will be in the guise of

fighting a foreign enemy."

- US President James Madison  
"Terrorism is the best political weapon, for nothing drives people harder than a fear of sudden death".

- Adolf Hitler  
"Why, of course, the people don't want war ... But after all it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship ... Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is to tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country."

- Hermann Goering, Nazi leader.

"The easiest way to gain control of a population is to carry out acts of terror. [The public] will clamor for such laws if their personal security is threatened".

- Josef Stalin  
Indeed, the political causes you hold most dear will be derailed if false flag terror is carried out. To see that this is true, let's take a step back.

Imagine, if you would, that you were a citizen in Germany right after the example of false flag terror by the Nazis discussed above had occurred. Do you believe you could have stopped the government from invading Poland by reminding Germans that war is bad and peace is good? Do you imagine you could have stopped the brownshirts and loss of domestic rights by writing about the desirability of civil liberties? Do you think you could have convinced people that protecting the environment, or addressing human or civil rights, or helping the poor, or education, or equality, or any other political crusade was more important than "protecting the Fatherland" when Germans were terrified for their safety?

Please, think about it.  
The German people were whipped up into a state of hysteria and fear because they thought they were under attack by Poles and other "bad guys." The Germans were in shock and rallied around their "strong" leader (it wasn't just the bad economy). Without first exposing the truth that the attacks were false flag attacks — which were largely the source and root cause of the German people's fears and which allowed the German parliament and other institutions to hand Hitler total power — the sweeping away of good political causes by the wave of fear could not be stopped.

Moreover, the Nazis might have been derailed and perhaps brought to justice well before the Nuremberg trials if the false flag hoaxes had been exposed at the time. The German people could have been spared from the horrors inflicted on their nation and the world by the Nazis, and sanity and positive political changes might have prevailed in 1940's-era Germany.

Please think about it . . .  
"Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it."

-Santayana

Source: <http://www.washingtonsblog.com/2010/02/governments-from-around-world-admit.html>

# Libya and the End of Western Illusions

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— despite the brainwashing of September 11 and Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction — is reluctant to accept that the United States, France, the UK and Qatar were actually capable of fabricating such lies, will be able to forge an opinion over time. NATO, the largest military coalition in history, has failed after five months of bombardments to overthrow the one it designated as a "tyrant." Every Friday, a large demonstration in support of the regime is organized in a different city and all experts are unanimous in considering that Colonel Gaddafi enjoys at least 90% of popular support in Tripolitania and 70% across the entire country, including the "rebel" areas. These are people who every single day put up with the blockade, aerial bombardments and ground fighting. Never would they be defending with their flesh and blood someone who committed against them the crimes of which he has been accused by the "international community." The difference between those in the West who believe that Gaddafi is a tyrant who fired on his own people, and those in Libya who believe that he is a hero of the anti-imperialist struggle, is that the former live in an illusion created by TV propaganda, whereas the others are exposed to the concrete reality on the ground.

That said, there is a second illusion to which the West has succumbed — and in the "Western" camp I now include not only Israel, where it has always claimed to belong, but also the monarchies of the Gulf Cooperation Council and Turkey which, though of Eastern culture, have chosen to embrace it —, the illusion to think that it is

still possible to devastate a country and kill its people without legal consequences. It is true that, until now, international justice has been the justice of the victors or the powerful. One may recall the Nazi official who heckled the judges at Nuremberg telling them that if the Reich had won the war, the judges would have been the Nazis while those held accountable for the war crimes would have been the Allies.



More recently, we saw how NATO used the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia to try to justify post facto that the war in Kosovo was "the first humanitarian war in history," according to the expression employed by Tony Blair. Or again, how the Special Tribunal for Lebanon was used in an attempt to overthrow the Syrian government, then to decapitate the

Lebanese Hezbollah, and probably soon to accuse the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, not to mention the International Criminal Court, the secular arm of the European colonial powers in Africa.

However, the development of instruments and organs of international justice throughout the twentieth century has gradually established an international order with which the superpowers themselves will have to comply or which they will have to sabotage in order to escape their responsibilities. In the case of Libya, the violations of international law are countless. The main ones, presented below, were established by the Provisional Technical Committee, a Libyan ministerial coordination organ, and expounded at various press conferences by the legal adviser to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, French attorney Marcel Ceccaldi.

TV channels which, under the leadership of their respective governments, have manufactured false information to lead to war are guilty of "crimes against peace", as defined by the relevant UN General Assembly resolutions in the aftermath of World War II. The journalist-propagandists should be considered even more culpable than the military who perpetrated war crimes or crimes against humanity, to the extent that none of these crimes would have been possible without the one that preceded them: the "crime against peace."

The political leaders of the Atlantic Alliance, who diverted the object and purpose of Resolution 1973 to engage in a war of aggression against a sovereign state, are personally responsible before international justice. Indeed, according to the jurisprudence established by the Tokyo Court following the Second World War, crimes cannot be ascribed to either States or organizations, but to individuals. Plundering the assets of a state, establishing a naval blockade and bombing infrastructure to cause people to suffer, attacking an army inside its barracks and ordering the assassination of enemy leaders or, failing this, terrorizing them by murdering their families, all amount to war crimes. Their systematic perpetration, as is the case today, constitutes a crime against humanity. This crime is imprescriptible, which means that Messrs. Obama, Sarkozy, Cameron and Al-Thani will be pursued by the law for the rest of their lives.

NATO, as an organization, is legally responsible for the material and human damage of this war. The law leaves no room for doubt that the organization must pay, even though it will surely try to invoke a privilege of jurisdiction to dodge its responsibilities. It will be up to the Alliance to decide how the bill for the conflict should be split among member states, even though some of them may be on the verge of bankruptcy. This will be followed by disastrous economic consequences for their peoples, guilty of having endorsed such crimes. In a democracy, no one can claim to be innocent of the crimes committed in its name.

International justice will have to address more specifically the case of the Sarkozy "administration" — I use this Anglicism here to underscore the fact that the French president has been piloting his government's policy directly, without going through his prime minister. Indeed, France has played a central role in preparing for this war since October 2010 by organizing a failed military coup and then, as early as November 2010, by planning with the United Kingdom the bombing of Libya and the landing of ground troops on its soil, which was then believed to be feasible, and finally by actively conspiring in the lethal unrest in Benghazi which led to the war.

In addition, France, more than any other power, has deployed special forces on the ground — without uniforms, no doubt — and violated the arms embargo by supplying the insurgents, either directly or through Qatari airplanes. France has also violated the UN freeze of Libyan assets, funneling part of the fabulous cash from the Libyan Sovereign Fund to the CNT (National Transitional Council) puppets, to the detriment of the Libyan people, who wanted to guarantee the well-being of their children in the face of oil depletion.

These gentlemen from NATO, who hoped to escape international justice by crushing their victim, Libya, in a few short days so that it would not survive to pursue them, will be disenchanted. Libya is still there. She is filing complaints with the International Criminal Court, the Belgian courts (whose jurisdiction NATO falls under), the European Court of Justice, and the national courts of aggressor states. She is undertaking steps before the Council of Human Rights in Geneva, the Security Council and General Assembly of the United Nations. It will be not be possible for the big powers to extinguish these fires all at once. Worse, the arguments they will use to evade a court will ricochet against them in another court. In a few weeks or months, if they have not succeeded in destroying Tripoli, they will have no other way to avoid humiliating convictions than to negotiate the withdrawal of the complaints at a very high price.

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# The British Riots: Corruption At The Top Leads To Lawlessness By The People



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that many of the youths in our inner cities have never been trained in decent values. All they have ever known is barbarism. Our politicians and bankers, in sharp contrast, tend to have been to good schools and universities and to have been given every opportunity in life.

"Something has gone horribly wrong in Britain. If we are ever to confront the problems which have been exposed in the past week, it is essential to bear in mind that they do not only exist in inner-city housing estates.

"The culture of greed and impunity we are witnessing on our TV screens stretches right up into corporate boardrooms and the Cabinet. It embraces the police and large parts of our media. It is not just its damaged youth, but Britain itself that needs a moral reformation."

Osborne also gives specific examples of corruption, such as the prime minister's involvement in the Murdoch scandal, and members of parliament abusing expense accounts.

Indeed, the rioters themselves agreed. As Reuters notes:

"Speaking to Reuters late on Tuesday, looters and other local people in east London pointed to the wealth gap as the underlying cause, also blaming what they saw as police prejudice and a host of recent scandals.

"Spending cuts were now hitting the poorest hardest, they said, and after tales of politicians claiming excessive expenses, alleged police corruption and bankers getting rich it was their turn to take what they wanted.

"They set the example," said one youth after riots in the London district of Hackney. "It's time to loot."

(Indeed, looting by the bankers has been shown by a Nobel Prize winning economist as being the root cause of the S&L crisis and today's economic crisis).

## Austerity Leads To Rioting And Unrest

I've previously argued that the British riots are due to bad economic policy which has created rampant inequality. (As I've noted for years, raging inequality and policies which help the big boys at the expense of the "little people" are causing unrest - not just in Egypt - but worldwide.)

As the above-quoted Reuters article notes: "I don't think the implications of this have been fully thought through or accepted yet," said Pepe Egger, Western Europe analyst for London-based consultancy Exclusive Analysis.

"What we have here is the result of decades of growing divisions and marginalization, but austerity will almost certainly make it worse. Yes, the police can restore control with massive force but that is not sustainable either in the long term. You have to accept that this may happen again."

Analyst Louise Taggart at security consultancy AKE said that in time urban unrest worries could make it harder to cut other programs as well, including sorely needed education and community services. It went well beyond Britain, she said.

"Across Europe, we've already seen some incidence of civil unrest," she said, saying it would almost inevitably impact policy. "There's definitely a likelihood that similar scenes might erupt when austerity cuts really start to be felt."

Indeed, a study this month by economists Hans-Joachim Voth and Jacopo Ponticelli shows that - from 1919 to the present - austerity leads to violence and instability:

"Does fiscal consolidation lead to social unrest? From the end of the Weimar Republic in Germany in the 1930s to anti-government demonstrations in Greece in 2010-11, austerity has tended to go hand in hand with politically motivated violence and social instability. In this paper, we assemble cross-country evidence for the period 1919 to the present and examine the extent to which societies become unstable after budget cuts. The results show a clear positive correlation between fiscal retrenchment and instability. We test if the relationship simply reflects economic downturns and conclude that this is not the key factor. We also analyse interactions with various economic and political variables. While autocracies and democracies show a broadly similar response to

budget cuts, countries with more constraints on the executive are less likely to see unrest as a result of austerity measures."

As CNN notes: "Studying instances of austerity and unrest in Europe between 1919 to 2009, Ponticelli and Voth conclude that there is a "clear link between the magnitude of expenditure cutbacks and increases in social unrest. With every additional percentage point of GDP in spending cuts, the risk of unrest increases."

"Expenditure cuts carry a significant risk of increasing the frequency of riots, anti-government demonstrations, general strikes, political assassinations, and attempts at revolutionary overthrow of the established order. While these are low probability events in normal years, they become much more common as austerity measures are implemented."

## Corruption And Austerity = Global Unrest

*Time Magazine's* Global Spin blog sums up these two threads nicely:

"Simply working hard and playing by the rules is no longer a path to prosperity or even a dignified future in much of the industrialized West, where neoliberal economic policies have funneled most of the wealth created in recent decades to a small, already wealthy elite, while shrinking the middle class finds its living standard steadily declining, and more than one in five young people is unemployed with no prospect of finding work in the foreseeable future.

"The looters respond to their circumstances by simply breaking the rules and grabbing whatever they can, while the moment — and their capacity to hurt anyone who gets in their way — allows it. The protestors, who are far more numerous, respond by demanding that the rules be changed. They're on the streets because they believe that even the democratic political system has failed them, producing governments in thrall to the interests of financial elites regardless of which party dominates. And the British anti-austerity programs are echoed on the streets of Madrid and Barcelona, Rome and Lisbon, Athens and Tel Aviv — an Austerity Intifada is sweeping Europe.

"The term 'looting' commonly describes the actions of those who help themselves to the merchandise of stricken stores when social order breaks down. But many of those in the more orderly protests on the streets of Europe accuse the western world's bankers of doing the same to the state, demanding bailouts to save them from the consequences of their catastrophic mistakes, leaving them sitting pretty while public debt balloons and the middle class and poor are expected to shoulder the burden of austerity.

"Whether they respond with disciplined protest or nihilism and criminality, millions of young people in Europe today see playing by the rules of the socio-economic and political status quo as offering them no decent future. Politicians may comfort themselves with the notion that the social unrest on the streets is simply a problem of a culture of irresponsibility and deviance, but if mainstream society is unable to integrate whole swathes of its youth population and give them a stake in playing by the rules, it's going to face growing discontent.

"The protests that have shaken Spain, Greece, Portugal, France, Israel and Britain this year (even before the rioting) suggest that the pattern continues. The orgy of looting and vandalism that Britain suffered may have been simply the ugly Halloween face of a far broader wave of social unrest that expresses not simply economic discontent, but the declining legitimacy of the political system in the minds of millions of people who see it as serving the interests of a narrow elite at the expense of the majority.

"More vigorous policing will drive the thugs off the streets and restore a tenuous calm. But keeping them off the streets, and integrating them — and the hundreds of thousands who have poured onto the streets in peaceful protests — into a socio-economic system that offers them a future and a stake in social stability is a challenge that may be nearing crisis proportions."

*George Washington's Blog*

# Gadhafi Support Soars Amid NATO Bombing

By SCOTT TAYLOR/CHRONICLE HERALD

The rebellion in Libya has been more of a media war than a full-scale armed clash. Sure, the rebels seized tanks and weapons from government troops in the early stages. This led to some skirmishes between rebels and Gadhafi loyalists in seesaw battles along Libya's coastal highway.

Between February 15, when the uprising began, and March 19, when the UN Security Council authorized international intervention, the vast majority of Libya's foreign workers fled the country.

In those chaotic days, the British Foreign Ministry reported that President Moammar Gadhafi had fled to Venezuela. The rebels seemed poised to snatch a quick victory. But Gadhafi had no intention of fleeing and his shaken followers soon regained their composure and began mounting an effective defence against rebel advances.

Not being professional troops, the rebels were soon in a head-long retreat back to their eastern stronghold in the city of Ben-ghazi.

To prevent Gadhafi from inflicting reprisals on the rebels, the UN authorized a NATO-enforced no-fly zone over Libya to protect unarmed civilians from being bombed. That, of course, did not apply to civilians living in Gadhafi-controlled sectors, as the Canadian-led NATO coalition soon began mounting airstrikes against government targets.

For more than five months now NATO planes have supported the rebels, and NATO warships have enforced a one-sided arms embargo against Gadhafi's forces. And all foreign-held Libyan financial assets have been frozen, making it virtually impossible for Libya to purchase any war materiel, or even basic necessities such as fuel.

Despite all these measures, the ragtag collection of fractious units that compose the rebels have been unable to make any serious tactical headway against Gadhafi loyalists — let alone topple the dictator.

On a fact-finding trip into Tripoli last week, I saw first-hand that Gadhafi has solidified his control over the capital and most of western Libya. Foreign diplomats still based in Tripoli confirmed to me that, since NATO started bombing, Gadhafi support and approval ratings have actually soared to about 85 per cent.

Of the 2,335 tribes in Libya, over 2,000 are still pledging their allegiance to the embattled president. At present, it is the gasoline shortage due to the embargo and lack of electricity from



Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi

NATO's bombing that are causing the most hardship to Libyans inside Gadhafi-controlled sectors.

However, at present, the people still blame NATO — not Gadhafi — for the shortages. In an effort to combat that sentiment and to encourage a popular uprising against Gadhafi, NATO planes have taken to dropping leaflets in canisters over the streets of Tripoli.

Unfortunately for the NATO planning staff, the canisters are heavy enough to cause injury and damage roofs when they plummet to the ground.

As for the messages on the leaflets, the Libyans are quite amused at the clumsy translations. On one such note, the intended slogan is meant to urge civilians to go forward and "embrace" the rebels. Instead, it translates to encourage Libyans to go out and "copulate" with the rebels.

Another NATO missive was intended to advise those living within Gadhafi's sector to pack up and move to a rebel-occupied territory. This somehow became garbled into a request for citizens to relocate to a "possessed" (as in, by the devil) area of Libya.

It is possible that the continued embargo, shortage of fuel and downgrading of Libyan utilities will create a humanitarian crisis inside Gadhafi's Libya so severe that his followers have no choice but to turn on him for their own survival.

However, if that indeed transpires it will be impossible for the West to justify this as being a humanitarian intervention.

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# Organized Political Terrorism: the Norwegian Massacre

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(and false) headlines and reports, labeling the event as 'Norway's 9/11', in terms, which echoed the ideological motivation and justifications cited by the Norwegian Christian-Zionist political assassin, Anders Behring Breivik himself. The July 23/24 front page of the *Financial Times* (of London), read "Islamist extremism fears: Worst Europe strike since 2005". Obama immediately cited the terrorist attack in Norway to further justify his overseas wars against Muslim countries. *The Financial Times*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *Wall Street Journal* trotted out their self-styled "experts" who debated over which Arab/Islamic leaders or movements were responsible — despite Norwegian press reports of 'the arrest of a Nordic man in police uniform'.

Clearly, the US mass media and political elite were eager to use the bombing and assassinations to justify ongoing overseas imperial wars, ignoring the burgeoning domestic extremist rightwing organizations and violent individuals who are the outgrowth of official Islamophobic hate propaganda.

### Planned for two years

When Anders Breivik, a known neo-fascist extremist, handed his weapons over to Norwegian police without resistance and claimed credit for the bombing and massacre, the second phase of the official cover-up took place: He was immediately described as "a lone wolf assassin", who "acted alone" (BBC-July 24, 2011) or as mentally deranged, downplaying his political networks, his American, European and Israeli ideological mentors and commitments, which led to his acts of terrorism. Breivik bragged that the operation had been the outcome of two years' planning. Even more outrageous, the media and officials ignored the fact that this complex, multiphase terrorist attack was beyond the capacity of one 'deranged' person.

Anders Behring Breivik had been a dues-paying member of a Far-Right political party, The Progress Party and a collaborator and contributor to an overtly neo-Nazi web site. He frequently focused his hatred on the ruling Labor Party for its relative tolerance of immigrants. He despised immigrants especially, Muslims, and was an ardent



Medics treat wounded on Utoeya island.

Christian-Zionist supporter of Israeli repression and terror against the Palestinian people. His criminal action was political in essence and embedded in a much wider political network.

The political elite and media have scrambled to deny the overlapping links between 'legal' ideological Islamophobes, like the American avowed Zionists Daniel Pipes, David Horowitz, Robert Spencer and Pamela Geller, the Dutch far-right Party of Freedom led by the hate-monger Geert Wilders and their counterparts in the Norwegian Progress Party who rail against the "Muslim threat". The "direct action" terrorists take their cues from electoral parties, like the Progress Party, who recruit and indoctrinate activists, like Behring Breivik, who then leave the 'electoral road' to carry out their bloody carnage, allowing the 'respectable' hate-mongers to hypocritically condemn him ... after the outrage.

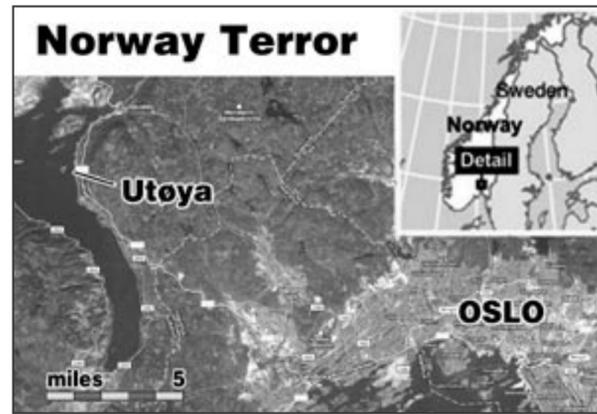
### The Lone Assassin: A Fascist Superman Travels Faster than a Speeding Bullet Versus the Police Moving Slower than an Arthritic Turtle

The case for the "lone wolf terrorist" defies credence. It is a tissue of lies used to cover up state complicity, intelligence malfeasance, and the sharp right-turn in the domestic and foreign policies of NATO countries.

There is no basis to accept Breivik's initial claim that he acted alone for several outstanding reasons: First, the car bomb, which devastated downtown Oslo, was a highly complex weapon requiring expertise and coordination — the kind

available to state or intelligence services, like the Mossad, which specialize in devastating car bombs. Amateurs, like Breivik, with no training in explosives, usually blow themselves up or lack the skill required to connect the electronic timing devices or remote detonators (like the unsuccessful 'shoe', 'underpants' and 'Times Square' bombers have proved).

Secondly, the details of (a) moving the bomb, (b) obtaining



(stealing) a vehicle, (c) placing the device at the strategic site, (d) successfully detonating it and (e) then gowning up in an elaborate special police uniform with an arsenal of hundreds of rounds of ammunition and driving off in another vehicle to Utoeya Island, (f) waiting patiently while armed to the teeth for a ferry boat, (g) crossing with other passengers in his police uniform, (h) rounding up the Labor youth activists and

commencing the massacre of scores of unarmed youth and finally (i) finishing off the wounded and hunting for those trying to hide or swim away — is not the activity of a lone zealot. Even the combination of Superman, Einstein and a world-class marksman could not perform those tasks.

The media and NATO leaders must view the public as passive morons to expect them to believe that Anders Behring Breivik "acted alone". He is willing to take a 20 year prison sentence if it means, as he maintains, that their collective action is the spark that ignites his comrades and advances the agenda of the violent and legal far rightwing parties. Facing a Norwegian judge on July 25 [2011], he publicly declared the existence of "two more cells in my organization". According to witness testimony on Utoeya Island shots from two distinct weapons were heard from different directions during the massacre. The police say they are... "investigating". Needless to say the police have found nothing; instead they put on a "show" to cover their inaction by raiding two houses far from the massacre and then quickly released the suspects.

The most serious political implication of the terrorist action, however, is the conspicuous complicity of top police officials. The police took 90 minutes to arrive at Utoeya Island, located less than 20

and they "could not find a boat" (Associated Press, July 24, 2011). Yet a helicopter was available; it managed to fly to Utoeya and film the ongoing slaughter, and over half of Norwegians, a seafaring people for millennia, own or have access to a boat.

A police force, faced with what the Prime Minister calls the 'worst atrocity since the Nazi occupation', moving at the pace of an arthritic turtle to rescue youth activists, raises the suspicion of some level of complicity. The obvious question arises as to the degree to which the ideology of right wing extremism — neo-fascism — has penetrated the police and security forces, especially the upper echelons? This level of "inactivity" raises more questions than it answers. What it suggests is that the Social Democrats only control part of the Government — the legislative, while the neo-fascists influence the state apparatus.

The plain fact is that the police did not save a single life. When they finally arrived, Anders Behring Breivik had run out of ammunition and surrendered turning himself over to the police. The police literally did not fire a single shot; they did not even have to hunt or capture the assassin. An almost choreographed scenario: The carnage left hundreds wounded, 68 unarmed, peaceful activists killed, and the Labor youth movement decimated.

The police can claim "crime solved" while the mass media prattles about a "lone assassin". The far right has a "martyr" to mask a further advance in their anti-Muslim, pro Israel crusade. It is reminiscent of the celebrated Israeli-American fascist mass murderer, Dr. Baruch Goldstein, who slaughtered dozens of unarmed Palestinian men and boys at prayer in 1994.

Only two days before the political murders, the head of the Labor Party Youth Movement, Eskil Pederson, gave an interview to the *Dagbladet*, Norway's second largest tabloid, in which he announced a "unilateral economic embargo of Israel from the Norwegian side" (Gilad Atzmon, July 24, 2011).

The fact of the matter is that the Norwegian military has no problem promptly dispatching 500 troops to Afghanistan, halfway around the world and providing six Norwegian Air Force jets and pilots to bomb and terrorize Libya. And yet they can't find a helicopter or a row boat to transport their police a couple hundred yards to stop a domestic right wing terrorist — whose murderous rampage was being described second by second

by the terrorized young victims on their cell phones to their frantic parents?

### Conclusion: The Imperial Roots of Domestic Fascism

Clearly, the decisions of Norway and other Scandinavian nations to participate in the US-NATO imperial crusades against Muslim and especially Arab people in the Middle East have aroused and energized the neo-fascist right. They now want to "bring the war home"; they want Norway to go further, to 'cleanse the nation' by expelling Muslims. They want to "send a message" to the Labor Party: Either it must accept a full neo-fascist pro-Israeli agenda or expect more massacres, more elected fascists, more followers of Anders Behring Breivik.

The "Progress Party" is now the second largest political party in Norway. If a "conservative" coalition defeats Labor, neo-fascists will probably sit in the Government. Who knows, after a few years of good behavior, they might find an excuse to commute their ex-comrad's sentence ... or proclaim him mentally rehabilitated and freed.

Clearly what is needed is the immediate withdrawal of all troops from imperial wars and a systematic, coherent and organized fight against domestic right-wing terrorists and their intellectual godparents, in America, Israel and Europe. Labor youth must press on with their demand that the Labor Government, under Prime Minister Jen Stoltenberg, recognize the nation of Palestine and implement a total boycott of Israeli goods and services. A national and international political-educational campaign must be organized to expose the links between respectable electoral fascists and violent terrorists. The Labor Youth martyrs of Utoeya Island should be cherished and their ideals taught in all the schools. Their far-right enemies and supporters, whether overt, covert or directly complicit, should be exposed and condemned. The best weapon against the renewed neo-fascist onslaught is a political and educational offensive, taking up the anti-fascist, anti-Quisling (Norway's notorious Nazi collaborator) fighting traditions of their grandparents' era. It's not too late — if the Labor Party, the Norwegian trade unions and the anti-fascist youth act now before the flood of resurgent fascism.

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