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"SECURITY AND IMMUNITY: KEYS TO BUILDING AND PROTECTING THE DARK SIDE"

Tyranny and corruption go hand in hand and have been with us since the beginning of time. Both seek to operate behind the veil of secrecy, and inevitably form conspiracies with other people in order to further ensure protection from discovery. Conspiracies eventually invade and take over governments in order to achieve a full range of immunity from prosecution when secrecy fails to shield completely. In large broad-ranging government conspiracies (which rely on the unwitting participation of many ignorant and less principled people) discovery and exposure of a fair percentage of illegal government acts is bound to happen. That is why conspiracies always seek to control at least the higher levels of police and judicial hierarchies. However, to avoid the too frequent use of judicial immunity (which often puts higher judges in the position of revealing their illicit collaboration) the use of National Security or "State Secrets" is expanded (informally and illegally) to include the cover-up of wrongful acts of government officials. Then judges merely have to rule in favor of the Executive's prerogative to hide behind state secrets rather than on the issue itself. This week, we will examine the extensive use of secrecy and immunity being granted to Blackwater mercenaries as a further example of the corrupt motives of its benefactors and protectors within the globalist Bush administration.

In prior weeks, readers will remember that we covered the State Department **gag order** to Blackwater executives instructing them that all their activities in Iraq were considered "classified" and thus ineligible to be revealed to Congress in any public hearing. Blackwater executives dutifully referenced this gag order in their written refusal to appear before a congressional inquiry.

However, due to the growing public uproar over Blackwater's numerous and indiscriminate killings of Iraqi civilians, the State Department has had to engage in **outright grants of immunity** for Blackwater guards in order to stymie the current demands for prosecution. The NY Times reported that "State Department investigators offered Blackwater security guards immunity during an inquiry into last month's deadly shooting of 17 Iraqi civilians, government officials said today, calling it a potentially serious investigative misstep that could complicate efforts to prosecute the company's employees involved in the episode." --Quite an understatement!

Believe me, this was no misstep. This was a deliberate attempt to outright derail any prosecution. State Department investigators (Bureau of Diplomatic Security) had virtually no authority to offer grants of immunity, not being part of the Justice Department or any other prosecutorial office. They knew they lacked authority, but went forward anyway in a deliberate attempt to create legal havoc amidst any subsequent attempts by the DOJ to prosecute. According to the Times, "Prosecutors at the Justice Department, who do have such authority, [*claimed*]

no advance knowledge of the arrangement... Most the guards who took part in the episode were offered what officials described as *limited-use immunity*, which means that they were promised they would not be prosecuted for anything they said in their interviews with the authorities as long as their statements were true.

To compound the lie, one State Department official asserted that "If there's any truth to this story, then the decision was made without consultation with senior officials in Washington." I don't believe that for a moment. Any administration that really wanted to prosecute Blackwater's egregious acts of killing Iraqi civilians would have shut down and reversed this entire protection racket as soon as State issued its gag order. In contrast, the nation watches helplessly as the administration sits back and pretends to wring its hands over the "missteps" of the State Dept., but never seems to muster the will to reverse it. That's telling.

It is my core analysis that this entire pattern of using secrecy and immunity to shield Blackwater is part of a concerted plan to protect a secret administration program (still in its incipient phase) to recruit and build a private and unaccountable Gestapo-like force that will someday be used to "deal with" dissident Americans.

There is a reason why immunity for criminal acts while doing contract work for government is so important in keeping the recruitment pipeline full. Those mercenaries with aggressive tendencies emerge most easily when not constrained by the threat of discovery or prosecution—which is ever present within strict military circles. In contrast, a Private Military Contractor (PMC) with a security contract in Iraq has lots of opportunities to allow guards to use aggressive firepower, torture and interrogation in real live situations. This cannot be simulated completely by training.

That is why it was so essential for the government to implant upon the transitional Iraq government this blanket and absolute immunity for PMCs. That gave PMCs a huge jumpstart in being able to grow a culture of aggressiveness in tactics and conduct among guards. Abu Graib and other torture prisons also served as wide-open testing grounds, checking to see who could be talked into torturing prisoners without objection. Now that there is a wide public backlash against CIA secret prisons, Abu Graib type torture and Blackwater's aggressive killing of civilians, PMCs will have to develop ever more sophisticated regimes to test for and find the unprincipled mercenaries necessary to build a core of enforcers that will take orders blindly and without conscience.

By the way, it is probable that certain PMC executives are not aware of the future purposes of their own companies. They become totally dependent upon government contracts, and are slowly led down the path of doing more and more evil acts as they are led from one task to another.

Continued training and building of mercenaries will depend on a steady stream of future wars and conflicts. The hard core people get hired into the dark side of the CIA where the craft of torture and rendition still continues in secret military and CIA prisons. That is precisely why our own government, despite the anti-torture rhetoric, still refuses to stop torture or shut down its secret prisons. The system has simply gone deeper underground.

The BBC reported this week that CIA chief Michael Hayden is still verbally backing secret prisons and rendition flights. "The director of the US Central Intelligence Agency, General Michael Hayden, has defended the methods it uses to interrogate terror suspects. Gen Hayden said programs such as extraordinary rendition produced what he said was irreplaceable intelligence. Under the program, terror suspects are transported to secret prisons in countries with less stringent interrogation rules [actually, NO restraints]. Mr Hayden, speaking in Chicago, said the leads gained justified rendition." The Bush administration obviously believes the ends fully justify the means!

Even the administration's nominee for Attorney General, Michael Mukasey, continues to play word games in his refusal to label waterboarding and other forms of "enhanced interrogation" as torture. The Boston Herald says "Democrat Chris Dodd stepped out today as the first of the presidential hopefuls also serving in the US Senate to say he will vote against Attorney General nominee Michael Mukasey [due to Mukasey's] refusal to clarify whether he considers an interrogation technique known as waterboarding to be torture. [Ed. note: Waterboarding is a form of simulated drowning, and involves constraining a person on his back, restricting breathing with a porous bag over the head and pouring water on the face]."

Scott Horton cogently explained the **folly of trying to use National Security to hide America's use of torture**: "There's no justification for keeping secret such memos about what techniques are legal and which are not... After all, we 'reveal' the secrets to the enemy when we subject them to the 'lawful' techniques." Exactly! So, the only reason for keeping it secret is to hide the truth from the public.

"Dodd said while he is troubled by that [*Mukasey's evasion on waterboarding*], he is more concerned about Mukasey's suggestion during hearings last month that **the president could disregard a constitutional federal law on national security grounds**. 'I'm more distressed and concerned about that statement,' Dodd told reporters in a conference call. That upsets the separation of powers and would continue a troubling expansion of executive power, he said. 'I just find it as fundamental as it gets.' The Connecticut senator said he is stunned that a retired federal judge is making such statements that Dodd said a first-year law student should know is wrong."

The immunity offer for blackwater killers is creating a huge backlash in Iraq and is adding to the growing world perception that this administration is thumbing its nose at the rule of law. Earlier this week, Iraq's cabinet approved the **repeal of the agreement granting contractors immunity** (forced upon them by the Coalition Authority in 2004 as a condition of regaining limited sovereignty), and sent it on to Parliament which is sure to approve. However,

it is a pyrrhic victory since all the Blackwater guards involved in the recent killings have been flown out of the country and will never be extradited by the US back to Iraq for trial. In the future, security guards who perpetrate crimes will immediately be removed from Iraqi jurisdiction. This is easy to accomplish since the US maintains its own **conduits of safe passage** (Green Zone, military air bases, and US-only controlled roads connecting the Green Zone to US air bases).

The UK guardian was frank in saying that "the Bush administration faced intense criticism yesterday after it emerged that The State Department had offered immunity to Blackwater security guards allegedly involved in a shooting spree in Baghdad that left 17 dead... The offer does not mean a trial cannot be mounted but it would compromise any prosecution case and practically ensure there would be no convictions." Precisely. Due to the contradictory grants of immunity without authority, it would be easy for any controlled judge to declare a mistrial.

The Times continued quoting State Department spokesman Sean McCormack who insisted that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice still believed anyone responsible should be prosecuted. That's easy to say, and provides good cover but, as ABC reports, "Even as she accepted the resignation of State's security chief Tuesday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice quietly promoted two senior staffers who directly oversaw controversial Blackwater security operations." Blogger Noah Shachtman reveals that State has outsourced this new oversight of convoy security to the coalition **Reconstruction Operations Centers**, who "are themselves outsourced, through a recently renewed \$475 million contract to the British firm Aegis. And Aegis is run by the infamous old-school gun-for-hire, **Tim Spicer**. He's the guy, you may recall, who tried to use his mercenary army to launch a counter-coup for the government of Sierra Leone." So, once again, we have black ops. people overseeing other black ops. companies. It's "all in the family."

What is most disturbing is that the Justice Department is acting as if the immunity grants can and will invalidate their efforts to prosecute even though they do not. The FBI has now taken over the investigation from State but Blackwater guards have refused to talk to the FBI, citing the promises of immunity. Want more evidence of Blackwater working on the dark side? According to NBC, one of the things the FBI has discovered is that Blackwater was **illegally importing silencers for weapons into Iraq**. These are only used for covert operations and assassinations.

Democratic Representative **Henry Waxman**, chairman of the House oversight committee, called this immunity stunt an "egregious misjudgment," and demanded from the State Department to know who gave the illegal grant of immunity and whether Sec. Rice was involved. No answer was forthcoming though the chief of the Security Bureau abruptly resigned without admitting any wrongdoing. I think he was pushed out by Rice in the hopes of pacifying the outrage against the Department.

Let's analyze a little further my theory that there exists a concerted plan by the dark side of government to create a

private army of secret police or shock troops that can be relied upon to eliminate or imprison American dissidents to globalist control. While there is a relatively small group of potential resistors at this time, its numbers will grow to include many others (currently in denial), who will someday be driven to resist as the evil acts of government becomes too brazen to deny. This happened in Soviet Russia, Nazi Germany and Castro's Cuba, though the rise in numbers of dissidents was never sufficient to stop the killing, having no personal arms.

America's private citizens are not yet disarmed, but the Powers that Be (PTB) certainly intend to do so in the future. All tyrannies disarm their citizens, and build death camps, "re-education" camps and prison camps to harbor or dispose of the large minority of people who resist or who are of a class of people that tend to produce resistors. The wholesale incarceration of "potentially threatening" groups is what finally wakes up a passive nation. I don't predict that will ever occur until war comes and the populous is disarmed as a "precaution" against "insurrection from traitors within." The US government is no exception to other tyrannies and is neither conservative nor Christian. "Excess prison capacity" is being built, some in secret and others in the open.

As I have asserted strongly in the past, it is my analysis that a concerted plan is in place to 1) create a shortage of military personnel (relative to the burgeoning number of created conflicts) and to 2) fill that void by instituting a draft in combination with national uniform military services for all youth. 3) As in Iraq, certain tasks in the future within America will be "outsourced" to these mercenary groups since our troops will be engaged overseas in constant warfare. Even during Katrina, the Bush administration paid huge sums to Blackwater to provide security in New Orleans, paving the way for this kind of "private" enforcement in future crises. New plans are being laid for Blackwater and other PMCs to serve as "peacekeepers" in Africa. The administration will continue to drum up excuses to keep these private mercenaries occupied so they can continue their selection process to see which of the thousands of former Special Forces people they hire prove to be sufficiently without principles or morals to serve on the dark side.

Certainly, the administration isn't paying these outrageous contract prices to these PMCs because it is cheaper or more efficient to outsource these tasks. If they gave even half this money to the military it could attract more than enough to fill its ranks to do these jobs. But saving money isn't what the government is up to. They are trying to avoid using normal military men for dark side operations. Honest military types are unsuitable for the dark side activities because they tend to blow the whistle when they discover illegal activities.

During the Vietnam War and into the 1980s the CIA used a lot of military pilots to haul drugs in military aircraft. Even though sworn to secrecy some turned whistleblowers and had to be silenced. Now the use of regular military personnel to do the government's illicit work is rare. They prefer to hire private mercenaries who will do anything if

the price is high enough. Billions provided for Iraqi reconstruction are diverted to PMCs. This money funds salary rates 2 to 10 times what ordinary soldiers make and creates a huge magnet for ex-military types who are willing to sacrifice families and regular civilian jobs for the lucre of professional combat—a first step in the selection process towards building a mercenary base of low-character individuals. That isn't to say that only bad types get hired by PMCs. It's always a mix of people initially, and so further sifting is necessary to build of core of individuals willing to take orders without question.

Inevitably, even bad-boy mercenary companies like Dyncorp, MPRI or Blackwater have had whistleblowers emerge who witnessed illegal acts, including corruption, sex slaves and wanton killings, who tried to alert superiors and/or the public. None of these dissidents were supported by their superiors. Instead they were harassed, fired or forced to resign. This harsh treatment serves to telegraph a message to others in the organization, thus discouraging further dissidents. The few principled employees see the handwriting on the wall and eventually get out. Those wanting to go along rather than risk their high pay bury their conscience and say nothing. By default that leaves the criminally-minded to lead, direct and cover-up when necessary.

While Blackwater and other PMCs are forced, for appearance sake, to fire those accused of the worst crimes, they often help them find interim employment with other "connected" companies until they can be rehired. This is typical of dark side operations within the CIA or FBI. When dark side agents get caught doing something illegal, and sufficient public exposure makes a cover-up difficult, they are farmed out to other government front companies (which can include connected insurance companies, public relations firms, shipping companies, airlines, or other PMC competitors).

In short, by laundering problem employees through other companies (just like money laundering), dark side agencies within government get to claim a resolution of its embarrassing employee problem—always billed as a "rogue agent" or an anomaly—and yet still retain use of their services. Rarely are problem people hired back into the same department of government. More likely they continue to serve their same masters secretly while still under their new private cover. In the dark side trade this process is called "sheep dipping."

The network of front companies or "allied enterprises" runs the entire gamut of business endeavors including selected casinos companies where the dark side government links up with Mafia resources. The network of connected companies is so varied and numerous that it reaches every part of the globe.

Those that are not actual front companies (companies started with CIA seed money and closely controlled) are often lured into the government network with the promise of certain lucrative contracts and benefits with government. Others are attracted by the promise of immunity from government oversight (IRS, SEC) as in a shakedown racket

("you play along with us and the SEC or IRS will never bother you....if you don't, you can expect an audit every year"). Enron benefitted from this kind of initial immunity from IRS and SEC audits. Microsoft also went through what I believe was a "shakedown" period when the government threaten them with multiple federal lawsuits. Finally Microsoft agreed to "work with" government surveillance goals (embedded in Microsoft software) and the federal "dogs" were called off and "out of court" settlements were reached.

This same thing happened years ago with Ma Bell and the Baby Bells. In recent decades it had to be done all over again after numerous cell telephone and internet service provider companies were formed. Secrecy and immunity all played a role in corrupting these new companies too. Each company was asked by the government to allow eavesdropping equipment to be permanently installed at their switching facilities. Each was told by government officials that the kind of wiretapping the NSA was going to install in their buildings was totally legal. Company lawyers were not fooled, but all of the top company executives bought into the lie except one (CEO Joseph Nacchio of Qwest) who was later prosecuted on trumped up stock manipulation charges. Again a message was telegraphed to the others.

As you can see, there are many ways to control a company without bringing it knowingly into a conspiracy. Less direct controls help safeguard the core conspiracy against discovery. Only fools claim that large conspiracies can't exist because of fear of discovery. They do exist because of the myriad of sophisticated ways they have of gaining the cooperation of others, who never know the full purposes of what they are engaged in.

In my opinion, it's going to take at least a decade for these new black organizations to mature into the hardened corps of thugs necessary to become an American Gestapo. Rumors continue to circulate on the internet about Bush administration plans to invoke martial law in a new crisis that is supposedly imminent. I don't believe these rumors. The PTB aren't ready for that yet. If they tried to lock down the US, it would backfire on them, and convince millions that a conspiracy really exists. They will be patient and wait for the next big war. It also took time in Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia to develop these "security organs". Recruitment, culling and selection is a constant process that never ends, even once well established. Whenever wars come along, this process of training and expansion of totalitarian forces is accelerated dramatically.

IMMUNITY DEALS IN UK ALSO UNDER THE GUISE OF NATIONAL SECURITY

Britain seems to be in lock step with the US in using secrecy and immunity to shield the public from its dark side government activities as well. The UK Guardian has been following the blockbuster story of bribery and kickbacks in the huge BAE Systems arms dealings with Saudi Arabia. Just as the criminal investigation was going to trial, the inquiry was suddenly dropped for "security concerns".

"Arms and intelligence have been at the center of Britain's unique and close relationship with Saudi Arabia for decades. They still are. Only last month the two countries announced a deal for the sale of 72 Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft to the desert kingdom for £4.4bn. Whitehall officials said the potential total value of the contract would be much higher, though they will not say whether it might approach the scale of the £20bn-plus al-Yamamah contract with Saudi Arabia negotiated by the Thatcher government and involving the sale of Tornado jets, also made by BAE Systems." [*It is this earlier deal that is the subject of the suppressed investigation*]

"The [*new*] Eurofighter deal was being put together at the time that a bribery investigation by the Serious Fraud Office involving allegations against BAE was dropped. Tony Blair at the time made no mention of the [*previous*] arms deal. Instead, he said that the Saudis had privately threatened to cut intelligence cooperation with Britain unless the fraud inquiry was stopped. Mr Blair went so far as to say that Britain's national security would be at risk unless the fraud inquiry was abandoned."

And so it was. However, this investigation was scrapped not because of Saudi pressure alone. It was mutually beneficial because the Brits are just as much part of the corruption and cover-up as the Saudis and wish to avoid any embarrassing revelations of complicity. The US also has a similar incestuous relationship with the Saudis that includes kickbacks on US arms deals as well as the official cover-up of the many sex-slave scandals members of the Saudi Royal family are involved with (as detailed in prior briefings).

MORE STATE GOVERNMENTS FACILITATING ILLEGAL ALIEN INTEGRATION

It's not just North Carolina bending over backwards to accept Mexican consular cards as bona fide ID and granting illegals access to NC drivers licenses. As Jerome R. Corsi details for WorldNetDaily.com, Gov. Mike Huckabee's pretensions as the "conservative" Republican candidate for President are tainted by "A lingering controversy over the role former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee played in establishing a Mexican consulate office in Little Rock financed by taxpayers and local businesses... Critics in Arkansas contend Huckabee worked with some of the state's most prominent and politically powerful businesses to draw illegal immigrants to the state to accept low-paying jobs."

Politics in Arkansas have been tainted with federal collusion ever since the Bill Clinton years. Betsy Hagan, Arkansas director of the conservative Eagle Forum and a key backer of his early runs for office, told John Fund that she was "'his No. 1 fan.' She was bitterly disappointed with his record. 'He was pro-life and pro-gun, but otherwise a liberal,' she says. 'Just like Bill Clinton he will charm you, but don't be surprised if he takes a completely different turn in office.' Phyllis Schlafly, president of the national Eagle Forum, is even more blunt. 'He destroyed the conservative movement in Arkansas, and left the Republican Party a shambles,' she says. 'Yet some of the

same evangelicals who sold us on George W. Bush as a 'compassionate conservative' are now trying to sell us on Mike Huckabee."

Other state governors who facilitate the integration of illegals into their states do so out of much more than seeking to gain economic advantage. Various facilitators in the White House regularly telephone governors and encourage them to bypass or ignore federal statutes requiring that illegals be actively rounded up and deported. Naturally, there are many governors looking to use their state office as a stepping stone to higher federal office. They are all too anxious to comply with White House suggestions and impress the PTB in Washington.

The state of New York under big-name prosecutor-turned-governor, Elliot Spitzer is another case in point. The AP reports that, "The Bush administration and New York cut a deal Saturday to create a new generation of super-secure driver's licenses for U.S. citizens, but also allow illegal immigrants to get a version. New York is the fourth state to reach such an agreement on federally approved secure licenses, after Arizona, Vermont and Washington. The deal comes about one month after New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer announced a plan whereby illegal immigrants with a valid foreign passport could obtain a license. Spitzer, who has faced much criticism on the issue, said the deal means New York "will usher in the most secure licensing system in the nation." [*Security is merely the excuse for this new invasion of privacy.*] Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said he was not happy that New York intended to issue IDs to illegal immigrants [A lie]. But he said there was nothing he could do to stop it." Sure! Funny how the feds bend to "state's rights" whenever it serves their own purposes.

TURKISH ATTACK AGAINST PKK IMMINENT

Turkey has amassed more than 100,000 troops on the Iraqi border in preparation for a major assault on the PKK—a Kurdish liberation movement representing the minority Turkish Kurds who have little say in the government of Turkey. The US views this Turkish military raid as very inopportune. To be sure, it is an unwanted distraction that is getting in the way of US war plans on Iran.

There are various indications this week that the US is appeasing Turkey as fast as it can in order to dispose of this side show, without getting into the fray militarily. The US commander of troops in Iraqi Kurdistan has definitely ruled out any direct US military action against the PKK, but the US is otherwise bringing all its satellite and aircraft surveillance to bear on the PKK and feeding the latest intelligence to Turkish military commanders. However, military experts doubt Turkey can dislodge the PKK from the mountain hideouts.

Turkey, for its part, has threatened the US with a cut off of access to key Turkish/US airbases essential to the attack on Iran, if the US tries to inhibit the planned invasion. All of this has put significant pressure on Washington—which could retaliate diplomatically against Turkey if it chose to do so (which I doubt). It could poison or outright oppose Turkey's bid for membership in the EU. It could cut off

military spare parts to Turkey's fleet of US built F-16 and naval vessels provided in past years—just as it did to Iran. It could also place economic sanctions on Turkish banks internationally and in the US so as to coerce compliance. Instead the US seems to be bending over backwards to defuse the situation, stopping short of offending the Iraq Kurds who tacitly support the PKK.

One of the most embarrassing aspects of this silent support for Turkey have been new revelations from Turkish intelligence that the **US has been arming the PKK**. Justin Raimundo writes that, "The serial numbers of arms captured from PKK fighters have been traced back to U.S. shipments to Iraqi military and police units. Responding to Turkish complaints, the Americans claim these arms were diverted by the Iraqis — presumably the Kurdish regional government — but the Turks aren't buying it."

This happens to be the same defense Iran is using about US claims that Iranian arms and explosives are making their way to Iraqi insurgents. There are obviously multiple ways in which both US and Iranian arms can make their way through the black market to terrorists and insurgents. The mere presence of serialized weapons does not prove anything about how they actually got there. More probably, the arms are being supplied by the US to the PKK's sister terror organization, the PJAK, which the US is supporting in its bid to destabilize Iran.

This then leads us to the larger problem of US selective support for some terrorist organizations and its condemnation of others. Pepe Escobar explains: "The Turks - faithful NATO allies of the US - know very well how Washington plays a double game, with intelligence covert operations funding and arming the PJAK. The PKK has made it to the extensive US list of terrorist groups; the PJAK has not [*these are "our" terrorists*]. The PKK and PJAK have the same leaders, have the same logistics base, and both pledge allegiance to iconic Kurdish leader Abdullah Ocalan, captured with inside information by Israeli intelligence in 1999 and jailed for perpetuity in Turkey. For the Turks, Ocalan is similar to what Osama bin Laden is for the US."

This knowledge of US duplicity with the PJAK is one of the levers Turkey is using to coerce US support. How far they can push this hypocrisy remains to be seen. Manuel Noriega, long time co-conspirator with the CIA in the US/Panama drug trade found out the hard way that you can only blackmail the US so far before they turn on you and strike back, as the CIA did in the invasion of Panama.

Pepe Escobar continues: "To say this is all part of a 'structural crisis' between Turkey and the US would be the understatement of the century." Turkey is a major player in US and Israeli black operations throughout the region. Turkey acts as a conduit and a shield for Israeli incursions into other Arab countries, as well as for arms transfers on behalf of both the US and Russia to various Arab countries. Thus, Turkey has the ability to act as spoiler to a number of key players on the world stage.

"[Turkish PM] Erdogan has already told US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice there's only one way to prevent a

Turkish invasion: US special forces must grab the 150 or so top Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) leaders holed up in the Qandil mountains in Iraqi Kurdistan and deliver them on a silver platter to Ankara. The US commander in Iraqi Kurdistan, Major General Benjamin Mixon, has already volunteered his answer to this request: the US will do 'absolutely nothing' about it." That doesn't mean the US may not do it as a "black op" but the success of rounding up that many PKK leaders is probably nil, even for the best of US special forces.

"We will launch an operation when it will be necessary, without asking for anybody's opinion," Erdogan said on Saturday....[But] For all practical purposes, the Turkish military has already invaded Iraqi Kurdistan by a range of 12 kilometers, and Turkish jets have already unleashed air strikes. This time Iraqi Kurds definitely will not betray their cousins, the Turkish Kurds, although they did so, for instance, in 1992, when they collaborated with the Turkish military in an anti-PKK joint offensive. To expect that the 100,000 well-trained Kurdish peshmerga (the KRG's military) will blockade the PKK's camps high in the mountains is pure wishful thinking.

"What Turkey can do is to bleed Iraqi Kurdistan - via an economic embargo, already approved by Turkey's National Security Council. Iraqi Kurdistan depends on Turkey for 90% of its imports (20% for Iraq as a whole). Turkey can simply close Habur - its sole border crossing point with Iraq - and reroute all cargo to Syria. Iraqi Kurds will be deprived of everything from foodstuffs to fridges and tires. Electricity in Iraqi Kurdistan is also provided by Turkey. The Turks are virtually building everything - from Irbil airport to Sulaymaniah University. But Turkish businesses would also lose: there are more than 1,000 companies and 15,000 Turkish workers in Iraqi Kurdistan. 'Turkish' in this case means Turkish Kurds from southeast Anatolia. In case of an embargo, more than 200,000 Turkish Kurds would be severely affected."

"Turkey's generals have had enough and are itching to invade... [but,] Kurdish nationalism, on both sides of the border, is bound to reach fever pitch. And the PKK knows a Turkish invasion will torpedo Ankara's relations with both the US and especially the European Union (Turkey desperately wants to enter the EU). Not to mention the Iraqi government in Baghdad, the KRG and Erdogan's Turkish Kurd voters.

"Then there's the *Iranian front*. According to the independent Ankara Anatolia news agency, [Turkish leader] Gul and Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinejad have had a most interesting phone conversation. Seemingly in sync, they agreed both their countries are victims of terrorism. This is essentially correct: as the PKK attacks Turkey, its Iranian arm, the PJAK (Party of Free Life of Kurdistan) attacks Iran... Washington wanted Ankara to isolate both Damascus and Tehran. It did not, and it will not, happen. Worse, Turkish intelligence knows all about Israel training the peshmerga in Iraqi Kurdistan."

But, there is a major threat of blowback occurring if the US doesn't keep control of Turkey. "This particular blowback

would be comic if it were not tragic: instead of US/Israeli-trained Kurds [peshmerga] plunging Iran into chaos, now we have irate Turks itching to invade US-protected Iraqi Kurdistan... The PJAK's leader, Rahman Haj-Ahmadi, who lives in exile in Germany, has already been to the US this past summer (he got a visa because the PJAK is not considered a terrorist group). His avowed agenda is for Kurds to be part of a 'secular, democratic' regime in Iran, [NOT Iraq]. Washington neo-conservatives sit up every time someone says "regime change in Iran". But what they don't seem to accept is that Ahmadi's real agenda, similar to that of the overwhelming majority of Kurds, is the establishment of a **greater Kurdistan**.

"What are Jalal Talabani (today Iraq's president) and Barzani (president of the KRG) really up to? Barzani rejects outright any possibility of a Turkish invasion. He does not even consider the PKK as terrorists; he and his peshmerga actually protect the PKK. Talabani for his part says he understands Turkey's pain. He offered the prospect of the PKK announcing one more unilateral ceasefire. But he also told Kurdish TV, 'we will not hand over any Kurd to Turkey, not even a Kurdish cat.' Talabani in fact does not care about Ankara; what he cares about is his American protectors.

"Take the words of Qubad Talabani, dad's son in Washington, 'Only Barzani could actually do something about the PKK; the Green Zone government in Baghdad is irrelevant and ignored by the KRG. But Ankara refuses any meaningful dialogue with the KRG; partly because of anti-Kurdish sentiment, partly out of fear of an imminent, independent Iraqi Kurdistan mini-state.

"The PKK is so relaxed in the middle of all this frenzy it even organized a press conference in the spectacular Qandil mountains, 10 kilometers from the Iranian border, attended by Le Monde's Patrice Claude and The Independent's Patrick Cockburn. Claude and Cockburn were left with the impression that the PKK - although insisting it is just defending itself against the Turkish drive to exterminate it - is indeed rooting for a Turkish invasion; that would pit Turkey against Iraqi Kurds en masse, especially Barzani's peshmerga, and the PKK structure would suffer barely a scratch. After all, the PKK believes nobody could dislodge its up to 3,500 warriors ensconced in dozens of mobile camps in the mountains, 'not even Alexander the Great'. The Turks know it; they tried twice in 1995 and 1997, with 50,000 troops, with zero success. As the PKK leadership reads it, it's all about Turkey trying to smash the inevitable independence of Iraqi Kurdistan - or 5 million Iraqi Kurds about to live the dream of 12 million Turkish Kurds."

CIA HISTORY OF FUNDING EARLY IRAQI TERROR

Michael Schwartz reports that Baghdad coalition viceroy, L. Paul Bremer III, is now a lobbyist "(in this case to the tune of \$300,000) for **Ayad Allawi**, former CIA asset and head -- back in Saddam's day -- of an exile group, the Iraq National Accord. Bumiller identifies Allawi as 'the first prime minister of the newly sovereign nation -- America's man in Baghdad.' She also refers to him as having had

'close ties to the CIA' and points out that he was not just Bremer's, but Blackwill's [*One of Bush's foreign policy advisors*] 'choice' to be prime minister back in 2004. Now, he's Blackwill's 'choice' again. Allawi is, it seems, yet once more on deck, with his own K-Street lobbyist, ready to step in as prime minister if the present PM, Nouri al-Maliki, were to fall (or be shoved aside).

"But there's another rather inconvenient truth about Allawi that goes unmentioned -- and it's right off the front page of the New York Times, no less -- a piece by Joel Brinkley, 'Ex-C.I.A. Aides Say Iraq Leader Helped Agency in 90's Attacks,' published in early June 2004, just at the moment when Allawi had been 'designated' prime minister. In the early 1990s, Brinkley reported, Allawi's exile organization was, under the CIA's direction, planting car bombs and explosive devices in Baghdad (including in a movie theater) in a fruitless attempt to destabilize Saddam Hussein's regime." There you have it. The US used outright civilian terror to try and overthrow the regime of Saddam Hussein.

US AND IRAQ STILL PROMOTING AHMED CHALABI

Another Iraqi CIA asset is now back in favor with the US (if he was ever truly "out of favor"). Ahmed Chalabi has been given a key position that will allow him to become an Iraqi hero if he can pull it off. Earlier this month, PM Nouri al Maliki named Chalabi as head of the services committee, a consortium of eight service ministries and two Baghdad municipal posts, that is tasked with **bringing services to Baghdad**. Gen. David Petraeus, the top military commander in Iraq said, "The key is going to be getting the concerned local citizens — and all the citizens — feeling that this government is reconnected with them. Chalabi agrees with that." Depending upon whether or not the coalition is finally going to allow Iraq reconstruction to be completed, this position could make Chalabi a hero or destroy his reputation for good.

US MUST STOP AIR STRIKES IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

Even US puppet politicians in Iraq and Afghanistan are beginning to say "enough is enough." Stop these infernal airstrikes on civilian neighborhoods! In an interview with 60 Minutes, US puppet president Karzai in Afghanistan is demanding the US stop bombing Afghan residential neighborhoods. CBS says, "After six years, the liberation of Afghanistan has become a triumph without victory. The fighting is the greatest it has been since the beginning of the war and more civilians are dying. In fact, **60 Minutes** was surprised to hear this: while the enemy has killed hundreds of civilians this year, a similar number of civilians have been killed by American forces... The number of civilians killed in air strikes has doubled. **60 Minutes** wondered whether civilian deaths are undermining the effort to win the Afghan people."

CBS correspondent Scott Pelley reports, "'You can't be saying that the Soviets were kinder to your people than the Americans have been,' Pelley remarks quoting Afghan sources, 'We used to hate the Russians much more than

Americans,' the villager replied. 'But now when we see all this happening, I am telling you Russians behave much better than the Americans.'" Sad, but true. Unfortunately, I doubt the US will go along with this request. There is an unsaid globalist agenda going on in both Iraq and Afghanistan that involves antagonizing the local people and creating hatred against America. Our soldiers and airmen are not part of this agenda, but those determining the bombing policy are, just as they were in WWII when US target planners were instructed by top generals like George C. Marshall to firebomb residential sections of German cities. This was a pure terror tactic.

NATO nations are beginning to look for a way out of Afghanistan. As the UK Telegraph reported, "Nato has 'lost in Afghanistan' and its failure to bring stability there could provoke a regional sectarian war 'on a grand scale', according to Lord Ashdown [*former United Nations High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina*]. He delivered his dire prediction after being proposed as a new 'super envoy' role in Afghanistan. Lord Ashdown said: 'We have lost, I think, and success is now unlikely.'"