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CEC's Isherwood on the Sydney 'Islamist' siege:

"Let's ask Prince Charles what he knows about it."

Citizens Electoral Council National Secretary Craig Isherwood today issued the following statement on the hostage-taking at the Lindt Chocolate Café in central Sydney.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of those who were tragically killed or injured, even as we are thankful that the situation did not end much more gruesomely. But if we are not to witness an endless, escalating series of such events we must go well beyond prayers, to understand the *dynamic* which drives "international terrorism".

First of all, I would call attention to the CEC's 25 September 2014 press release titled "British SIS/ASIO Planning a Terrorist Attack on Australia?", which forecast precisely such an attack. It opened:

"As things presently stand, a near-term terrorist attack upon Australian soil is almost guaranteed. Why? Is it because there are so many terrorists out there, whether home-grown or returning from Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan or elsewhere, such that at least one 'lone wolf' is bound to 'slip through'? No! It is because the British Crown and the City of London, which control the British and American intelligence services, *intend* for such an attack to occur."

In the November/December 2014 issue of our *New Citizen* newspaper, which also featured that release, we elaborated on the strategic context for such events: the fact that the world is now plunging headlong into a new, far worse global financial collapse than even that of 2007-08. Such a collapse would explode the power of the Anglo-American oligarchy, centred in the megabanks of the City of London and Wall Street, and it is assuredly coming. With that clock ticking, and desperate to maintain its power that Anglo-American oligarchy has launched a global war on two fronts: 1) it has launched a relentless, escalating showdown against the rising economic powers of the BRICS nations of Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa and their allies, which may well result in a thermonuclear World War III, and 2) it has fostered the rise of international terrorism through Saudi Arabia, Qatar and other Gulf States, to justify the establishment of fascist-style police state regimes in the West.

Therefore, it is impossible to defeat international terrorism without shining a spotlight on those in the West—in particular in the UK and the US—who have built that terrorist apparatus over the past thirty years or so and who continue

to protect it. And there is perhaps no single individual in the world more responsible for doing so, than the heir to the British Crown, Prince Charles. His own intimate friends and associates of decades standing in the ruling families of Saudi Arabia, in particular, constitute a "Who's Who" of the orchestrators and financiers of international terrorism: they created Al-Qaeda, they organised the 9/11 attacks in New York and Washington, and they created ISIS and continue, relentlessly, to support its expansion. We provide some of the essential proof of that charge in our November/December 2014 *New Citizen*, but let me state some essentials here.

First, as all honest observers recognise, Saudi Arabia is the chief financier of international terrorism. Former US Senator Bob Graham, who headed the 2002 US Congress' Joint Commission on 9/11 and is one of the world's experts on that matter, told the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on 9 October regarding the refusal by Bush/Cheney and now Obama to declassify a crucial 28 page section of that report, "Foreign Financing and Logistical support for 9/11 hijackers":

"I believe that had the role of Saudi Arabia in 9/11 been disclosed by the release of the 28 pages, and by the declassification of other information as to the Saudi role and support of the 9/11 hijackers, that it would have made it much more difficult for Saudi Arabia to have continued that pattern of behavior ... and I think we would have had a good chance of reining in the activity that today Canada, the United States and other countries either are or are not considering going to war with."

The names of two of the top leaders of the Saudi state and intelligence agencies over the past thirty years have emerged repeatedly in the context of 9/11, both of whom are decades-long intimate friends of Charles and were two of only eight foreign royals whom Charles invited to his and Camilla's wedding in April 2005. They are Prince Bandar bin-Sultan, Saudi Ambassador to the US (1983-2005), Secretary-General of the Saudi National Security Council (2005-present) and head of Saudi Intelligence from 2012-14, the crucial two years when ISIS was being constructed out of the Saudi-funded "Syrian opposition"; and his brother-in-law Prince Turki bin Faisal, Director-General of Saudi Intelligence (1979-2001, during the time Al-Qaeda was constructed), and Saudi Ambassador to the UK (2003-05) and to the USA (2005-06).



Bandar's wife, Princess Haifa al-Faisal, Turki's sister, personally provided financial assistance to two of the hijackers (15 of the 19 were Saudi nationals), while a 1 March 2003 article in *The Guardian* by Paul Harris and Martin Bright, "Saudi envoy in UK linked to 9/11", reported on Prince Charles' friendship with Turki, but then observed that "Turki is not what he seems. Behind him lies a murky tale of espionage, terrorism and torture. For, while Turki has many powerful friends among Britain's elite, he is no ordinary diplomat. Turki has now been served with legal papers by lawyers acting for relatives of the victims of 11 September. ... The revelations throw a stark light on Turki's appointment last year as Saudi Arabia's new ambassador to Britain. They also cast doubt on the suitability of Charles's relationship with senior Saudis. ... The US lawsuit is seeking more than \$1 trillion in compensation from a list of individuals and companies alleged to have supported Al-Qaeda ... Now, after papers were served on Turki several weeks ago, the Saudi ambassador will be at the heart of it. Legal papers in the case obtained by *The Observer* make it clear that the allegations are serious and lengthy."

Most recently, as reported in the 18 November *Daily Mail*, one of those convicted and now spending life in prison for the 9/11 attacks, Zacarias Moussaoui, named Prince Turki al-Faisal and his sister, Bandar's wife, as "paying for Osama bin Laden's terror plot". The *Daily Mail* included a photostat of Moussaoui's several-page letter naming Turki and his sister.

The question of "Charles's relationship with senior Saudis" emerged as the central issue in British authorities' attempts to investigate 9/11. In his book, *Saudi Babylon: Torture, Corruption and Cover-up Inside the House of Saud*, investigative reporter Mark Hollingsworth reported on a meeting in 2003 at New Scotland Yard between its top officials, senior British counter-terrorism officials, and lawyers representing the families of the victims of 9/11. The 9/11 lawyers raised the matter of Saudi royal family financing of the hijackers of 9/11. Hollingsworth:

"Prince Charles's relationships with prominent House of Saud members have created serious problems and obstacles to UK agencies investigating claims of Saudi financing of international terrorism, according to Special Branch sources. The delicacy and sensitivity of Prince Charles's friendships was raised during a meeting at New Scotland Yard in April 2003. Families of the victims of 9/11 had filed a lawsuit accusing some members of the House of Saud, notably defence minister Prince Sultan and the new UK Ambassador, Prince Turki, of supporting Al-Qaeda in the past. Their lawyers were in Europe investigating allegations that senior Saudi royals had backed Islamic charities, run by the government, which funded the 9/11 hijackers.

"The meeting at Scotland Yard was attended by detective-chief inspector Stephen Ratcliffe, the Special Branch officer in charge of tracking terrorism financing; Peter Clarke, national director of countering terrorist funding; Robert Randall, a police liaison officer; and lawyers for the families of the 9/11 victims. Alan Gerson, a lawyer for 9/11 relatives, outlined their case and said that the Saudi royal family were put on notice in 1999 by US National Security Council (NSC) officials in Riyadh that funds for Al-Qaeda came from Saudi. 'There were warnings to the Saudis in London as well,' said Ratcliffe, 'although some of our regulatory agencies were not always up to scratch in tracing the money.'

"Well, have the UK authorities uncovered anything to show that charities run by some members of the Saudi royal family were channeling money to the terrorists?" asked Gerson.

"Ratcliffe looked hesitant and a little sheepish. 'Our ability to investigate the Saudis is very limited,' he said. He then paused, looked across at a photograph of Prince Charles on the wall, raised his eyebrows and smiled knowingly without saying a word. 'He did not say anything, but the message was

crystal clear when he looked at the picture,' said a [high-level] police officer who was present. 'It was Prince Charles's special relationship with the Saudis which was a problem. He gave no other reason why they were restricted.'

Sydney gunman Haron Monis—a "lone wolf"?

In our 25 September press release, we emphasised that given the enormous range of surveillance and other police-state powers already in place here, a "9/11-scale" terrorist attack on Australia would simply not be credible at present. Therefore, we warned, the expected attack would most likely come from a "lone wolf".

Right on cue, the "lone wolf" Man Haron Monis appeared, a deranged individual long known to police and intelligence agencies who bore the earmarks of a programmable "Manchurian Candidate". An Iranian refugee granted asylum here in 1996, Monis by 2007 had gained notoriety for, among other things, writing abusive letters to the families of soldiers killed in Afghanistan. Though Monis claimed to speak on behalf of the Muslim community, a 28 December 2007 article in *The Australian* reported precisely the opposite. Titled "Sheikh 'faked' to stir up ill-feeling", the article reported the response of Ikebal Patel of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils to Monis: "Mr Patel said dozens of senior Muslim spiritual leaders from around the country—including Australian National Imams Council executives—have been quizzed about the identity of Sheik Haron, but to no avail." On 27 January 2008 Australia's senior Shiite cleric Sheik Mousselmani told *The Australian*: "We don't know him and we have got nothing to do with him. The federal police should investigate who he is. It should be their responsibility."

Then, in 2013 Monis was charged with being an accessory to the murder of his ex-wife, who was stabbed and set alight in a stairwell. His current girlfriend was charged with the murder, but the judge let him free on bail, commenting that the evidence against Monis seemed "circumstantial". Then, earlier this year, Monis was charged with 40 counts of sexual assault. Already on bail as a possible accessory to murder, he was nonetheless again granted bail to appear in court in February 2015.

Though long professing to be a Shiite Muslim, Monis just recently announced himself to be a Sunni (as are all members of ISIS), just in time to claim ISIS inspiration for his actions in the Lindt café. His deranged mental history, together with his remarkably lenient treatment by law enforcement call to mind the notorious case of Martin Bryant. When Bryant suddenly committed his mass murder in Port Arthur, Tasmania in 1996, then-PM John Howard immediately seized on the public shock to ram through his planned draconian gun control laws. A CEC investigation at the time, including interviews with Bryant's personal psychiatrist, established that Bryant had been created as a "test-tube" project of the Tavistock clinic, Britain's premier psychological warfare center. Tavistock specialises in studies of how "mass trauma" can cause dramatic political and psychological shifts among affected populations.

Your responsibility

Now consider your own reactions as, hour after hour, the media relentlessly reported on the hostage drama unfolding in Sydney. Did you find yourself becoming frightened, scared that such an attack "out of the blue" could also one day hit you or your loved ones? Were you inclined to say, "Well, I guess we do need some more stern anti-terror laws, anything to stop something like this"? *That is exactly what the MIS/ASIO crowd and its masters in the Crown intend for you to think.* This is exactly why 9/11 was launched in the first place.

But if you want to fight to defeat this evil, contact the CEC and we will tell you what you can do to help save your country.