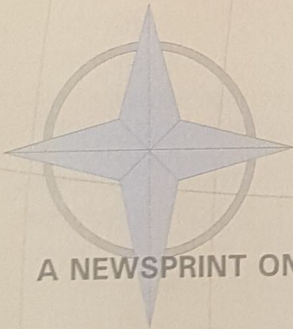


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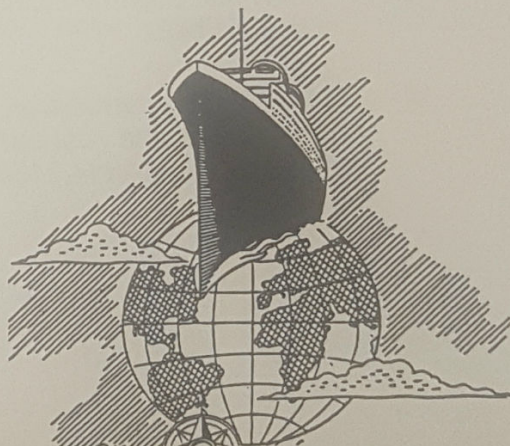
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## SITUATION REPORT: EUROPE

Below is a brief report on terrorist and organised crime activity in Europe. As you read the report, you can see how terrorists and criminals use other countries for training, organisation and funding and also how they network between each other.

### BRITAIN:

Nearly continuous Northern Irish terrorist activity with breaks for the occasional cease-fire. Islamic Fundamentalists have a lot of support and there is a large Arab community in London which provides funds and a propaganda base for terrorists. It's believed that several terrorist attacks in France have been planned and organised in Britain. In September 96 there was supposed to have been a rally in London in support of jihad (holy war); there would have been speakers from Hamas, Hezbollah and personal recordings from Sheike Bin Laden and the Blind Sheike who was convicted of plotting to blow up the world trade centre in New York. The rally was cancelled for security reasons. There is limited Eastern European Mob activity and within the drug trade Turkish, Yardie and Colombian gangs are active.

### FRANCE:

Mainland France like England has a strong base for Islamic Terrorists. It has a large Arab immigrant community, mainly from its former colony Algeria, the most active group is the Algerian Armed Islamic Group (GIA) who object to France's support of the Algerian military regime. There are also periodical bombings on Corsica and mainland France carried out by the Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC) who are after independence for Corsica. The South West of the country is used by ETA the Basque separatist terrorists for organising and training for attacks in Spain.

### GERMANY:

Germany's problems are mainly related to its large immigrant community. The Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) is very active, targeting Turkish businessmen and their businesses. The Iranian Government has been linked to the assassination of four Iranian Dissidents. Extreme right wing groups target the immigrant community; regularly there are fire bomb attacks on immigrant hostels, bars etc. Recently a German left wing group has been linked to ETA the Basque movement in Spain. Organised criminals are also very active using the country for setting up legitimate businesses and running their rackets and also due to Germany's open borders smuggling cars, drugs and even radioactive materials.

### TURKEY:

The PKK and other Kurdish groups are very active with the east of the country at virtual civil war. The Turkish Mafia are very active in the drug trade and have links with other criminal organisations world wide.

### POLAND:

A nationalist group called GN95 has been active against foreign investors and businesses

### ITALY:

Continuous Mafia activity. The Italian Mafia have links world wide and deal in anything profitable legal or illegal. Very good networkers.

### AUSTRIA:

A right wing group called "The Bajuvarian (Bavarian) Liberation Front" have conducted a letter bomb campaign against foreigner and immigrant communities and businesses.

### SCANDINAVIA:

Since 1993 there has been a territory war between two Biker gangs, their tactics range from drive by shootings to bombings and their arsenal ranges from booby-trapped electric razors to Anti-tank weapons.

### SPAIN:

ETA, the Basque separatist movement, are still fighting for an independent Basque state in Northern Spain. Their campaign of bombings and shootings are aimed at Government officials and complexes and sometimes the Tourist industry; an IRA man shot in London had spent time in the Basque area of Spain and had a Basque girl friend. The Algerian Islamic group "GIA" has sympathisers and members living in Spain. Mafias from all over the world use the country: the resort of Marbella has proved popular with the eastern European gangs.

### RUSSIA:

The main terrorists are the Chechans; they are very powerful on the organised crime scene. The Russian Mafia deals in anything profitable and have legal business as well as their illegal activities. They are also very good networkers and can appear anywhere in the world. There is also very strong right wing organisations active in the country.

### CYPRUS:

Cyprus is not classed as Europe but is being used by Mafia and criminals for money laundering and the setting up of legitimate businesses. Turkish Northern Cyprus is becoming a gambling haven due to the Government clamping down on Casinos on mainland Turkey. It is also a favourite for fugitives as the only country that recognises it and has official links with it is Turkey, making extradition procedures virtually impossible. Greek Southern Cyprus is used as a meeting point for Middle Eastern terrorists as its position in the Mediterranean is very convenient and ferries run regularly to countries such as Italy, Lebanon, Israel and Egypt. The island coastline makes it easy for covert landings.

I hope you found the above information of interest. I think that in the future we will see more of the terrorist-criminal type gangs appearing like the Chechans for example. If you have any comments or additional information on the above then contact me. All the best.

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