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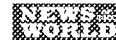
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Asylum terror plot at the U.N.; Investigation

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WE EXPOSE CROOKED PAYMENTS BEHIND FLOOD OF ILLEGALS
THE News of the World has smashed a plot to send Muslim terrorists into Britain using documents provided by corrupt United Nations officials.

In a massive investigation spanning Britain and Europe, our investigators have discovered a corrupt network of officials and crooks providing precious UN documents.

The paperwork, which allows the holder to seek sanctuary in Britain, is effectively a passport to terror.

Within the last two months 18 Islamic fundamentalists have entered the UK travelling on United Nations documents arranged by a Muslim named Ragmi Amidi.

Posing as a Muslim desperate to enter Britain illegally, one of our reporters tracked down Amidi to his base in Kumanavo, Macedonia.

Amidi pledged: "I am a Muslim and it is my duty to do anything to assist fellow Muslims. I would never betray a Muslim brother.

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"Obviously I have to pay people inside the UN building to get my hands on the documents. I can get birth certificates for 200 euros (a little over Pounds 130) and UN passports for 700 euros (about Pounds 475). The documents are all 100 per cent genuine.

"I have sent over 18 Muslims in the last two months to London. Some of the men I sent over were mujahideen (holy fighters)."

There are UN offices throughout Europe, and in Kosovo another team of reporters discovered bent officials providing paperwork to order, this time to smuggle illegal immigrants into Britain. And in this case the trail led to a second hand car dealer called Sandor in Mitcham, south London!

The Kosovo scam is used mainly by Albanians who want to sneak into this country.

Illegals know that if they can convince immigration officials here that they are Kosovan, they can stay and claim a raft of benefits-because Kosovo is officially a war-torn country while Albania isn't.

An undercover reporter posing as an Albanian who had sneaked into this country on the back of a lorry met Sandor at a cafe in Wimbledon.

"The best for you is a UN birth certificate," said Sandor, who had no idea if our man was a terrorist. "They are genuine from an office in Kosovo. They will cost Pounds 350."

Last week, at a second meeting in Wimbledon, Sandor handed over the document. The certificate number 211/2003 Pr 0000387 showed our reporter was born in Pristina.

It had a UN logo and was stamped and signed by registrar Argon Didai, who is unaware of the scam.

Bent local officials at the Kosovo UN process the documents which are then unwittingly signed by superiors.

Our reporter was also shown three more certificates to be used by bogus asylum seekers in Britain, all signed by June Ward, deputy municipal administrator at the UN office in Podujevo. She too has no ideas she has been duped by UN underlings.

Our undercover reporters working in Kosovo were put in touch with a man called Afrim Gjata. The crook, based in Podujevo, bragged: "I've sold hundreds of birth certificates. You give me your date of birth and names of parents and I will get you an official document. I have somebody working inside the UN."

We found many Albanians who are already in Britain after using the 'Kosovo scam'.

South London car wash attendant Zijadin Mystari, from Kruja in Albania, admitted: "I told Immigration I was afraid of being killed in my home town of Malishevo in Kosovo. But I have never been to Kosovo." Blonde Blerta Bytyqi, 21, came to Britain four years ago on a United Nations passport. Blerta, an Albanian from Tirana, now works in a nursing home in Sheffield.

"Getting UN documents was easy," she said. "And because the paperwork has the UN badge on it, the immigration here take it very seriously."

In Britain, crooked workers in law firms are also discovering how

much money there is to be made by convincing immigration authorities that their Albanian clients are Kosovan-and they don't even need to use the UN.

Another of our reporters, again posing as an Albanian illegal who wanted to claim UK benefits, was told to talk to Arian Shehu, a legal assistant employed by Andrews solicitors in Peckham, south-east London.

Shehu, whose bosses have no idea of his sideline, said smoothly: "I'll write an official solicitor's letter to the Home Office saying you are from Kosovo, from Mitrovitsa. I'll get you some information about Mitrovitsa."

Shehu charges an initial Pounds 250 to prepare a bogus report detailing 'suffering' in their supposed homelands.

He also attends Home Office interviews, helping clients deceive officials. Then he sorts out DSS applications.

Outlining the initial application for asylum, he said: "You take a statement I will prepare for you briefly outlining your case. Maybe we say you are homosexual and were harassed over that."

He later asked our man to sign a Legal Aid form then handed over a letter detailing our man's fictitious sexual harassment in Kosovo.

Shehu and everyone else in our investigation are now detailed in a dossier of evidence available to the authorities.

Last night UN security chiefs pledged: "There will be a full investigation."

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