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## **The Truth About Viktor Bout [+ comments by Dimitri Khalezov, Victor Bout's friend and legal adviser during his extradition case in Bangkok]**

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### **Why the U.S. really wants Viktor Bout in prison for life**

*Viktor Bout holds the key to opening the door of the real story of 9/11 and exposing the actual perps behind it.----- I don't think Victor knows anything at all about 9/11 (except may be from reading my "9/11thology" book while in Bangkok prison).*

WMR's sources in Asia, who have been in contact with senior Afghan Taliban officials, report that there is a major reason why the United States is seeking to incarcerate accused Russian arms smuggler [there was not even a single case ever recorded that Victor was noticed smuggling or selling any kind of arms – just to mention it for the sake of fairness] Viktor Bout for the rest of his life in an American prison and it has nothing to do with

attempting to sell weapons to Colombian leftist rebels -- who were actually U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents -- or being linked to Russian intelligence. [with this I can't disagree – the US wants Victor definitely NOT for his alleged attempt to allegedly sell the alleged weapons to the alleged “FARC rebels” (played by the US DEA agents indeed), and not because of Victor’s alleged links to the Russian intelligence, because he has never had any of such links; the US wants Victor for something entirely different. However, it will become clear from the further explanations, it does not mean that my opinion on this point corresponds with that of Tom Heneghan or Wayne Madsen]

The Taliban sources report that it was Bout who secretly flew Osama Bin Laden and his family out of Afghanistan prior to the massive U.S. bombing of Tora Bora in late 2001. [This is a complete bullshit. First of all Victor is not a pilot, but merely a businessman. Secondly, in the late 2001 he had no business. He was quietly living in his home near Moscow those days, watching TV and reading books. He was not even earning those days and was living on the money earned by his wife Alla from her small model agency. So, the claim that Victor Bout flew Osama bin Laden is the most ridiculous claim I have ever heard in my life. Add here that those days Osama had been apparently living in Hollywood, where he was at hand to make various clips with his appearances and not in remote Tora-Bora, and you will probably have a full picture.] Bout, a Bukharan Jew [Victor is not a “Bukharan Jew” but a typical Russian German] who was born in Tajikistan when it was a Soviet Socialist Republic [he was born in Tadjikistan not because he is a “Bukharan Jew”, because “Bukharan Jews” typically live in Uzbekistan, in case the US intelligence “experts” don’t know this detail, but because on Stalin’s orders during WWII the most of Russian Germans were deported from Volga river area where they used to live traditionally to Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tadjikistan – farther away from the WWII frontline, because Stalin feared they might collaborate with the German army advancing on Stalingrad. That is why Victor’s relatives of German origin occurred in Tadjikistan], had been involved with the Bin Laden family in logistics for their construction activities [as far as I know the one who was “involved with the Bin Laden’s family in logistics for their construction activities” was Bush’s family, not Victor Bout; moreover, why should you believe those guys who don’t even know that Victor is not a “Jew”, but a “German” when they claim such a thing about Victor Bout and bin Laden’s family alleged connections??], as well as with the Bin Ladens' West African diamond business [I don’t think bin Laden have had any of such business. The last of known business of Osama was in Sudan where he attempted to grow cucumbers, produce cow skins, and undertook to build a 80km long road from Sudan’s capital to a port-city].

Bout regularly flew personnel, equipment, and "security tools," i.e., weapons into West Africa on behalf of Osama Bin Laden and his Saudi interlocutors as part of a joint Israeli-Saudi plan to break the Lebanese Shi'a-Hezbollah monopoly on the West African diamond trade [I can't even comment on this ridiculous claim, because it is simply too ridiculous to find in it any point worth commenting]. The plan involved the recruitment by Mossad agents of Bin Laden loyalists to displace Shi'a from the diamond trade in countries like Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea. The Mossad used Bout to convince his old partner Osama Bin Laden to help in supplanting Shi'a influence over the West African diamond trade [I can imagine that the Mossad hates Shi'a Hezbollah built on the

revolutionary ideas of late Ayatollah Khomeini; and I can imagine that due to their true revolutionary ideology Hezbollah is practically impenetrable by any NWO agents up to this day; apparently the Mossad is extremely unhappy with this fact; I can imagine as well that the Mossad wishes to: a) deprive its arch-enemy Hezbollah of all funds; and b) earn the money (that might be earned by Hezbollah) for itself; all of it is understandable; however, it has nothing to do with Victor Bout].

The Bout story is directly linked to relationships between former Soviet Jews and the Sephardic Jews in Israel, who, working with Arab "business partners" from Yemen and Saudi Arabia, decided to back the Asif Ali Zadari-Benazir Bhutto campaign to finance and establish the Taliban as reliable protectors of the vital "Afghan Highway project," which was the key link for a "Mumbai-to-Moscow" (M2M) economic development strategy. [I don't think that the Taliban was created by Jews for the particular alleged reason mentioned above. The Taliban was created by the Freemasons/NWO folks/CIA and their Saudi lackeys for an entirely different reason. The problem was that the last officially feudal country in the world – Afghanistan – was hated by the NWO folks for particular reason: it was traditionally governed by the feudal law named "Adat", which is basically the very Law of Moses in its purest form. The Freemasons and other NWO folks that returned people back to Egypt, back to the land of slavery, and even made it so bold as to print the Egyptian pyramid right on the US 1-dollar bill, simply couldn't bear that there was still the last remaining feudal country in this Planet that has never been colonized and continues to live officially in a "Promised Land" and by the law of the Promised Land. Therefore the Freemasons have invented a very elaborate operation to abolish the feudalism in Afghanistan. First, they lured the Soviet army into Afghanistan. Second, they began to arm the Afghani opposition, making sure that as much militant followers of the ancient Adat laws as possible would be killed in fighting. In the same time they arranged that at least 10 million refugees would be stationed in the neighboring Pakistan (mostly children). Then the Freemasons spent enormous amounts of money and efforts to re-educate all of those Afghani children in Pakistani refugee camps from the most dangerous Adat ideology to the ridiculous pseudo-religious so-called "Shariah law" invented by the Freemasons for colonization purposes. Their Saudi lackeys, primarily Osama bin Laden played vital role in re-educating the Afghani children from their traditional (and absolutely irreconcilable) feudal ideology to the NWO-compliant Saudi-type ideology. As a result, when the children grew adult, they created a pseudo-religious Taliban movement and made sure that it would seize the power and rule Afghanistan for at least a few years before being finally kicked out. For these few years in power Taliban has achieved at least two main objectives of the Freemasons: a) it destroyed all vestiges of the Adat laws in Afghanistan, including destroying Tawrat books and destroying all historical references that the Adat laws have ever been practiced in this country; and b) it installed such an annoying and ridiculous version of so-called "Islam" that after the Taliban was finally kicked out no Afghani people would ever agree to come back to any Islamic rule again – be it "Shariah" law or even the traditional Adat law. The younger Afghanis would rather spend efforts to built McDonalds and KFC outlets than new mosques or new religious schools. Thus the Freemasons, at last, managed to get to their NWO the last and the most militant feudal country that they were craving to colonize for centuries, but to no avail. And this is the only reason the Taliban was actually created.]

Benzir Bhutto was well aware of this strategy and supported it, hence, on December 27, 2007, she was eliminated in an assassination [I don't think she was actually "killed". I think the Freemasons simply changed her identity and relocated her within their efficient relocation network, perhaps even under the notorious official US witness protection program. So I think she is now drinking her beer somewhere in a nice beach in Costa-Rika together with Barbara Olson and Timothy McVeigh] engineered by pro-CIA forces within the army and intelligence services under then-Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf. Not only was the crime scene hosed down and, along with it, important clues, but her husband, Zardari, refused a request for a post-mortem [that is exactly why – try to demand the same post mortem on Timothy McVeigh's body or on Alexander Litvinenko's body and you will get my point] on Bhutto's body.

The Afghan warlords not allied to the Taliban had to be defeated for the cotton trucks to move from Turkmenistan to the Sind region and then for textiles to be shipped out of Karachi, Bhutto's political base, and from India's Gujarat state. [Not so. The Afghani warlords whether allied to the temporary Taliban, or, worse, opposing it, had to be defeated because of the entirely different reason that had nothing to do with economics. They had to be defeated because the NWO folks simply can't bear any militant people capable of taking up arms. They need only obedient slaves that would love their neighbor and obey the cop when the global concentration camp will be finally announced. That is why warlords of any kind (even the potential ones) are simply dangerous. That is why they had to be revealed and killed first. There will be no place in the NWO for warlords.]

In arresting Bout, the United States was successful in disrupting the M2M strategy after the prized UNOCAL Central Asian gas (CentGas) pipeline deal with the Taliban broke down prior to the 9/11 attack. The pipeline deal was described in the following article from January 2002: Afghanistan, the Taliban and the Bush Oil Team by Wayne Madsen 23 January 2002

[I agree that the United States crave for disrupting any potential cooperation between Russia and India – because both countries in their opinion are "rogue" (meaning not fully obedient to the United States' globalization orders). However, the alleged disruption of the alleged M2M strategy in this sense had nothing to do with Victor Bout and the arrest of this humble individual could not contribute anything at all.]

According to Afghan, Iranian, and Turkish government sources, Hamid Karzai, the interim Prime Minister of Afghanistan, was a top adviser to the El Segundo, California-based UNOCAL Corporation which was negotiating with the Taliban to construct a Central Asia Gas (CentGas) pipeline from Turkmenistan through western Afghanistan to Pakistan. [So what? What it has to do with Victor Bout?]

Karzai, the leader of the southern Afghan Pashtun Durrani tribe, was a member of the mujaheddin that fought the Soviets during the 1980s. He was a top contact for the CIA and maintained close relations with CIA Director William Casey, Vice President George Bush, and their Pakistani Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) Service interlocutors. Later, Karzai and a number of his brothers moved to the United States under the auspices of the CIA. Karzai continued to serve the agency's interests, as well as those of the Bush Family

and their oil friends in negotiating the CentGas deal, according to Middle East and South Asian sources. [Yes, all of it is true. Karzai is indeed the CIA's lackey. But what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

When one peers beyond all of the rhetoric of the White House and Pentagon concerning the Taliban, a clear pattern emerges showing that construction of the trans-Afghan pipeline was a top priority of the Bush administration from the outset. Although UNOCAL claims it abandoned the pipeline project in December 1998, the series of meetings held between U.S., Pakistani, and Taliban officials after 1998, indicates the project was never off the table. [but what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

Quite to the contrary, recent meetings between U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Wendy Chamberlain and that country's oil minister Usman Aminuddin indicate the pipeline project is international Project Number One for the Bush administration. Chamberlain, who maintains close ties to the Saudi ambassador to Pakistan (a one-time chief money conduit for the Taliban), has been pushing Pakistan to begin work on its Arabian Sea oil terminus for the pipeline. [do you see any relevance of this information to the subject of the article named: "The Truth About Viktor Bout"? I don't see any.]

Meanwhile, President Bush says that U.S. troops will remain in Afghanistan for the long haul. Far from being engaged in Afghan peacekeeping -- the Europeans are doing much of that -- our troops will effectively be guarding pipeline construction personnel that will soon be flooding into the country.

Karzai's ties with UNOCAL and the Bush administration are the main reason why the CIA pushed him for Afghan leader over rival Abdul Haq, the assassinated former mujaheddin leader from Jalalabad, and the leadership of the Northern Alliance, seen by Langley as being too close to the Russians and Iranians. Haq had no apparent close ties to the U.S. oil industry and, as both a Pushtun and a northern Afghani, was popular with a wide cross-section of the Afghan people, including the Northern Alliance. Those credentials likely sealed his fate. [Do they imply that it was Victor Bout who eliminated Haq? Or what? What this info has to do with Victor?]

When Haq entered Afghanistan from Pakistan last October, his position was immediately known to Taliban forces, which subsequently pinned him and his small party down, captured, and executed them. Former Reagan National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, who worked with Haq, vainly attempted to get the CIA to help rescue Haq. The agency claimed it sent a remotely-piloted armed drone to attack the Taliban but its actions were too little and too late. Some observers in Pakistan claim the CIA tipped off the ISI about Haq's journey and the Pakistanis, in turn, informed the Taliban. McFarlane, who runs a K Street oil consulting firm, did not comment on further questions about the circumstances leading to the death of Haq. [but what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

While Haq was not part of the Bush administration's GOP (Grand Oil Plan) for South Asia, Karzai was a key player on the Bush Oil team. During the late 1990s, Karzai worked with an Afghani-American, Zalmay Khalilzad, on the CentGas project. Khalilzad

is President Bush's Special National Security Assistant and recently named presidential Special Envoy for Afghanistan. Interestingly, in the White House press release naming Khalilzad special envoy, no mention was made of his past work for UNOCAL. Khalilzad has worked on Afghan issues under National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, a former member of the board of Chevron, itself no innocent bystander in the future CentGas deal. Rice made an impression on her old colleagues at Chevron. The company has named one of their supertankers the SS Condoleezza Rice. [but what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

Khalilzad, a fellow Pashtun and the son of a former government official under King Mohammed Zahir Shah, was, in addition to being a consultant to the RAND Corporation, a special liaison between UNOCAL and the Taliban government. Khalilzad also worked on various risk analyses for the project. [but what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

Khalilzad's efforts complemented those of the Enron Corporation, a major political contributor to the Bush campaign. Enron, which recently filed for bankruptcy in the single biggest corporate collapse in the nation's history, conducted the feasibility study for the CentGas deal. Vice President Cheney held several secret meetings with top Enron officials, including its Chairman Kenneth Lay, earlier in 2001. These meetings were presumably part of Cheney's non-public Energy Task Force sessions. A number of Enron stockholders, including Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, became officials in the Bush administration. In addition, Thomas White, a former Vice Chairman of Enron and a multimillionaire in Enron stock, currently serves as the Secretary of the Army. [but what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

A chief benefactor in the CentGas deal would have been Halliburton, the huge oil pipeline construction firm that also had its eye on the Central Asian oil reserves. At the time, Halliburton was headed by Dick Cheney. After Cheney's selection as Bush's Vice Presidential candidate, Halliburton also pumped a huge amount of cash into the Bush-Cheney campaign coffers. And like oil cash cow Enron, there were Wall Street rumors in late December that Halliburton, which suffered a forty per cent drop in share value, might follow Enron into bankruptcy court. [but what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

Assisting with the CentGas negotiations with the Taliban was Laili Helms, the niece-in-law of former CIA Director Richard Helms. Laili Helms, also a relative of King Zahir Shah, was the Taliban's unofficial envoy to the United States and arranged for various Taliban officials to visit the United States. Laili Helms' base of operations was in her home in Jersey City on the Hudson River. Ironically, most of her work on behalf of the Taliban was practically conducted in the shadows of the World Trade Center, just across the river. [but what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

Laili Helms' liaison work for the Taliban paid off for Big Oil. In December 1997, the Taliban visited UNOCAL's Houston refinery operations. Interestingly, the chief Taliban leader based in Kandahar, Mullah Mohammed Omar, now on America's international Most Wanted List, was firmly in the UNOCAL camp. His rival Taliban leader in Kabul, Mullah Mohammed Rabbani (not to be confused with the head of the Northern Alliance Burhanuddin Rabbani), favored Bridas, an Argentine oil company, for the pipeline

project. But Mullah Omar knew UNOCAL had pumped large sums of money to the Taliban hierarchy in Kandahar and its expatriate Afghan supporters in the United States. Some of those supporters were also close to the Bush campaign and administration. And Kandahar was the city near which the CentGas pipeline was to pass, a lucrative deal for the otherwise desert outpost. [but what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

While Clinton's State Department omitted Afghanistan from the top foreign policy priority list, the Bush administration, beholden to the oil interests that pumped millions of dollars into the 2000 campaign, restored Afghanistan to the top of the list, but for all the wrong reasons. After Bush's accession to the presidency, various Taliban envoys were received at the State Department, CIA, and National Security Council. The CIA, which appears, more than ever, to be a virtual extended family of the Bush oil interests, facilitated a renewed approach to the Taliban. The CIA agent who helped set up the Afghan mujaheddin, Milt Bearden, continued to defend the interests of the Taliban. He bemoaned the fact that the United States never really bothered to understand the Taliban when he told the Washington Post last October, "We never heard what they were trying to say... We had no common language. Ours was, 'Give up bin Laden.' They were saying, 'Do something to help us give him up.' " [but what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

There were even reports that the CIA met with their old mujaheddin operative bin Laden in the months before September 11 attacks [I personally have no doubt that this claim is true. But what it has to do with Victor Bout?]. The French newspaper Le Figaro quoted an Arab specialist named Antoine Sfeir who postulated that the CIA met with bin Laden in July in a failed attempt to bring him back under its fold. Sfeir said the CIA maintained links with bin Laden before the U.S. attacked his terrorist training camps in Afghanistan in 1998 and, more astonishingly, kept them going even after the attacks. Sfeir told the paper, "Until the last minute, CIA agents hoped bin Laden would return to U.S. command, as was the case before 1998." Bin Laden actually officially broke with the US in 1991 when US troops began arriving in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm. Bin Laden felt this was a violation of the Saudi regime's responsibility to protect the Islamic Holy Shrines of Mecca and Medina from the infidels. Bin Laden's anti-American and anti-House of Saud rhetoric soon reached a fever pitch. [but what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

The Clinton administration made numerous attempts to kill Bin Laden. In August 1998, Al Qaeda operatives blew up several U.S. embassies in Africa [oh, really? Even my main intention here is to prove that this article is irrelevant to Victor Bout, I can't resist to comment on this particular statement. Do you know, by the way, that the US Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania were bombed with MINI-NUKES? And do you know that these events strangely occurred right on an anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima? In case you don't know, here is a clue: search in the news and you will find that the spots of bombings in both cases were called by a strange name "ground zero". And now – go to any big pre-9/11 dictionary (again – PRE-9/11 one, not post-9/11) and check what the "ground zero" term used to mean before 9/11. And make your conclusions – what the term "ground zero" could mean back in 1998. And now try to guess – where poor Osama bin Laden who was growing cucumbers in Sudan till 1996 could get the mini-nukes to

car-bomb the US Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania and so to mark the Hiroshima bombing's anniversary?]. In response, Bill Clinton ordered cruise missiles to be launched from US ships in the Persian Gulf into Afghanistan, which missed Bin Laden by a few hours. The Clinton administration also devised a plan with Pakistan's ISI to send a team of assassins into Afghanistan to kill Bin Laden. But Pakistan's government was overthrown by General Musharraf, who was viewed as particularly close to the Taliban. The CIA cancelled its plans, fearing Musharraf's ISI would tip off the Taliban and Bin Laden. . The CIA's connections to the ISI in the months before September 11 and the weeks after are also worthy of a full-blown investigation. The CIA continues to maintain an unhealthy alliance with the ISI, the organization that groomed bin Laden and the Taliban [the CIA and ISI groomed them jointly, so there is nothing surprising. Moreover, it was the CIA who initiated the affair, while the ISA was merely a subordinate. Why so much of surprise now?]. Last September, the head of the ISI, General Mahmud Ahmed, was fired by Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf for his pro-Taliban leanings and reportedly after the U.S. government presented Musharraf with disturbing intelligence linking the general to the terrorist hijackers. [Yes, it is true that he was fired after Indian rivals published in their newspapers the fact that General Mahmud Ahmed has transferred funds to Mohammed Atta – an ISI agent in America prior to 9/11. But hey – how about common sense? The problem of poor Gen. Ahmed was that he transferred the money to Atta BEFORE 9/11. When he transferred the money to his agent it was a routine deal – those days Gen. Ahmed had not chance to know in advance that Atta would be requested to act the “chief hijacker” in the ensuing 9/11 cover-up (initiated by the FBI, not by ISA, after all). So, do you see any real guilt of poor former chief of the Pakistani ISI in such an unfortunate affair? When it comes to me I don't see any. The Americans asked him for a favor – because in the immediate aftermath of 9/11 they badly need trusted Muslim guys to be “hijackers” and General Ahmed (who happened to be in America those days) gave them his agent Atta to act as such. While his arch-rivals – Indians, instead of appreciating this, decided to play a bad joke on the ISI chief – by “discovering” and making public the details of the money transfer. If you look at this unfortunate affair through the eyes of a normal logical person rather than through the eyes of a conspiracy theorist, you will not notice anything criminal – it was merely an unfortunate affair as a result of which poor General Ahmed was fired from his position in the ISI. And note, that if it were true that General Ahmed indeed supported the 9/11 hijackers as claimed he should not have been just “fired”, but executed by a firing squad. Isn't it? How about elementary logic? But the problem was that since there were no hijackers – near all of them were later found alive anyway and if you add here the fact that aluminum planes would not be physically able to penetrate steel tank-like armor of the Twin Towers, then the claim about transferring the funds to the non-existent hijackers will be irrelevant. Isn't it? You can't support someone who does not exist in reality... Anyway, I missed the main point – what all of it has to do with Victor Bout?]

General Ahmed was in Washington, DC on the morning of September 11 meeting with CIA and State Department officials as the hijacked planes slammed into the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Later, both the Northern Alliance spokesman in Washington, Haron Amin, and Indian intelligence, in an apparent leak to The Times of India, confirmed that General Ahmed ordered a Pakistani-born British citizen and known terrorist named



Ahmed Umar Sheik to wire \$100,000 from Pakistan to the U.S. bank account of Mohammed Atta, the lead hijacker. [who managed to fly his aluminum Boeing through the double-walled steel perimeter columns of the WTC that boasted each wall being as thick as a front armor of a tank; and again – what this feat of the digital cinematography had to do with Victor Bout? Was it Victor who filmed how the aluminum planes were cutting through the WTC steel without even reducing their speed – as if the planes were made from steel, but the Twin Tower were made from butter? I don't think Victor Bout has anything to do with that... He is neither a cameraman, nor a computer genius who could add images of the digital planes to the images of the WTC in near real-time...]

When the FBI traced calls made between General Ahmed and Sheik's cellular phone - the number having been supplied by Indian intelligence to the FBI - a pattern linking the general with Sheik clearly emerged. According to The Times of India, the revelation that General Ahmed was involved in the Sheik-Atta money transfer was more than enough for a nervous and embarrassed Bush administration. It pressed Musharraf to dump General Ahmed. Musharraf mealy-mouthed the announcement of his general's dismissal by stating Ahmed "requested" early retirement. [poor chap... He was stupid enough to help the Americans in their ridiculous cover-up by giving him his valuable agent Mohammad Atta and as a result lost his position in service. I feel really pity for that poor Pakistani General. Without joke. I feel really pity for him. But what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

Sheik was well known to the Indian police. He was arrested in New Delhi in 1994 for plotting to kidnap four foreigners, including an American citizen. Sheik was released by the Indians in 1999 in a swap for passengers on board New Delhi-bound Indian Airlines flight 814, hijacked by Islamic militants from Kathmandu, Nepal to Kandahar, Afghanistan. India continues to believe the ISI played a part in the hijacking since the hijackers were affiliated with the pro-bin Laden Kashmiri terrorist group, Harkat-ul-Mujaheddin, a group only recently and quite belatedly placed on the State Department's terrorist list. The ISI and bin Laden's Al Qaeda reportedly assists the group in its operations against Indian government targets in Kashmir. [so what? It only means that Sheikh Ahmed Umar Said is the same type of clown as Mohammad Atta and Khalid Sheikh Mohammad. And nothing more than that. It means that all those "terrorists" are merely actors borrowed by the desperate secret services of the United States from their Pakistani colleagues. It does not mean anything at all, except showing poor organization and lack of human resources in the US secret services + the actual level of their desperation to cover up 9/11 at any cost. Anyway – what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

The FBI, which assisted its Indian counterpart in the investigation of the Indian Airlines hijacking, says it wants information leading to the arrest of those involved in the terrorist attacks. Yet, no move has been made to question General Ahmed or those U.S. government officials, including Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, who met with him in September. Clearly, General Ahmed was a major player in terrorist activities across South Asia, yet still had very close ties to the U.S. government. General Ahmed's terrorist-supporting activities - and the U.S. government officials who tolerated those activities - need to be investigated. [I don't think so. I think it only means that the US authorities should have been grateful to the Pakistani General who gave them his best

agent – Mohammed Atta, and as a result he not only lost the valuable agent for the ISI, but lost his own position as its chief, in addition. And do you sincerely expect the US officials to be ungrateful to poor Gen. Ahmed as to continue to question him after all he did to the US authorities in helping to save their face after 9/11 catastrophe? Well. I think that the US officials are bastards, of course, but not to this particular extent. I think they are still grateful for what Gen. Ahmed has done for them... Anyway, what all of it has to do with Victor Bout?]

The Taliban visits to Washington continued up to a few months prior to the September 11 attacks. The State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research's South Asian Division maintained constant satellite telephone contact with the Taliban in Kandahar and Kabul. Washington permitted the Taliban to maintain a diplomatic office in Queens, New York headed by Taliban diplomat Abdul Hakim Mojahed. In addition, U.S. officials, including Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs Christina Rocca, who is also a former CIA officer, visited Taliban diplomatic officials in Islamabad. In the meantime, the Bush administration took a hostile attitude towards the Islamic State of Afghanistan, otherwise known as the Northern Alliance. Even though the United Nations recognized the alliance as the legitimate government of Afghanistan, the Bush administration, with oil at the forefront of its goals, decided to follow the lead of Saudi Arabia and Pakistan and curry favor with the Taliban mullahs of Afghanistan. The visits of Islamist radicals did not end with the Taliban. In July 2001, the head of Pakistan's pro-bin Laden Jamiaat-i-Islami Party, Qazi Hussein Ahmed, also reportedly was received at the George Bush Center for Intelligence (aka, CIA headquarters) in Langley, Virginia. According to the Washington Post, the Special Envoy of Mullah Omar, Rahmatullah Hashami, even came to Washington bearing a gift carpet for President Bush from the one-eyed Taliban leader [I could only hope that in this gift carpet there were no depictions of “the fiery birds defeating the twins” ...]. The Village Voice reported that Hashami, on behalf of the Taliban, offered the Bush administration to hold on to bin Laden long enough for the United States to capture or kill him but, inexplicably, the administration refused. [I doubt this particular claim, to be honest. It does not sound plausible to me to any extent. Perhaps it is merely hearsay. Anyway, what it has to do with Victor Bout?] Meanwhile, Spozhmai Maiwandi, the director of the Voice of America's Pashtun service, jokingly nicknamed "Kandahar Rose" by her colleagues, aired favorable reports on the Taliban, including a controversial interview with Mullah Omar.

The Bush administration's dalliances with the Taliban may have even continued after the start of the bombing campaign against their country. According to European intelligence sources, a number of European governments were concerned that the CIA and Big Oil were pressuring the Bush administration not to engage in an initial serious ground war on behalf of the Northern Alliance in order to placate Pakistan and its Taliban compatriots. The early-on decision to stick with an incessant air bombardment, they reasoned, was causing too many civilian deaths and increasing the shakiness of the international coalition. [Do you see any particular role of Victor Bout in this? I don't. Unless, of course, the author of this article tries to imply that it was the so-called “Merchant of Death” and the “Lord of War” who supplied the US troops with all those munitions needed for the abovementioned “incessant air bombardment”... ]

The obvious, and woefully underreported, interfaces between the Bush administration, UNOCAL, the CIA, the Taliban, Enron, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan, the groundwork for which was laid when the Bush Oil team was on the sidelines during the Clinton administration, is making the Republicans worried. Vanquished vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman is in the ironic position of being the senator who will chair the Senate Government Affairs Committee hearings on the collapse of Enron. The roads from Enron also lead to Afghanistan and murky Bush oil politics. [And what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

UNOCAL was also clearly concerned about its past ties to the Taliban. On September 14, just three days after terrorists of the Afghan-base al Qaeda movement crashed their planes into the World Trade Center and Pentagon [oh, really? I thought that the US intelligence analysts knew it for certain that the Pentagon was hit by a missile... I seems I was badly mistaken in regard to their alleged analytic abilities.... Perhaps, it would be advisable for them to take a careful look at the publicly available photos showing a hole the missile made in the Pentagon's wall in case such photos are missing in the files of the US intelligence service the abovementioned analysts work in...], UNOCAL issued the following statement: "The company is not supporting the Taliban in Afghanistan in any way whatsoever. Nor do we have any project or involvement in Afghanistan. Beginning in late 1997, Unocal was a member of a multinational consortium that was evaluating construction of a Central Asia Gas pipeline between Turkmenistan and Pakistan [via western Afghanistan]. Our company has had no further role in developing or funding that project or any other project that might involve the Taliban." [But I can't get the point – what it has to do with Victor Bout? Does he work in the UNOCAL company, or what?]

The Bush Oil Team, which can now rely on the support of the interim Prime Minister of Afghanistan, may think that war and oil profits mix. But there is simply too much evidence that the War in Afghanistan was primarily about building UNOCAL's pipeline, not about fighting terrorism. The Democrats, who control the Senate and its investigation agenda, should investigate the secretive deals between Big Oil, Bush, and the Taliban. [yes, I agree with this that the war in Afghanistan has apparently nothing to do with the so-called "terrorism" (unless we mean "terrorizing those who disagree to grow poppy flowers for opium and forcing them to grow the poppy flowers, against their will", of course). But, still, I can't understand what the abovementioned paragraph has to do with Victor Bout? Do you see any relevance? I don't.]

Bin Laden's involvement with the West African diamond trade, activities connected to Bout [note that the author is saying here as if it were a "proven fact" that Victor Bout allegedly had connections with "diamond trade", moreover, along with Osama bin Laden; but this is an old and a very cheap trick. Known as "mixing lies with the truth". There is no proof at all that Victor has ever been involved in any diamond trade whether with- or without Osama bin Laden, in West Africa or elsewhere. Please, don't swallow it – this method is intended for zombies who swallow such articles without thinking and swallow every piece of lie that is mixed into. This cheap method should not work with people

capable of critical thinking], and Jewish diamond middlemen is well-documented and cited in this editor's book, "Jaded Tasks: Brass Plates, Black Ops & Big Oil":

"While links between Saudi Arabian businesses and charities and Al Qaeda have been highlighted by law enforcement and the media, very little attention has been paid to the long-term association of terrorist groups like Al Qaeda with the Russian-Israeli mafia. A 23-year veteran of the CIA's counterterrorism division told me in July 2004 that one of the most overlooked aspects of the 9/11 attacks was the role of Russian-Israeli organized crime in facilitating the attack. He added that Pakistan's role was also a major driving force behind 9/11. [Victor Bout is not a Jew and he is not a member of any Mafia, neither Sicilian-, nor Russian-, nor Israeli-Russian one. Victor is merely a former Soviet military officer who managed to run some successful airfreight business in the '90s. And he has a mentality of a typical military officer – a highly disciplined and responsible man. Being very far from "Mafia" of any kind. Anyway, I could imagine that "... while links between Saudi Arabian business and charities and Al Qaeda" do exist (as well as links between Al-Qaeda and Hollywood and as well as links between Al-Qaeda's aluminum planes penetrating steel and Hollywood), but I can't imagine what Victor Bout has to do with all of this mess?]

Sixty-seven year old Yehuda H. Abraham, an Orthodox Jewish resident of Forest Hills in Queens, New York City, was a most unlikely individual to serve as a money launderer for shady arms dealers tied to Al Qaeda and Jemaah Islamiya.

Born in Afghanistan, fluent in Urdu (a major language of Pakistan and India) [a major language of India is Hindi, not Urdu, but, perhaps, the US intelligence analysts did not study good enough to know this obvious fact], a merchant with a store called New York Jewels in the lobby of the posh Sheraton Hotel in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and a self-described provider of gems to the Saudi royal family, Abraham would normally be identified as a 'person of interest' in any number of U.S. intelligence and law enforcement databases. Considering the fact that Abraham's gem trading company, Ambuy International Corporation, sits right in the middle of Manhattan's 47th Street 'Diamond District' and had locations in Antwerp, Milan, Bangkok, and Jeddah, he was not included on any 'watch list' profiles created by the FBI or CIA. However, according to Israeli intelligence sources, Afghan-born Jews are highly prized by the Mossad, which had reportedly used them to infiltrate the Taliban in Afghanistan. [Interesting info, and sounds logical, but I do not see any connection to Victor Bout, unfortunately...]

Abraham, along with a 68-year-old Indian-born and Hindu British arms smuggler named Hemant Lakhani (some spellings had his first name as Hekmat [possibly his Muslim alias] and Hemad) and an Indian resident of Malaysia named Moinuddeen Ahmed Hameed, were arrested by federal agents and local police in the New York metropolitan area on August 12 [2003]. The arrests capped a lengthy investigation into how terrorist groups like Al Qaeda obtain weapons and fund their purchases on the international black market. Lakhani was attempting to procure a number of IGLA man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS) and C-4 explosives from Russian sources reportedly connected to the organized crime.

Sometime between Lakhani's trip to St. Petersburg around December 2001 and January 2002, the FBI was able to place an informant inside the arms smuggling network. This is where the official story gets somewhat murky. The FBI maintained that an informant, code named 'CW,' or 'confidential witness,' met Lakhani in New Jersey. CW's cover story was that he was representing the Ogaden Liberation Movement in Ethiopia and Somalia. It was later reported that CW was Mohammed Habib Rehman, also known as 'Haji' and said by detractors of the government's case against Lakhani and Abraham to be a 'small time swindler.' However, Rehman was recruited by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) [the same agency that 'stung' Bout in Bangkok] in Pakistan around 1993. Rehman was highly prized by the DEA and he helped crack a major Pakistani heroin smuggling ring [strangely, neither the presence of the US troops in the area in general, nor this success in particular did stop the heroin production in the area...], an act that caused the DEA to relocate him and his family to the United States for their personal safety. Later, Rehman acted as an informant for the FBI in terrorist investigations in Minneapolis, the city where Zacarias Moussaoui allegedly planned his part of the 9/11 attacks [do you have any clue what Zacarias Moussaoui had to do with 9/11, by the way? Maybe he was a wizard that allowed laws of physics to go on holiday on that day, so that it would enable the aluminum planes to penetrate steel as thick as tank's armor? Or maybe Moussaoui was the one who enabled kerosene to melt steel into fluffy microscopic dust? What was his alleged "role" in 9/11 "planning"? And what it has to do with Victor Bout, after all?]. Rehman was in high demand by the FBI after 9/11 [maybe because he was able to explain to the FBI folks how the "hijackers" managed to fly their aluminum planes through the steel perimeters of the Twin Towers so successfully???].

Lakhani and Rehman had their first meeting in Dubai in October 2001. The Dubai meeting provided yet another link between international arms traffickers, Israeli money launderers, and Al Qaeda. The Dubai meeting was arranged by Abdul Qayyum, an Indian terrorist leader with reported links to Al Qaeda who carried out a series of deadly terrorist bombings in Mumbai, India in 1993. Qayyum told Lakhani that 'Haji' (Rehman) had good ties to rich Saudis. Qayyum was also a well-known figure in Dubai, a major financial hub for Al Qaeda and the Taliban. [Do you see any role of Victor Bout in it? I don't]

On October 8, 2002, Lakhani demanded in a fax a down payment for the first IGLA. He told Rehman that his agent must be paid \$30,000 after confirming his identity with the serial number F836160631J on a U.S. one dollar bill that would be shown to Rehman. Lakhani said the total price for the missile was \$85,000. Rehman discussed payment arrangements with a Lakhani associate in Britain who was referred to in court papers as 'the Individual.' The "Individual," later identified as Manthena or 'Vijay' Raja, informed Rehman that he would be dealing directly with a contact in New York City and he gave him the phone number of the agent. Yehuda Abraham turned out to be the agent in question and the two Urdu speakers met on October 16 at Abraham's New York City diamond trading office where \$30,000 in \$100 bills was paid by Rehman to Abraham after the dollar bill serial number code was confirmed by the FBI informant. After counting every bill, Abraham gave Rehman his business card, which stated he was Yehuda H. A. Abraham, President of Ambuy Gem Corp., 580 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Abraham later charged Lakhani a \$1500 fee for the transaction. [so what? What Victor Bout has to do with all of this?]

Federal prosecutors said Abraham wired the \$30,000 to a bank account in Europe as a show of 'good faith' to the Russian arms dealers. In court papers filed by prosecutors, Abraham's financial transfer network was described as an Islamic hawalah cash transfer system. [do you see any relevance to Victor here?]

On August 13, FBI special agent William Evanina, said, 'Lakhani saw it [the IGLA] in Moscow, and he saw it again in the hotel room yesterday.' At the Wyndham Hotel, which was already crawling with FBI, FSB, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Secret Service, and British MI-5 agents, agents with the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force placed Lakhani under arrest. Other Federal agents and New York City police entered Abraham's office in suite 1206 at his office building at 1 47th Street and 580 Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. There, Abraham and Hameed, who were awaiting the delivery of the \$500,000 missile payment, were arrested and Abraham's computers and files were seized. The one-dollar bill with the serial number used in previous transactions was found in the possession of Hameed in Abraham's office. Hameed told Rehman the bill had been kept in Abraham's office. U.S. law enforcement officials reported that Abraham brought Hameed to the United States from Malaysia to facilitate the laundering of the \$500,000 for the additional 50 IGLAs. The government also had evidence that Lakhani and Abraham worked together in the past. Court papers indicate that Rehman conversed with Hameed, Lakhani, and Abraham in Urdu. Lakhani is reported to have told Rehman that Abraham was 'very trustworthy.' [Well done. Congratulations. But what it has to do with Victor Bout???

Abraham reportedly spent enough time in Bangkok [where Bout was ultimately arrested and jailed on behalf of the United States] to help start a synagogue and open a kosher kitchen. Abraham's attorney argued for bail based on the fact that his client had high blood pressure and suffered from stomach cancer. He also said Abraham was a respected member of his Forest Hills community and the founder of his local Bukharian synagogue, where he donated a Torah five years earlier. Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Purpura was having nothing of that argument when he stated, 'Yes, this elderly gentleman in poor health significantly helped broker the sale of a surface to air missile.' [I think that the judge here has even lesser logic than the author of this article. He is asked for bail for the guy in poor health and instead of addressing the actual issue the judge stated something totally irrelevant. . . But it does not matter in our particular case. What Victor Bout has to do with all of this? If "Abraham" is a Jew who donated Torah to Bukharian synagogue, does it mean that Victor Bout has anything to do with this? (Except for the fact that the author of this article claims that Victor is allegedly a "Bukharian Jew" which is not true at all?) I really miss to see any logic in this lengthy article which is titled after Victor Bout but describes anything, but Victor. . .]

It is clear that the FBI had bigger fish to fry in the sting operation and that someone in a position of authority successfully interfered with the investigation of an arms ring that had ties to both Russian-Israeli mafia figures and Al Qaeda. Abraham's 'highly discerning

clientele' in Saudi Arabia and his operations in Jeddah and Bangkok would have been of immense interest to law enforcement. The BBC reported that about the same time the sting was being launched against Abraham and Lakhani in the United States and Jemaah Islamiya leader Hambali was being arrested in Thailand, Saudi police seized a truckload of SAMs on a desert road near Jeddah. The truck was apparently en route from the Yemeni border to the Saudi port city. [but does it have anything to do with Victor Bout?]

Lakhani had shown up on the FBI and FSB radar screens before. Like Abraham, he also maintained close connections to Arabian Peninsula ruling elites, in his case, the ruling families of the United Arab Emirates. Shortly before 9/11, Lakhani, who lives in Hendon, in north London, a primarily Orthodox and Hasidic Jewish community, served as a weapons sales agent for the Ukrainian state-owned trading company, UKRSPETSEXEXPORT and reportedly for ROSOBORONEXPORT, Russia's state-owned weapons export agency. Both companies remained silent on any past relationships with Lakhani. Law enforcement considers Ukraine to be a primary base of operations for the Russian-Ukrainian-Israeli mafia. [again, what it has to do with Victor Bout? Do you see any connection to the humble individual whose name is "Victor Bout"? I don't see any.]

Lakhani, a self-described "textile merchant" who hailed from Mumbai's prosperous cloth-trading Kutchi Lohana community and whose Multitrade, Ltd. "import" business had previously gone bankrupt in 1999, was busy filling orders for Sri Lanka's army, which, at the time, was waging a ferocious guerrilla war against Tamil separatists on the island nation. According to India Today, Lakhani supplied the Sri Lankans with MIG-27 warplanes, cannons, shells, and rocket launchers from Ukrainian military warehouses and factories. [very good business. Congratulations. But what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

It was Lakhani's numerous trips to Kenya that first raised the eyebrows of Kenyan law enforcement authorities. It was there he met a significant international arms dealer, Sanjivan Ruprah, an ethnic Indian and Kenyan citizen. Ruprah, in turn, was associated with the notorious Viktor Bout, a Tajikistan-born arms dealer who has been associated with the reputed Israeli-Georgian mafia boss Grigori Loutchansky, and Leonid Minin, a Ukrainian-Israeli citizen and leader of the "Odessa mafia" who was also supplying arms to Liberia's Charles Taylor via Burkina Faso. [wow! At last, after such a lengthy narration the author of the article has arrived to something allegedly relevant to Victor Bout, after whom the actual article is titled. But what proof does the author have? Anyone can say anything. But why should you believe him? He claims here not only that Victor Bout is allegedly "notorious" and an "arms dealer" as if it were a proven fact, but also that he was allegedly associated with certain Ruprah... Is there any proof of it? Was their alleged connection ever established by any court ruling? No. By any report of any reputable international organization? No. By any reliable eye-witnesses, at least? No. So, what reason do we have to believe these ridiculous claims? Especially considering the level of the credibility that should be accorded to the author of this article for all his statements criticized above? And, at last, if certain Leonid Minin, from Ukraine-Israel, was accused of supplying arms to Charles Taylor, would it also mean that a Russian from Tadjikistan Victor Bout has anything to do with this? I don't think so.] Italian police arrested Minin in a hotel room in Monza, outside of Milan, in August 2000. In his room,

police found \$500,000 of uncut diamonds, files on illegal weapons shipments to Sierra Leone, Liberia, and the Ivory Coast, and a banking document showing a \$10,263.02 payment to international financier and reputed Russian-Israeli-American mafia don Marc Rich, pardoned in January 2001 by President Clinton in the eleventh hour of his administration. [But did they find with him any proof that he and Victor Bout had anything to do with each other?]

Abraham's home is a few blocks from the 11821 Queens Boulevard building that housed the office of the major joint money laundering operation involving the Bank of New York's East European Division, Marc Rich's Glencore, Loutchansky's Benex International, and three other firms involved in money laundering for the Israeli mafia, Becs, Torfinex, and Lowland, Inc. (the last based in Jersey City, New Jersey). Ironically, Queens was also the location of the office of the Taliban prior to 9/11. Another linkage between the Israeli-Russian mafia and Islamic terrorists emerged after an Al Qaeda-linked Kurdish group, Ansar al Islam, began regrouping in Europe after it had been quashed by U.S. forces in northern Iraq. The Los Angeles Times reported that Ansar 'sheiks' began meeting in Poland, Bulgaria and other Eastern European countries under the auspices of bribed and corrupt officials with organized crime connections. Macedonian intelligence has reported definite links between the Israeli-Russian mafia in Albanian-controlled areas of the Balkans and Al Qaeda groups as well as money laundering activities conducted by the Israeli-Russian mafia using bank accounts in Germany and Switzerland on behalf of Islamist terrorists. Insight magazine, a neo-conservative periodical in Washington, reported that CIA and NSC officials were unfazed when Macedonian intelligence gave them a classified report on these activities. In fact, Osama bin Laden has reportedly used false Bosnian and Albanian passports. Perhaps the Israeli mafia-Al Qaeda linkage was why Baghdad Meziame, an Al Qaeda finance operative and weapons smuggler arrested in Britain in April 2003, chose to travel on a false passport under the unlikely name of "Cyril Jacob." [and, again, even if it were true, what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

On the evening of May 20, 2004, Eduard Nektalov, one of the jewelers linked to the money laundering operation, was shot execution style as he walked near the Diamond District. Like Abraham, Nektalov was a leader of the Bukharian Jewish community in Queens. [So what? I guess it was not Victor Bout who shot him and not Victor Bout who ordered the killing?]

It was in Sierra Leone that Ruprah and Bout discovered the convenience and secrecy of swapping arms for diamonds. Not only could diamonds be sold easily on the international black market but the financial trails of the transactions would be virtually non-existent and out of undetectable by law enforcement. [Oh really? I thought that a method of swapping arms for diamonds and the convenience and secrecy of such a method were well known during the entire history of humanity and you don't have to be in Sierra Leone and you don't have to be acquainted neither with Victor Bout, nor with Sanjivan Ruprah to duly appreciate the convenience of this method. Isn't it? But you have to duly appreciate the method used by the author of this article to present this totally indigestible concoction to you. He hopes if he makes such an irrelevant article very long and boring



and from time to time enlivened with some true details, then his gullible reader would, perhaps, swallow the casual insertions of totally unproven claims... But, please, don't be so gullible. The author of this article provides no proof at all. He did not bother to quote even a single verifiable source of his alleged information, he did not quote even a single article published by a reputable newspaper, nor a court sentence, nor an indictment, neither a single eye-witness whom you could call or write an e-mail for a reason of verification...]

India Today also reported that, in addition to Abraham's hawalah, Lakhani had close links to another noted hawalah in Karachi headed by a criminal syndicate boss named Dawood Ibrahim. Through Ibrahim's front activities in Dubai, Europe, and the United States, Lakhani was able to mask his business activities. Lakhani was reportedly using his financial network to supply arms to the rebel and murderous Revolutionary United Front (RUF) guerrillas in Sierra Leone. [Ibrahim is also linked to the Mumbai terrorist attack of November 26, 2008]. [but again – what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

The world of international diamond trading operations is masked in secrecy. Jewish diamond dealers, known as 'yahalom manin,' strike deals based on a handshake and as with the Islamic hawalahs, payments for diamonds are wired around the world through a variety of pass-through companies and middlemen. A major center for diamond smuggling and money laundering is in Hatton Garden, a heavily Hasidic and Orthodox community reachable by the London "Tube" from Lakhani's neighborhood of Hendon. Perhaps the diamond smuggling network was what Osama bin Laden referred to when, in an interview with the Pakistani newspaper Ummat, he said Al Qaeda uses 'three alternate financial systems' that are 'separate and independent,' adding any attempt to remove them 'won't succeed.' Bin Laden obviously had a point when it is considered that one of his money launderers traveled under the name Cyril Jacob and was involved with Hasidic diamond dealers in London [but does it have anything to do with Victor Bout?]

A former chief of Mossad confirmed to me in a meeting in Herzliya, north of Tel Aviv, that terrorist groups like Al Qaeda, Hamas, and Hezbollah launder money through diamonds in places like West Africa in order to buy weapons without detection by international financial surveillance authorities. [so what? What was the alleged role of a humble individual named "Victor Bout"?)]

According to a 2002 private British risk analysis report on Liberia, that nation has served as an important nexus between diamond smuggling and terrorist financing. The report stated, 'Some evidence has emerged that where organized crime and its adherents leads-- Al Qaeda [sic] exists and operates. Verification from several sources partially indicate the purchase on a large scale of Sierra Leone diamonds through Liberia (and particular Liberian corporations) and using local addresses in Liberia... Some of the characters involved in this trade have been identified and notified to the press and the United Nations. Others, though not known, appear to have a 'charmed' and 'untouched' existence.' [and again – what it has to do with Victor Bout?]

Individuals involved in the diamond trade in West Africa have revealed that the actual reason U.S. Marines and Special Operations forces went ashore in Liberia in July 2003, was to secure Liberian government documents proving the links between Charles Taylor, the Russian-Israeli Mafia, and Al Qaeda. As part of Operation Shining Express, U.S. and Israeli intelligence agents reportedly took possession of or destroyed a number of incriminating documents, especially those maintained at Liberian government offices at 80 Broad Street in Monrovia. After the Liberian document seizure was completed, U.S. Marines were quickly pulled out of Monrovia on August 24, 2003. In their place came a private military company named Pacific Architects and Engineers to provide logistical support for Nigerian peacekeepers. Another U.S. private military company, Intercon Security, protected the U.S. Embassy in Monrovia. The onset of the Monrovia operation followed by only two days the arrest of Abraham and Lakhani. Lakhani's partner Ruprah, was a diamond smuggling agent of Charles Taylor who traveled on a Liberian diplomatic passport under the name of Samir M. Nasr. Ruprah also served as an agent of the LISCR. The history of U.S. investigations of top arms smugglers connected to the Russian-Israeli mafia has often met with stonewalling by senior officials of the Bush administration. [but what it has to do with Victor Bout?] According to a number of Clinton administration officials, anytime a law enforcement or intelligence investigation leads to anything or anyone connected to the mafia, such as Viktor Bout [oh, really? Do you see a clever trick of the insertion of totally extraneous and moreover unproven claims into something that is possibly true? Don't let this guy to buy you with such a cheap trick!] and his network [he presents "his" alleged "network" as if it were something proven long time ago and you suppose to swallow this without any doubt; but what "network" we are talking about, dear?], the Bush administration shuts down the operation.

According to the [Peter] Landesman article in the New York Times Magazine, during the final months of the Clinton administration, U.S. intelligence began tracking Bout's activities and his network (which included Ruprah and Lakhani). From his base in Sharjah in the Gulf, Bout was servicing Ariana Afghan Airline flights to Kandahar, Afghanistan. These flights were believed to be ferrying weapons and Al Qaeda and Taliban volunteers to Afghanistan and the Clinton National Security Council believed Bout was aiding terrorism. Belgium had an international arrest warrant out for Bout for money laundering and diamond smuggling. [the prudent author of this article "forgot" to mention to his gullible reader that the abovementioned arrest-warrant against Victor Bout (the only one ever existed in reality) was quickly called back when the Belgian judicial authorities realized that they were duped by unscrupulous speculators into believing that Victor had anything to do with crime; so the gullible reader supposes to continue to believe that Victor is still wanted...] Clinton White House counter-terrorism czar Richard Clarke wanted an arrest warrant issued for Bout [oh, really? He only "wanted" it, but could not get it... Poor chap... Perhaps, he had no evidence to obtain such a warrant? Isn't it?], but the U.S. had no legal jurisdiction abroad [oh, really??? How about arrest-warrants against Osama bin Laden? And how about arrest-warrant against the chief 9/11 clown – Khalid Sheikh Mohammad, who was "apprehended" in Pakistan?]. Gayle Smith, Clinton's National Security Council Africa bureau chief, along with CIA and British MI-6 agents, kept a wary eye on Bout's activities in Africa's conflicts [but still could not accumulate enough evidence to convince a judge to issue an arrest-warrant against such a

warmonger...]. But when the Bush administration took over, Landesman reports that National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice told U.S. intelligence to 'look but don't touch.' [really? And Condi still did not sue Landesman for such an insult? Do you believe this?]

Bout would get yet another free pass from the Bush administration and its allies at Number 10 Downing Street. In May 2004, the French government complained that Washington and London were not supporting a move by the UN to freeze Bout's assets for his role in supporting Liberia's dictator Charles Taylor. [Nice statement. Do you think Bout has ever had any "assets" to be frozen? You are badly mistaken if you think so. In 2004 Victor was scarcely able to afford to spend a few thousand US dollars per month to maintain his family...] Paris also alleged that the U.S. and Britain were permitting Bout's firms to operate freely in occupied Iraq [operate in Iraq??? the only "firm" that belonged those days to Bout was a small model agency run by Victor's wife Alla in Moscow, while all airfreight business of Victor was ended by 2001 when the Americans forced the UAE authorities to kick him from UAE...], including his air cargo companies being involved in supplying coalition forces. When Britain appeared ready to agree to put the squeeze on Bout's operations, the Bush administration pressured London to relent. [this is a totally idiotic statement that has no more relevance to the reality than claims of the US officials that the "hijackers" were allegedly responsible for the kerosene that "melted" the WTC structural steel into fluffy microscopic dust... The problem is that Victor Bout had no "operations" whatsoever those days, except lying in a sofa with a remote control of his TV-set and living on the money earned by his wife Alla in her small model agency... What "squeeze" they are talking about???

When Sharjah police sent a special police unit to capture Bout and give him to U.S. authorities, the White House declined. [What? The US authorities demanded from the UAE authorities to end up Victor Bout's legal (again l-e-g-a-l) airfreight business in UAE. So, the Sharjah police simply called Victor and told him that he had 48 hours to get lost. Period. Victor had no choice than to obey. And since then he had no more business, except that his wife had some small one with her model agency. What "capture" are they talking about?] After 9/11, Rice inexplicably called off all operations aimed at Bout. [What "operations"? Could you believe that such a mighty country as the United States really had any "operations aimed at" a small businessmen openly residing in UAE and operating a dozen of outdated Soviet-era aircraft? Does not it sound ridiculous to you?] Law enforcement and intelligence agents considered such a move amazing, considering Bout's direct links to smuggling arms to the Taliban and Al Qaeda [oh, really? And it has been successfully "proven" already. Isn't it?], as well as to other areas rife with Islamist terrorist groups. E.J. Hogendoorn, a former UN weapons inspector, told Landesman that Bout was 'being protected by highly influential people.' [by whom? I am dying to know his name, if any?] Lee Wolosky, the director of transnational threats in the Clinton and Bush II National Security Council, told India Today, 'Lakhani is a very insignificant fish in the overall market. Also, it is a sting operation and hence entirely staged. Contrast this with Bout who lives openly in Moscow. There seems to be a clear disconnect.' [Well... but why Victor Bout should live in "hiding"? Was he really wanted by anyone? He was openly residing in Sharjah. Then when as a result of the intense hysteria unleashed

against him by a couple of unscrupulous UN inspectors, he was told by the UAE police to quit the country and then he relocated to Moscow and was openly residing there. Do you see anything strange? I don't.]

According to Der Spiegel, Bout also reportedly helped arrange the sale of up to 200 Russian T-55 and T-62 tanks to the Taliban. [and do you believe this nonsense? Why on Earth would Taliban need Victor Bout's help? Couldn't it buy the tanks without him? Especially considering that the Taliban was a brain-child of the CIA and ISI? Do you think that the Taliban had any difficulties in buying weapons? Especially outdated tanks made in the '50s? And especially considering that Taliban captured the major part of Afghanistan and inherited by default almost the entire Soviet-equipped Afghani army, including even ballistic missiles and fighter-jets?] The deal was reportedly supported by Vadim Rabinovich, an Israeli-Ukrainian, and a former director of the Ukrainian secret service. [so what? Does this fact have anything to do with Victor Bout?] The Russian SVR intelligence agency discovered that Pakistan's Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) agency was in on the arms smuggling deal, a violation of UN sanctions against the Taliban. Bout was reported by the UN to be using Flying Dolphin Airlines, which operated scheduled flights between Dubai and Kandahar between October 2000 and January 2001, to ship arms to the Taliban. [really? And the official Russian secret service tolerated that the Russian citizen supplies weapons to the avowed enemy of the Russian state – the Taliban? While official Moscow was supporting the Northern Alliance? And how insane you must be to believe such nonsense? But the author of this article expects you to be exactly that insane...] Flying Dolphin was owned by Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed bin Saqr al Nahayan, a former UAE ambassador to the U.S. and a relative of the President of the UAE, who is also the ruler of Abu Dhabi. Flying Dolphin was registered in Bout's favorite home base of Liberia although its main office was in Dubai. [So, what the "Flying Dolphin" had to do with Bout? Apart that it was registered in Liberia, which is allegedly "the favorite home" of Victor? And what if New York is a favorite home of Barak Obama, for example? Would it mean that any airline company that is registered in New York belongs to Obama?]

On April 26, 2005, the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) froze the assets of Bout's companies [really? Do you know what they actually froze? You would laugh if you know. The only Victor's account anywhere abroad of Russia was in Sharjah bank where he kept money that were intended to be accumulated till his only daughter – Elizabeth would turn 18 and then she could get the money – a typical arrangement for a child. In that account (that was opened when Victor was still relatively rich) there was a sum of something like half-million US dollars accumulated. And this money was frozen. So the only person who really suffered from such an action of the US Treasury Department was Victor's daughter...], although some on and off the freeze list were continuing to provide logistical services to U.S. and allied military forces and private contractors in Iraq [Victor has never provided any "services" to the US or other occupational forces in Iraq or elsewhere. This is totally unproven claim. Once kicked out from Sharjah at the US authorities demand, Victor simply moved to Moscow and spent the next few years reading books and watching TV. He did not do any business whatsoever.]. Some services to and from Baghdad International Airport were provided by

a Bout-controlled firm called British Gulf [really? And why should we believe you? May be you show us registration documents to this company?]. Although British Gulf was not on the Treasury Department freeze list, Transavia was. However, between March 6 and 9, 2005, Transavia transported British armored vehicles and troops to Iraq from RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire. [but why should we think that the “Transavia” belonged to Victor Bout? Why not to Condoleezza Rice?] Another airline connected to Bout [but why should we believe that this “another” airline was allegedly “connected” to Bout? Is that a proven fact?], Jet Line International, based in Chisinau, Moldova, was reported to have made flights on behalf of the British Ministry of Defense to Kosovo from Brize Norton and RAF Lyneham. [so what? Why it alleged to belong to Bout? May be it belonged to the British Crown? Do you see any logic?] Jet Line's Moldova address is the same as another Bout firm, Aerocom, which was accused by the UN of smuggling arms to Liberian rebels. In fact, Jet Line and Aerocom used the same planes. Bout's Texas-based Air Bas had rights to refuel at U.S. bases in Iraq. [oh, really? So, not only “Bout’s” airlines were “proven” to smuggle weapons to Liberia, but some other alleged criminal enterprise of Victor was registered right in the US sovereign territory? And, still, the US law enforcement could not secure the arrest-warrant against such a rascal? And do you believe this nonsense? ] One of Bout's airfreight companies, Airbus, was subcontracted through another firm called Falcon Express of Dubai, by Kellogg, Brown and Root, the subsidiary of Halliburton. Air Bas also had links to Falcon Express. Vega Airlines, a Bulgarian-based airline connected to Bout [but what proof do they have to claim that it was allegedly “connected” to Bout? And why should we believe this ridiculous claim? And what if it was “connected” to Roman Pope? Or to Bill Gates of Microsoft?], had one of its Antonov AN-12 transports seized by Indian police at Ahmedabad airport in Gujarat. On board police found military equipment destined for Nepal's government, which was battling leftist guerrillas. The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and the State Department admitted that the equipment was for the Nepal police "to develop anti-terrorist capability and the plane was carrying the equipment to support this training [and] simulated ammunition for the training exercises and arms intended for training and equipping the Nepalese anti-terrorist police unit." After the United States was caught red handed smuggling weapons into Nepal, U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu spokesperson Constance Codling Jones, proceeded to lie about the military shipment, "The U.S. has already provided \$22 million in assistance to Nepal in the last three years to fight terrorism, but as far as today's delivery is concerned, it is not military assistance." [but what all of this had to do with Victor Bout?]

Neither Aerocom nor Airbus were included on Treasury's freeze list, an indication that Bout continued to have protectors in Bush administration. [really? Do you see any logic in this claim? And what if I suggest that “Aerocom” and “Airbus” belonged to a joint stock company owned half-half by Condoleezza Rice and Mullah Mohammad Omar? Would it also mean that the US Treasure protects such an alleged criminal enterprise by not including these alleged companies in their freeze list? Try to understand that this has really nothing to do with Victor Bout, despite these hysterical claims to the contrary.]

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There is a reason why Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder, carrying out the wishes of the CIA and Israel as their most-prized "house Negroes," want to put Bout on ice. If Viktor Bout were free to speak and write from Moscow, he would be in a position to blow the lid off the crime of the century, 9/11, and those who planned and executed it, namely, the Saudis and their man Osama Bin Laden, Israel, and the highest echelons of the Bush administration (and, because of its aiding and abetting in the crime of 9/11, the Obama administration, as well). And that is reason enough to damage U.S.-Russian relations in staging a neo-con "wet dream" show trial in New York, not far from the "Diamond District," where the bearded Hasidic diamond dealers will be closely listening to what Bout says during his "kangaroo court" trial. ...

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[I guess the above concoction should not dupe you. Victor Bout really has some direct relevance to 9/11, though without actually knowing anything about this fact. The problem is that if Victor really knew anything about 9/11 as claimed he should not need to be lured to Bangkok and arrested there. He would reveal the "awful truth" he allegedly "knew" long time ago – perhaps in 2004, if not in 2003 or even in 2002. And even if the Americans got him eventually to the US, it does not mean that he can not reveal the alleged "truth" he allegedly "know" to the US public. In reality the connection of Victor Bout to 9/11 is this. The Pentagon was hit on 9/11 not by Flight 77 as claimed, but by a Soviet-made cruise missile (moreover, with an unexploded thermo-nuclear warhead). This fact, understandably, made the Americans very unhappy. They were very grateful to the late mother of Jesus Christ, of course, for the fact the half-megaton thermo-nuclear warhead of the missile did not go off and the Washington D.C. still appears on today's maps, but, still, the Americans want the actual culprit who was responsible for the attack. Therefore the Russian secret services together with their American colleagues have jointly concocted a bogus story that Victor Bout (the "notorious arms dealer" who did not sell even a single pistol during his entire life) allegedly stole the missile that hit the Pentagon on 9/11 from Ukrainian warehouse of the Black Sea Fleet and sold this missile (along with its thermo-nuclear warhead) to Iranians. This is not true at all, but this is the very reason for which Victor Bout is really wanted in America in connection with 9/11. If you want to know more about this, please, read my interview on Victor Bout' extradition that is available here: [http://www.911-truth.net/Victor\\_Bout/](http://www.911-truth.net/Victor_Bout/) and more information here: <http://www.dimitri-khalezov-video.com> ]